

CONSERVATION AND INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
TOWN OF DEEP RIVER, CONNECTICUT
Town Hall 174 Main Street Deep River, Connecticut 06417

A regular meeting of the Deep River Conservation and Inland Wetlands Commission held on Thursday, December 14, 2017 at the Deep River Town Hall was called to order at 10:15 p.m. following a duly called public hearing. Members present: John Dube, Ron Larsen, Carol Libby, Tanner Steeves, Alternate Michael Tomlinson. Absent: George Atwood, Susan Board and Alan Mizejeski. Also present: WEO Mark Reyher, Nancy Howard (recording secretary), Theodore Batko. Chairman Steeves seated Alternate Tomlinson for an absent member.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by John Dube and seconded by Carol Libby to approve minutes of regular meeting of November 9, 2017 as printed. (5-0) Voted Unanimously. A motion was made by Carol Libby and seconded by John Dube to approve minutes of the public hearing of November 9, 2017 as printed. (5-0) Voted Unanimously.

BMC Land Development, LLC, 67 Hoopole Hill Road: The public hearing on application by BMC Land Development, LLC for a 12 lot subdivision of land at 67 Hoopole Hill Road has been continued to January 11, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.

2018 Meeting Schedule: A motion was made by Ron Larsen and seconded by Carol Libby to approve the 2018 meeting schedule as presented. The regular meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month. (5-0) Voted Unanimously.

Election of Officers: A motion was made by Carol Libby and seconded by John Dube to appoint the same officers – Tanner Steeves as Chairman, Michael Tomlinson as Vice Chairman, Susan Board as Secretary and Carol Libby as Treasurer. (5-0) Voted Unanimously.

Old Business: Ted Batko was present for further discussion on the stream maintenance on the Laramar Farm property. Mr. Batko submitted a letter dated November 17, 2017 to the Commission. A major part of the beaver dam was removed on the day of the last CIWC meeting by the manager at Laramar Farms. Mr. Batko requested that prudent maintenance be completed during periods of low flow and before threatening flood events. Mr. Batko submitted photographs of the area showing the obstruction in November and a picture showing the residual after the debris was removed. Some water is still being held back. For flood attenuation programs that help downstream properties, it is important that the area of the divergence of the Deep River and the quarry pond be maintained. Chairman Steeves noted that he contacted DEEP Dam Safety and spoke with Peter Spangenberg who will be looking into the property. The dam is on the inventory map but was not entered into the State database.

New Business: A motion was made by Carol Libby and seconded by Mike Tomlinson to add to the agenda review of proposal by CBSRZ Cemetery Association, Inc. for proposed additional burial plots. (5-0) Voted Unanimously. CBSRZ is proposing to place fill material on a portion of the .75 acre parcel of land in Fountain Hill Cemetery for additional burial plots for Congregation Beth Shalom Rodfe Zedek congregates. WEO Reyher noted that there are no wetlands on the CBSRZ property or within 300 feet of the property. After discussion, a motion was made by Carol Libby and seconded by John Dube that the cemetery plan was reviewed and the Commission has no jurisdiction. (5-0) Voted Unanimously.

Enforcement Report: WEO Reyher noted that a complaint was received regarding clear cutting in a wetlands at 218 Warsaw Street. The action was determined to not be a violation. The WEO will send a letter in response to the complaint.

Scott Papoosha, 199 Stevenstown Road: WEO Reyher reported that DEEP visited the site. The WEO will send a letter of violation for the property owner to attend the next regular meeting.

Payment of Bills: A motion was made by Carol Libby and seconded by John Dube to authorize Nancy Howard to submit her bill for payment with approval to be granted at the next meeting. (5-0) Voted Unanimously.

A motion was made by Ron Larsen and seconded by John Dube to adjourn at 11:05 p.m. (5-0) Voted Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Howard
Recording Secretary