

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, May 10, 2018 at the Deep River Town Hall was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Members present: George Atwood, Susan Board, Carol Libby, Alternate Michael Tomlinson and John Voitovich. Absent: John Dube, Ron Larsen, Tanner Steeves and Alan Mizejeski. Also present: WEO Mark Reyher, Nancy Howard (recording secretary), Gene Robida, Kevin Costello, and Tom Metcalf. A motion was made by Susan Board and seconded by Carol Libby to seat Alternate Tomlinson and appoint him to serve as Acting Chairman for the meeting. Voted Unanimously. A motion was made by George Atwood and seconded by Carol Libby to seat Alternate Voitovich for an absent member. Voted Unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by George Atwood and seconded by Susan Board to table action on approval of minutes in order to accommodate public business. (6-0) Voted Unanimously.

Jonathan Kastner, 35 Glen Grove Road (Map , Lot): An application by Jonathan Kastner was accepted at the April meeting for the purpose of placing a pre-built 12 ft. x 24 ft. shed with a four foot ramp within a regulated area at 35 Glen Grove Road. A site walk was held on April 17, 2018. The crushed stone has been placed in the location of the proposed shed. Mr. Kastner noted that there would be no further ground disturbance. Some additional stone has been added on top of the previously placed stone to level it off. A motion was made by George Atwood and seconded by Susan Board to approve the application as presented in accordance with the following stipulations: (1) The Wetlands Enforcement Officer shall be notified prior to the start of work; and (2) Erosion and sedimentation control measures shall be placed, if necessary, in accordance with direction by the Wetlands Enforcement Officer.

Deep River Farms, 4 Bahr Road (Map 43, Lot 1): An application was received from Deep River Farms for the purpose of construction of a barn on property at 4 Bahr Road. Gene Robida, P.E. was present on behalf of the applicant. Mr. Robida noted that the 5.6 acre parcel is located on the corner of West Elm Street and Bahr Road. The property consists of a three bedroom house and four existing barns and small outbuilding. The existing barns are in poor condition and the proposal is to demolish the existing barns and build a new barn on a foundation in back of the house. Mr. Robida noted that a Soil Scientist flagged two wetland areas. One is a small finger of wetlands near the proposed barn. Mr. Robida noted that prior to the wetlands delineation, the original location proposed was in the wetlands. The alternative, as proposed, is away from the wetlands in the review area. A septic system is shown on the plans allowing for six employees. The proposed barn is approximately 38 ft. x 148 ft. A gravel driveway is proposed for access off of West Elm Street. Mr. Robida stated that the barn is approximately 20 ft. from the wetlands. Members expressed interest in holding a site walk. Mr. Robida noted that the location of the barn will be staked. A motion was made by George Atwood and seconded by Susan Board to accept the application. (6-0) Voted Unanimously. A site walk was scheduled for Monday, May 14, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Robida noted that there is a diversion ditch connected to a piping system heading towards West Elm Street. One other prominent swale comes from the field area towards West Elm Street. The matter will be placed on the agenda of the next regular meeting for possible action.

Valley Railroad Company, 152 River Street (Map 62, Lot 58): An application was received from Valley Railroad Company for the purpose of parking and access way improvements to an existing parking/storage area at 152 River Street. Thomas Metcalf, P.E., on behalf of the applicant, stated that the Valley Railroad is currently bringing people to the property by train for boat excursions. An application is being presented to the Planning & Zoning Commission to allow people to drive to the site and board the boat. An existing gravel area is currently a

large parking area. The proposal is to formalize the parking by creating a 24 ft. wide entrance, addition of lighting, and regrading the driveway and placement of stone surface. Mr. Metcalf stated that Soil Scientist Richard Snarski inspected the property and determined that there is a vernal pool which necessitated that no disturbance be proposed in that area other than regrading and placement of stone within the confines of the existing parking area. Mr. Metcalf noted that he has an email from DEEP indicating that they do not have a problem with the proposal. (The State owns the railroad tracks.) Mr. Metcalf noted that the parking spaces will be marked with a five foot wide paved strip with painted lines. The existing footprint is not proposed to be changed. A motion was made by Geoge Atwood and seconded by Susan Board to accept the application. (6-0) Voted Unanimously. A site walk was scheduled for Thursday, May 17, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. The matter will be placed on the agenda of the next regular meeting for possible action.

Kevin & Amy Costello, 372 Main Street (Map 59, Lot 1F): An application was received from Kevin and Amy Costello for the purpose of adding on to the existing deck to encompass half of the 15 ft. x 30 ft. above ground pool at 372 Main Street. Mr. Costello noted that the retaining wall and pool were installed last year. Mr. Costello noted that the footings will be installed by drilling 10-12 inch holes, 48 inches deep, to place a post with concrete and sonotubes. Any remaining dirt will be placed on the property outside of the regulated area. He noted that the work would be done from the top and not from the wetlands side. After discussing the possibility of an administrative permit issued by the WEO, the applicant indicated that timewise they were okay to wait a month for the decision. A motion was made by Carol Libby and seconded by Susan Board to accept the application as submitted. (6-0) Voted Unanimously. The matter will be placed on the agenda of the next regular meeting for possible action.

Conservation Matters:

A motion was made by George Atwood and seconded by Carol Libby to add to the agenda Stewardship of Cranberry Bog Subdivision Open Space. (6-0) Voted Unanimously. After brief discussion, a motion was made by George Atwood and seconded by Carol Libby to accept the stewardship of the open space of the BMC Land Development Cranberry Bog Subdivision if and when the Town of Deep River agrees to accept ownership. (6-0) Voted Unanimously. A letter will be prepared and sent to Mike Harkin, Engineer for BMC Land Development, and the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Enforcement: WEO Reyher noted that complaints were received regarding cutting of trees at 218 Warsaw Street. He noted that he spoke with the owners and they are cutting trees and cleaning up the area. He requested that silt fencing be installed. Some topsoil will be brought in to plant grass. The stumps will not be removed. WEO Reyher noted that he saw no concern with the activity.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by George Atwood and seconded by Susan Board to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on April 12, 2018 as printed. (6-0) Voted Unanimously. A motion was made by George Atwood and seconded by Susan Board to approve the minutes of the site walk of April 17, 2018 as printed. (6-0) Voted Unanimously.

A motion was made by Susan Board and seconded by George Atwood to adjourn at 8:51 p.m. (6-0) Voted Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Howard
Recording Secretary