

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, January 10, 2019 at the Deep River Town Hall was called to order at 7:40 p.m. Members present: George Atwood, Susan Board, John Dube, Ron Larsen, Carol Libby, Alternates Michael Tomlinson and John Voitovich. Absent: Tanner Steeves and Alan Miezejeski. Also present: Mark Reyher (Wetlands Enforcement Officer), Nancy Howard (Recording Secretary), Kelly Angelini and Marissa Matthews from Deep River Farms, Thomas Metcalf, Karl Kaufman, Jr. and Karl Kaufman, III. A motion was made by Carol Libby and seconded by John Dube to seat Alternate Mike Tomlinson for an absent member and to be Acting Chair of the meeting. (5-0) Voted Unanimously. A motion was made by Carol Libby and seconded by John Dube to seat Alternate John Voitovich for absent member. (6-0) Voted Unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by John Voitovich and seconded by John Dube to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 13, 2018 as printed. (7-0) Voted Unanimously.

Deep River Farms, 4 Bahr Road: An application by Deep River Farms was accepted at the December meeting for the construction of a barn at 4 Bahr Road. Present on behalf of the applicant were the owners, Marissa Matthews and Kelly Angelini. Mike Tomlinson noted that as a neighbor of the applicant he will recuse himself from action on this application but will continue to be Acting Chair of the meeting. The applicants were in agreement. Tanner Steeves and Mark Reyher both contacted DEEP to inquire about the activity in the tidal flood plain and there is no issue. WEO noted that the construction of the barn and road are as of right. The proposed filling material for the driveway is not as of right and requires a permit from the CIWC. Fill is also required for the building. Commission members reviewed and discussed the proposal. The proposed building is now proposed in the original proposed location. The barn will be constructed on a slab. Ms. Matthews noted that the driveway will be a gravel drive and agreed that it would not be road grinding material. The existing barns will be demolished. Ms. Matthews acknowledged that a demolition permit is required. Ms. Matthews noted that the large doors will be in the center of the front of the barn. Doors on each wing will only be on the ends of the building. She noted that the ground surface on the right side is the animal turnout and will be grass and the left side will be gravel. Ron Larsen asked about where the manure will be collected. Ms. Matthews noted she would remove it and take to the storage area currently used for the adjacent property, 362 West Elm Street/Plains Road. At this point there is no plans to push it out of the barn. After discussion, Ms. Matthews agreed to have a containment for manure on a cement slab in a walled in area in the back of the barn to allow storage to allow for any possible delay for transfer to the existing storage area on the adjacent property. Commission members acknowledged that the proposed building is an agricultural building for an agricultural use. A motion was made by Carol Libby and seconded by Susan Board to approve the application for the gravel for the driveway. Members discussed the sedimentation and erosion control measures shown on the plan and conditions of approval. The conditions of approval are as follows: (1) Cement slab containment for manure to be constructed at the back of the barn; (2) The Wetlands Enforcement Officer shall be notified prior to the start of work; and (3) Erosion and sedimentation control measures shall be placed, if necessary, in accordance with direction by the Wetlands Enforcement Officer. Action on Motion with the conditions of approval as stated. (6-0-1) Tomlinson recused. Approved. The applicant must return to this commission for demolition of the existing barns.

Karl Kaufmann, III, Fox Run Road: Tom Metcalf, P.E. was present for preliminary discussion regarding property of Karl Kaufmann on 16 Fox Run Road. Mike Tomlinson recused himself because he is a relative of the property owner. Mr. Metcalf submitted a copy of the tax map of the property. The wetlands have been flagged by Richard Snarski, Soil Scientist. The property is a 4/10's acre parcel in existence in that location since the 1960's. The existing septic system is in back adjacent to the wetlands and now needs work. Soil testing has been done with CRAHD. The ledge outcrop is unsuitable for septic leaving the area of the existing septic system. The existing septic system would need to be removed and the area raised for the new septic system. Mr. Metcalf noted that there is no alternative location. Mr. Metcalf noted that repair of septic systems are generally looked at as permitted as of right. Regulations Section 4.1d refers to the as of right use. A motion was made by John Dube and seconded by Carol Libby to have the WEO grant an administrative permit to Karl Kaufmann, III for repair of the septic system at 16 Fox Run Road. (6-0-1) Tomlinson recused. Approved. Susan Board left the meeting at 8:21 p.m.

Scott Papoosha, 199 Stevenstown Road: WEO Reyher reported that the cease and desist was not issued. The plans are not yet complete because the proposal was submitted to DEEP and they are waiting for an answer. WEO Reyher will contact Mr. Papoosha next week.

Election of Officers: The election of officers was tabled to the next regular meeting. Status of membership will be discussed at the next meeting.

Enforcement: WEO Reyher noted that John Doran of Niantic Bay Group reported to him that they do not need a pumped septic system at 245 Warsaw Street as originally approved. They have submitted a revision which was approved by the Health District. WEO Reyher noted that it is a better system in a similar location. Members noted no concern with the change in the septic system.

WEO Reyher noted that the road work has started on Hoopole Hill Road. The silt fencing is in place.

Financial Report: Carol Libby reviewed the status of the current budget.

Conservation: George Atwood reported that he was out in Canfield Woods a couple months ago working on the new trail with Essex. A number of trees had come down across the trails. The entrance over the railroad tracks is very wet and he may install a temporary bridge.

A motion was made by George Atwood and seconded by John Dube to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. (6-0) Voted Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted
Nancy Howard
Recording Secretary