

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, March 14, 2019 at the Deep River Town Hall was called to order at 7:40 p.m. Members present: George Atwood, Susan Board, Ron Larsen, Carol Libby, Tanner Steeves. Absent: John Dube, Alan Mizejeski and Alternates Michael Tomlinson and John Voitovich Also present: Mark Reyher (Wetlands Enforcement Officer), Nancy Howard (Recording Secretary).

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Carol Libby and seconded by George Atwood to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2019 minutes as printed. (5-0) Voted Unanimously. The February meeting had been cancelled due to lack of quorum.

Josh Donoghue, 72 Spring Street: An application was received from Josh Donoghue for the purpose of installation of an inground pool on the property of Josh and Meghan Donoghue at 72 Spring Street (Map 50, Lot 25). Mr. Donoghue noted that the one piece fiberglass pool would be installed at the northeast corner behind the house. There will be a 12 inch collar around the pool and pavers to connect to the deck. The pool at the closest point is 75 feet from the stream. The property slopes directly down to the stream. Filter fence will be required near the stream. The septic system in the back yard was smashed down and buried. Mr. Donoghue stated that he may use pavers around the pool. Mr. Donoghue amended the drawing to reflect the following: change the dimension of four feet around the pool to the deck; dimension with pavers is 44' x 20'; identified access path to work area along west side of house. A motion was made by Carol Libby and seconded by Susan Board to accept the application. (5-0) Voted Unanimously. A letter will be required from the pool company acknowledging that they understand the concerns and requirements of the site. The equipment cannot go down towards the wetlands. Action on the application will be taken at the next regular meeting.

Nicholas Olson, 284 Winthrop Road: An application was received from Nicholas Olson for the purpose of construction of a fire pond on property at 284 Winthrop Road. The property was before the Commission in November when he subdivided the property for construction of a single family house on 40 acres. Mr. Olson noted that at the time he had to commit to installing sprinklers in the new home for fire protection. He noted that the three options for fire protection were a fire pond, water tank, or sprinklers. WEO Reyher noted that the closest wetlands is approximately 1,100 s.f. from the proposed fire pond. Mr. Olson noted that the fire pond will be in a low depression area. Commission members discussed if a permit is required because there is no wetlands in the proposed area, until the pond is created. No regulated activity will be taking place. A motion was made by George Atwood and seconded by Susan Board to state that the commission has reviewed the site plan provided by Nick Olson and determined that no permit is necessary for this activity at this time. (5-0) Voted Unanimously.

Sue Board left the meeting at this time.

Election of Officers: A motion was made by George Atwood and seconded by Carol Libby to continue with the same officers: Tanner Steeves as Chairman, Mike Tomlinson as Vice Chair, Sue Board as Secretary, and Carol Libby as Treasurer. (4-0) Voted Unanimously.

Enforcement: WEO Reyher reported that there has been no update on the Scott Papoosha property at 199 Winthrop Road. The Commission sent a letter to the Westbrook Inland Wetlands Commission on October 18, 2017 and no response has been received from Westbrook. The Commission agreed to send a cease and desist in December 2018. Chairman Steeves noted that he has since spoken with the First Selectman and Town Attorney Jane Marsh. The owner submitted the proposal to DEEP and they are still waiting for an answer. Members noted that there had been a pond behind the house that has been filled. Concern was raised about the commercial clean wood processing operation taking place on property classified as farmland (PA 490) in the area of Messerschmidts Pond and the endangered species. The Commission agreed to send the cease and desist order at this time.

WEO Reyher checked on report of work being done on Warsaw Street. He noted that work is being done on a driveway and there are no wetlands in the area of the activity.

Finances: No report.

Conservation: The Plan of Conservation and Development recommends separating the Commissions. At this time there is no mechanism to accrue funds for conservation and open space.

George noted that he cut some trees in Canfield Woods. He noted that there is an area of the trail which is staying very wet because there is nowhere for the water to go. He is going to be purchasing pressure treated lumber to create a small boardwalk on the trail.

A motion was made by George Atwood and seconded by Carol Libby to adjourn at 8:42 p.m. (4-0)
Voted Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted
Nancy Howard
Recording Secretary