

**TOWN OF SOMERS
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
P.O. BOX 308
SOMERS, CT 06071**

**CONSERVATION MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2007
TOWN HALL – 7:00 P.M.**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Joan Formeister called the regular meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Members Candace Aleks, Henry Broer, Joan Formeister, Dan Fraro and Karl Walton were present and constituted a quorum. Wetland Agent David Askew was also present.

II. OLD BUSINESS

a. Discussion/Possible Decision: Wetlands Application #567, Extend Culvert Pipe In Watercourse, 71 Franklin Woods Road, Boudreau

Mr. Askew reviewed the proposed plans with the Commissioners, comparing it with the original plan. Candy Aleks asked about the flow of water into Gillette's Brook and David Askew explained that the completed project will have no impact on the amount of flow. Mr. Askew has no other outstanding issues with the project. The intermittent stream consists of a rip-rap channel that flows from a detention basin to Gillette's Brook. It has some base flow from road underdrains which pick up groundwater.

A motion was made by Karl Walton, seconded by Dan Fraro, and unanimously voted to approve Boudreau's Wetlands Application #567 to extend the culvert pipe in a watercourse at 71 Franklin Woods Road.

b. Other – There was no other Old Business.

III. NEW BUSINESS

a. 2007/2008 Budget

A motion was made by Karl Walton, seconded by Dan Fraro, and unanimously voted to approve the proposed budget as presented, and to send it along to the Board of Selectmen.

b. Review & Adopt Bylaws

After a brief discussion, it was noted that not everyone has a current copy of the Bylaws for review. Mr. Askew will see that everyone gets a copy prior to the next meeting.

c. Other

IV. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION – There was none.

V. DISCUSSION: PLAN OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT

There was no discussion on this item.

VI. STAFF/COMMISSIONER REPORT

Mr. Askew presented his report review by the Commissioners. He also presented a proposed checklist for staff which has been prepared in accordance with the new state storm water program. Because the Town is considered to be a licensed storm water system, they need to be sure that these steps are followed. Staff is going to meet with Public Works to ensure that the steps associated with their work are followed. Zoning and Planning will probably have to deal specifically with these items.

A motion was made by Karl Walton, seconded by Dan Fraro, and unanimously voted to approve the Inland Wetland Report as written.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE AND BILLS

Correspondence was received from the Connecticut Association of Wetland Scientists regarding a workshop on February 21, 2007.

A letter was received from the DEP regarding pesticide protection.

A letter was received from CL&P regarding vegetation and brush removal.

The following bills were presented: \$71.00, \$102.00 and \$47.00, each from the Journal Inquirer, and \$5,353.50 from the North Central Conservation District. A motion was made by Henry Broer, seconded by Dan Fraro, and unanimously voted to pay the bills.

VIII. MINUTES APPROVAL

A motion was made by Dan Fraro, seconded by Karl Walton, and unanimously voted to approve the January 3, 2007 minutes as written.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Karl Walton, seconded by Dan Fraro, and unanimously voted to adjourn the February 7, 2007 Conservation Commission meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Candace Aleks, Secretary

Robin Timmons, Recording Secretary

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