

**TOWN OF SOMERS
Conservation Commission
P. O. Box 308
Somers, Connecticut 06071**

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, July 11, 2007

7:00 p.m., Town Hall

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I. Call to Order:

Vice-Chairman Karl Walton called the meeting to order at 7:05. Members present were: Karl Walton, Dan Fraro, Candace Aleks, and Henry Broer. Lise Wood was seated for Todd Whitford. Also present was Wetlands Agent Erik Bedan, developer Rick Leno and Mike Mocko from Ward Engineering.

II. Old Business:

a. Discussion/Possible Decision: Wetlands Application #577, New House in Upland Review Area, 15 Harvest Hill Drive, Frangiamore

Mr. Frangiamore was present at the meeting. Erik Bedan stated that David Askew is satisfied with this application. The conservation area should be monumented prior to construction, and a pre-construction meeting should be held.

Dan Fraro made a motion to approve Wetlands Application #577, new house in upland review area, 15 Harvest Hill Drive, providing there is a pre-construction meeting and concrete monuments are installed to mark the conservation area. This motion was seconded by Candace Aleks and unanimously approved by the members.

b. Discussion/Possible Decision: Wetlands Application #578, Garage in Upland Review Area, 77 Wood Road, Gengenbach

Erik Bedan said the barn should be repositioned equally between the wetlands. The owner had no objection. Candace Aleks made a motion to approve Wetlands Application #578, garage in upland review area, 77 Wood Road provided the barn is moved – as agreed to at the last meeting – between the two wetland areas and a pre-construction meeting is held. This motion was seconded by Lise Wood and unanimously approved.

c. Discussion/Possible Decision: Wetlands Application #579, ARH in Upland Review Area, 31 South Road, Shady Lake LLC

Project Engineer Nat Sreenath said the water quality has been improved. The cul-de-sac was moved and the detention basin was pulled back from the wetland area. Erik said the grading plan has to be shifted to meet with the conservation requests. The silt fence location has been changed and will be installed prior to construction.

Dan Fraro made a motion to approve Wetlands Application #579, ARH in upland review area, 31 South Road provided there is a pre-construction meeting and more detailed grading plans are provided, specifically on lots #31 and 32. This motion was seconded by Candace Aleks and unanimously approved.

III. New Business:

- a. Modification of Permit #528m (application #528mm), bridge crossing instead of wetland fill, Battle Street (Gillette's Crossing) KRL Bldrs.

Developer Rick Leno explained his plan to the commission. The previous subdivision was approved with a culvert crossing of an intermittent stream. In order to avoid additional permit requirements, the developer would like to modify the plan to install a clear span bridge instead of a culvert. The bridge is going to be made of concrete and steel. There are now two detention basins and there does not seem to be any problem with Gillette Brook. Both Erik Bedan and David Askew are in favor of the bridge.

The commissioners discussed maybe having a special meeting on this permit application.

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- b. Wetlands Application #580, Fill & Excavation within Wetland, 164 Hampden Road, Grower Direct Farms

Henry Broer and Lise Wood recused themselves from this discussion. Mike Mocko presented the owner's plan. He said the bulk of the area was disturbed by gravel operations before Len VanWingerden owned the property. The application is for alteration of the wetlands. There will be a grassed area with pots of mums sitting on the land to finish growing. Then they will be sold and the land will lay fallow for the rest of the year. Erik was concerned about the removal of the berm and wants to be sure that the property in the area are not affected by the removal of the berm. He would like an hydraulic analysis of the brook to determine flooding potentials. Mike Mocko said he would like this issue included in a special meeting if it is scheduled for July 25, 2007. Lise Wood and Henry Broer resumed their seats on the commission.

IV. Audience Participation: There was none.

V. Discussion: Plan of Conservation and Development: Nothing was discussed.

VI. Staff/Commission Report:

Erik Bedan presented his Wetland Agent's report to the commission. Lise Wood made a motion to accept the Wetland Agent's report; seconded by Dan Fraro and unanimously approved.

VII. Correspondence and Bills:

Erik presented a bill in the amount of \$5,650 to pay for David Askew's services. Lise Wood made a motion to approve payment of this bill; seconded by Dan Fraro and unanimously approved by the Commission.

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Erik also presented a renewal fee of \$60 for membership in CACIWC. Lise Wood made a motion to approve payment of this fee; seconded by Dan Fraro and unanimously approved.

VIII. Minutes Approval: June 6, 2007

Lise Wood made a motion to approve the June 6, 2007 minutes, as written. This motion was seconded by Dan Fraro and unanimously approved.

IX. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn made by Lise Wood; seconded by Dan Fraro and unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Constance R. Careno
Recording Secretary

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