

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

**CONSERVATION MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
Wednesday, April 1, 2009  
Town Hall – 7:00 p.m.**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Joan Formeister called the Meeting to order at 7:06pm. Members Henry Broer, Joan Formeister, Dan Fraro, Todd Whitford and Alternate Lise Wood (seated for Candace Aleks) were present and constituted a quorum. Also present were Erosion Control/Wetland Agent David Askew and Joanna Winkler, Wetland Agent-In-Training.

**II. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. OTHER** – There was no other Old Business.

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. WETLANDS APPLICATION #607: 3-LOT SUBDIVISION IN UPLAND REVIEW AREA, 380 FOUR BRIDGES ROAD, LIPTON**

Applicant Jeff Lipton presented drawings for the proposed 3-lot subdivision. Mr. Lipton explained that the only activity proposed involved construction of a new residence on Lot 2 of the proposed subdivision. The construction is outside the upland review area. Lot 3 will be left as-is (except for a previously approved detention basin) and Lot 1 will be sold with the existing house. David Askew inquired about demolition of the existing building on lot 2. Mr. Lipton explained that the barn has been removed and no other activity is proposed – the remaining flat concrete slab will remain in place. The area will not be back-filled or otherwise disturbed. Ms. Formeister commented that no wetland concerns were anticipated.

- b. MODIFICATION OF PERMIT #569, NEW GARAGE IN UPLAND REVIEW AREA, 67 TURNPIKE ROAD, BARNES**

Applicant Steve Barnes explained that he had previously come before the Commission in August of 2007 regarding the same property. Mr. Barnes presented project plans, which depicted three small wetland areas on the property. Mr. Askew commented that based on field observations, the three small wetland areas served relatively few wetland functions. Members of the Commission inquired if the proposed (modified) driveway and garage would encroach more closely on the wetlands. Mr. Askew explained that the newly proposed configuration, with a straight driveway rather than a curved driveway, would actually result in the driveway being further from the wetlands, with no greater impact. No issues were noted, yet Mr. Askew reminded the applicant that the Commission could not issue a permit until 14 days from formally receiving the application during the meeting.

- c. OTHER** – There was no other New Business.

**IV. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION** – There was none.

**V. PLAN OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT**

Commission members discussed the Open Space Subdivision meeting that had taken place on March 26. Mr. Fraro had attended the meeting and provided a verbal synopsis to the Commission.

**VI. STAFF/COMMISSION REPORT**

Wetland Agent, David Askew, presented his April report.

*A motion was made by Joan Formeister, seconded by Dan Fraro, and unanimously voted to accept the Staff/Commission report dated April 1, 2009 as presented.*

**VII. CORRESPONDENCE AND BILLS**

There was no correspondence to discuss, and there were no new bills to be paid.

**VIII. MINUTES APPROVAL**

*A motion was made by Lise Wood, seconded by Dan Fraro, and unanimously voted to approve the meeting minutes from March 4, 2009 as written.*

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

*A motion was made by Lise Wood, seconded by Dan Fraro and unanimously voted to adjourn the April 1, 2009 Conservation Commission meeting at 7:40 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,

Joanna Winkler  
Recording Secretary

Candace Aleks  
Commission Secretary

***MINUTES ARE NOT OFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVAL AT A SUBSEQUENT MEETING.***