

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

**CONSERVATION MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
Wednesday, September 2, 2009  
Town Hall – 7:00 p.m.**

**I. CALL TO ORDER:**

Vice-Chairman Karl Walton called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present were: Karl Walton, Dan Fraro, Henry Broer, Todd Whitford and Alternate Lise Wood, seated for Candace Aleks. Also present was Erosion Control/Wetland Agent David Askew.

**II. OLD BUSINESS:**

**a. Discussion/Decision #613: Extend drain to prevent ongoing erosion, 10 Noah Chapin Road, Grondin**

David Askew reviewed the application, which is for the extension of an existing culvert. The culvert crosses Parsons Road and discharges into a town drainage easement on private property. The landowner is providing the the pipe and the Town is doing the job. Mr. Askew explained that previous attempts at channel stabilization with rip-rap have been unsuccessful. The landowner wants to maintain lawn in this area of his yard, so stabilizing the top-of-bank with plantings is not possible. The Public Works Department does not believe there are any other options for stabilization. Lise Wood made a motion to approve Wetland Application #613; seconded by Dan Fraro and unanimously approved by the Commission.

**b. Discussion/Decision #614: Create livestock crossing in wetlands and remove stockpile, 183 Maple Street, Pinney**

David Askew said that this application is for a horse crossing over a stream in order to allow the horses to access two pastures without going through the stream. This will be a 30-foot wide watercourse crossing, including two 24-inch pipes. Fencing will be installed to keep horses out of the stream. In addition, soil stockpiles remaining from a previous pond dredging will be removed. Some of the material will be used for construction of the crossing. The remainder will be spread in an upland location in the pasture. David has no objection to this project, as proposed. Lise Wood made a motion to approve Wetlands Application #614, seconded by Dan Fraro and unanimously approved by the Commission.

**Other:**           There was no other Old Business.

**III. NEW BUSINESS:**

**a. Wetland Application #615: In-ground pool in upland review area  
330 South Road, Tullock**

This is a new house located at the corner of South Road and Billings Road. Mr. Tullock presented a drawing to the Commission, showing where the pool would be located. He is also proposing additional living space for an apartment but is awaiting a decision from the Sanitarian as to what impact this additional living space will have upon the septic system. The pool will be approximately 50' away from the wetland. The wetland is not a natural stream or a vernal pool; portions of the wetland were created by past gravel mining activity.

David advised Mr. Tullock that he would have to wait for approval until the next Conservation meeting on October 7, 2009. Approval can not be before 14 days after the application is accepted. The application could be approved on 9/16/09 at a special meeting if a quorum was available. David Askew will advise Mr. Tullock if this is possible. David does not have any issues with this application, as presented.

**b. Wetland Application #616: Pipe replacement, Camp Road, Town  
of Somers**

David Askew reported that Somers Public Works previously replaced the main culvert in Camp Road. That culvert, east of the location currently under consideration, is the main outlet of the pond. The current proposal is to replace the secondary outlet, which consists of three culverts. The Public Works Department submitted photographs of the three culverts to be replaced. The Commission determined that the application can be accepted (received) tonight if David receives the application form by tomorrow.

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

**V. STAFF/COMMISSION REPORT:**

David Askew presented his Wetland Agent's Report to the Commission for their review. Lise Wood made a motion to approve the report; seconded by Dan Fraro and unanimously approved by the Commission.

**V. CORRESPONDENCE AND BILLS:**

David Askew presented an agreement between the Town of Somers and Tolland for the continuing use of David Askew as Wetlands Agent for the Town of Somers to the Commission for their approval. Todd Whitford made a motion to approve the agreement for David Askew's services as the Wetland Agent for the Town of Somers. This motion was seconded by Dan Fraro and unanimously approved by the Commission.

There was a bill from the Journal Inquirer for \$102.31. Lise Wood made a motion to approve payment of this bill, seconded by Todd Whitford and unanimously approved by the Commission.

**VII. MINUTES APPROVAL: August 5, 2009**

Lise Wood made a motion to approve the August 5, 2009 minutes, as written. This motion was seconded by Todd Whitford and unanimously approved by the Commission.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT:**

Lise Wood made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Todd Whitford and unanimously approved by the Commission. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Candace Aleks, Secretary

Connie Carenzo, Recording Secretary

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