

**TOWN OF SOMERS
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**P. O. Box 308
Somers, Connecticut 06071**

**REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, October 7, 2009
7:00 p.m. Town Hall**

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Joan Formeister called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. Members present were: Joan Formeister, Dan Fraro, Todd Whitford, and Henry Broer (7:15). Also present were: David Askew, Wetland Agent.

II. OLD BUSINESS: There was none.

III. NEW BUSINESS:

a. **Wetland Application #617: Clean out stream, Jekot, 421 Hall Hill Rd. Somers**

b. **Wetland Application #618: Clean out stream, Town of Somers, 415/421 Hall Hill Road, Somers**

Both of these applications are town maintenance projects located at a common site along Hall Hill Road. Public Works has been addressing some of the projects that have been requested for several years during their slow season. David Askew has no objection to the project, which involves clearing sediment out of an existing swale/intermittent stream. He has instructed Public Works to limit the project to the centerline of the swale and to avoid removing any vegetation from areas along the stream. A small tracked excavator will be used and spoils will be taken off-site. There are no fish in the stream. The stream drains areas along Hall Hill Road, Blue Ridge Drive and Loubier Drive. The swale is most likely a combination of man-made and pre-existing drainage features – it is not shown as a defined stream on the USGS topographic map. .

c. **Wetland Application #619: one-lot resubdivision and driveway within wetland, Blake, 700 Hall Hill Road, Somers**

Nat Sreenath presented plans to the Commission. Mr. Blake intends to divide a portion of his property to create a home for his daughter and her family. David Askew said there is a very small wetland along Hall Hill Road with a small amount of wetland soil. There is no hydrophytic vegetation within the wetland and the over-story is predominantly oak. The wetland is at the top of the watershed and would generally be classified as a low-value wetland. Maintaining existing drainage patterns is the most important consideration. The lot is very flat, so minimal erosion controls (silt fence) should be sufficient. Mr. Askew inspected the site on October 1 and noted that the driveway has already been put in.

IV. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: There was none.

V. STAFF/COMMISSION REPORT:

David Askew reviewed his report with the Commission. Joan Formeister made a motion to accept the report; seconded by Todd Whitford and unanimously approved by the Commission.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE AND BILLS:

There were two bills from the Journal Inquirer, one for \$157.40 and the other for \$58.70. Joan Formeister made a motion to approve payment of the bills, seconded by Todd Whitford and unanimously approved by the Commission.

VII. MINUTES APPROVAL: September 2, 2009 and September 23, 2009

Dan Fraro made a motion to approve the 9/2/09 and 9/23/09 minutes, as written. This motion was seconded by Todd Whitford and unanimously approved by the Commission.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn was made by Todd Whitford, seconded by Dan Fraro 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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