

**TOWN OF SOMERS
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
P.O. BOX 308
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**CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 6, 2010
TOWN HALL – 7:00 pm**

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Joan Formeister called the regular meeting of the Conservation Commission to order at 7:00 pm. Members: Candace Aleks, Henry Broer, Daniel Fraro, Todd Whitford, and alternate member Lise Wood were seated. Also present: David Askew, Wetland Agent

First order of business was to amend the Agenda - Section III “New Business” to take applications in the following order because the first applicant (KRL Builders) had not arrived at the start of business (and was absent for the remainder of the meeting).

- a. Wetland Application #621: house & drive within upland review area 151 Sokol Road, Somers, Birkenshaw
- b. Wetland Application #622: driveway crossing and grading within upland review area, 1046 Main Street, Somers, Khandros
- c. Wetland Application #620: one lot re-subdivision with house, drive & septic, 40 Bailey Lane, Somers, KRI Builders

II. OLD BUSINESS:

None

III. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Wetland Application #621: house & drive within upland review area 151 Sokol Road, Somers, Birkenshaw
Applicant, Dave Birkenshaw, outlined the proposed lot revision (re-subdivision) in relation to the wetland area. David Askew stated that grading is approx. 50’ from the wetland and the residence is approx. 60’. No impacts to the wetland are expected. Portions of the lot along the road were previously filled and the house will be constructed in those areas. Joan Formeister informed the applicant that, whereas the application cannot be approved for 14 days; there appeared to be no significant issues.
- b. Wetland Application #620: one lot re-subdivision with house, drive & septic, 40 Bailey Lane, Somers, KRI Builders
David Askew stated that the original wetland boundary had been over-estimated, and the line has been revised. Soil samples have been done. There will be no direct impacts to wetlands and only grading and clearing will be done in the 100’ upland review area. Clearing limits are shown on the plan.

- c. Wetland Application #622: driveway crossing and grading within upland review area, 1046 Main Street, Somers Khandros

The applicant was represented by Jay Ursery from Russo Associates. Mr. Ursery distributed a report from the Soil Scientist, Rick Zulick as part of his presentation to the Commission. He pointed out the inability to access this lot without crossing the wetland area. Mr. Ursery discussed alternative locations to the proposed driveway location. The slope beyond the wetland is steep and the grades did not work with the driveway in alternative locations to the west. Mr. Ursery also discussed fish passage and flooding issues with the proposed culvert. He and Mr. Askew will inspect the site to review potential fish passage issues. The culvert is designed for a 10 year storm. Larger storms will overtop the driveway. The culvert under Rt. 190 handled the October 2005 storm, which was a 100 yr. flood event. Mr. Ursery will address alternatives in writing, as requested by Mr. Askew. No other issues were identified. This application is to be reviewed again next month, with additional information made available to the Commission.

- d. Election of Officers:

A motion was made by Joan Formeister to nominate Todd Whitford as Chairman; seconded by Candace Aleks. A unanimous vote followed.

A motion was made by Candace Aleks to nominate Joan Formeister as Vice-Chairman; seconded by Todd Whitford. A unanimous vote followed.

A motion was made by Joan Formeister to nominate Candace Aleks as Secretary; seconded by Daniel Fraro. A unanimous vote followed.

- e. Review/Adopt meeting dates – 2010

David Askew distributed the 2010 Calendar of Commission meetings.

A motion was made by Henry Broer to approve the calendar; seconded by Daniel Fraro. A unanimous vote followed

IV. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

None.

V. STAFF /COMMISSION REPORT:

David Askew distributed his Wetland Agent's Report, dated 1/6/2010.

A motion was made by Daniel Fraro to accept the report; seconded by Todd Whitford. A unanimous vote followed

VI. CORRESPONDENCE & BILLS:

David Askew submitted an invoice for his services, in the amount of \$6,285.00.

A motion was made by Daniel Fraro to approve this invoice for payment; seconded by Candace Aleks. A unanimous vote to approve followed.

VII. MINUTES APPROVAL (October 7, 2009 and October 21, 2009):

October 7, 2009 Minutes:

A motion was made by Daniel Fraro to approve Minutes as written; seconded by Todd Whitford, then unanimously approved by the members.

October 21, 2009 Minutes:

Joan Formeister recommended a change in Adjournment Time which should have been indicated as 7:50 pm.

A motion was made by Henry Broer to approve Minutes with the corrected Adjournment Time; seconded by Daniel Fraro, then unanimously approved by the members.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Joan Formeister; seconded by Candace Aleks, and unanimously approved to adjourn the January 6, 2010 meeting of the Conservation Commission at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

, Secretary

Kimberly E. Dombek, Recording Secretary

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