

**TOWN OF SOMERS
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
P.O. BOX 308
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**CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 6, 2011
TOWN HALL – 7:00 pm**

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Vice Chair Joan Formeister called the regular meeting of the Conservation Commission to order at 7:00 pm. Members present included: Henry Broer, Dan Fraro, and Greg Genlot; constituting a quorum. Todd Whitford arrived while the meeting was underway. Also present: David Askew, Wetland Agent.

II. OLD BUSINESS:

a. Discussion/Decision: Application #639: Inground swimming pool within upland review area. 715 Springfield Road, Roda.

Mr. Askew stated that while about half of the pool is within the upland review area, there is still a 100 foot buffer area between the activity and the wetland, and little or no chance of erosion. He added it is a very flat lot.

A motion was made by Dan Fraro to approve Application #639; seconded by Henry Broer, followed by a unanimous vote as approved.

b. Discussion/Decision: Application #640: New building and septic system, grading within upland review area. Woodcrest Elderly Housing, Somers Housing Authority

Mr. Askew said this is Phase II of the Woodcrest Elderly Housing Development, and the upland review area is impacted by only a very small corner of proposed development. He added that it was before the Commission so they could review related issues involving endangered species and stormwater discharge. All issues were discussed at the prior meeting and Mr. Askew believes that there will be no impacts to regulated resources as a result of the project.

There are still some construction related issues that need to be resolved regarding stormwater and the Phase I development. However, the developer has shown a good-faith effort to address those issues.

Mr. Fraro asked if he (Mr. Askew) would recommend a pre-construction meeting. Mr. Askew agreed it would be a good ideal.

A motion was made by Dan Fraro to approve Application #640, with the stipulation that a pre-construction meeting with Mr. Askew and the Applicant take place; seconded by Greg Genlot, followed by a unanimous vote as approved.

Ms. Formeister asked about an item she had brought up at the March meeting: the Conservation Commission Project Fund. She said they had funds that in the past had not always been spent. Ms. Formeister said she would like the Commission to consider working with the Land Trust and possibly funding a portion of the parking area. She said she would look into it further, speak with Jeff Bord, the Town Engineer, and come back to members with more information and pricing. Members felt it was a good idea.

III. NEW BUSINESS:

None.

IV. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

None.

V. STAFF/COMMISSION REPORT:

Mr. Askew distributed copies of the Wetland Agent's April 6, 2011 Report.

A motion was made by Joan Formeister to accept the Wetland Agent's April 6, 2011 report; seconded by Dan Fraro, followed by a unanimous vote as approved.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE AND BILLS:

Mr. Askew submitted the following invoice for payment:

Journal Inquirer	\$55.09
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A motion was made by Dan Fraro to pay the invoice; seconded by Greg Genlot, followed by a unanimous vote as approved.

Mr. Whitford told members that the letter drafted by Ms. Formeister regarding Grower Direct's proposal to draw water from the aquifer has been sent to the DEP. He will email a copy to members.

VII. MINUTES APPROVAL: 3/2/2011

Mr. Whitford asked the members for comments or corrections on the 3/2/2011 Minutes.

Ms. Formeister brought up the following corrections:

Page 2, III New Business, a, the 2nd sentence of the final paragraph should read, "Mr. Askew answered that the new wetland would be as good, if not better, for storage issues and wild life, in his opinion."

Page 3, V Discussion, a, the first sentence; replace "290 gallons of water..." with 290,000 gallons of water." In the 2nd sentence, strike the word "of".

Page 3, V Discussion, b, strike the motion.

A motion was made by Dan Fraro to approve the 3/2/2011 Minutes as amended; seconded by Ms. Formeister, and then unanimously voted as approved by the members.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Joan Formeister; seconded by Henry Broer, and unanimously approved to adjourn the April 6, 2011 Regular meeting of the Conservation Commission at 7:24 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Candace Aleks, Secretary

Kimberly E. Dombek, Recording Secretary

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