

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

**Conservation Minutes  
Regular Meeting  
Wednesday, May 4, 2011  
Town Hall – 7 p.m.**

I. CALL TO ORDER - Meeting was called to order by Joan Formeister, Vice Chairman. Commissioners in attendance were Henry Brower, Greg Genlot, Dan Fraro, Karl Walton, and Candace Aleks.

II. OLD BUSINESS – Vice Chairman Joan Formeister spoke to the town engineer re: the Commission possibly contributing money to Northern CT Land Trust/McCann property to gravel over the existing parking area on Rt. 190. Joan was unable to get more information about the use of geotextile under gravel. Mr. Askew said he would try to get additional information.

III. NEW BUSINESS –

- a. **Application #641: Jurisdictional determination for temporary bridge. Timothy Welch.** Tabled until June meeting.
- b. **Application #642: After-the-fact installation of culvert and filling of 60 feet of stream and associated wetland. 27 Suncrest Drive. Carlton Mappin.**

David Palmberg briefly described the project. Karl Walton made a motion to request a public hearing to be held on June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011 at the next Conservation Commission meeting. Motion seconded by Mr. Genlot. Motion passed. A public hearing will be scheduled. The public hearing is being held because the project is a significant impact activity and likely public interest, expressed during prior proceeding regarding the activity.

- c. **Application #643: New single family residence, driveway and septic in upland review area. 35 Theresa Drive. Hinkley.**

Mr. Mike Mocko of Ward Engineering described the project. He discussed the new Mantis System which is a sand filter system which shrinks the footprint of the septic system for this property. Karl Walton made a motion to add this application for a public hearing on Wednesday June 1, 2011 Conservation Commission Meeting. Motion seconded by Mr. Frero. Motion passed. The reason for the public hearing is public interest – the parcel has a long history and neighbor have expressed interest in the use of the lot.

d. **Jurisdictional determination: new pond and roadway within wetland and upland review area. 168 Hampden Road. Grower Direct.**

Mr. Mike Mako from Ward Engineering and Mr. Sam Smith, representing Grower Direct presented plans to modify Permit #586, which was granted in 2008, because they want to change the pond location. The application also includes constructing a new access road around the southernmost greenhouse. They have proposed to take the original road out of service and move the road to a safer area for their shipping operation. Re: new pond creation which was approved in 2008, the new proposal is to create a pond and sediment forebay on the south side of the main access driveway.. After further discussion, Karl Walton made a motion to have a public hearing for this application at the next meeting on Wednesday, June 1<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Genlot seconded. Motion passed: 3–2. The Commission determined that this should become a new application rather than a modification. Mr. Smith and Mr. Mako are going to re-evaluate the plan based on the Commissions discussion this evening.

IV. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION – None

V. STAFF/COMMISSION REPORT – David Askew, Wetland Agent submitted his Wetlands Agent Report. Four Bridges Rd. Subdivision/Re-subdivision does not have to come before the Commission because the 4 lots do not have any wetlands. Karl Walto made a motion to accept the Wetland Report. Mr. Fraro seconded. Motion passed.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE AND BILLS: Karl Walton made a motion to pay the bills for this month presented to the Commission. Mr. Genlot seconded. Motion passed.

VII. MINUTES APPROVAL: APRIL 6, 2011. Commisioners review the minutes. Mr. Dan Frero made a motion to accept the minutes of the meeting of April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Mr. Genlot seconded. Motion passed.

VIII. Mr. Walton made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Genlot seconded. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Candace Aleks  
Secretary