

**TOWN OF SOMERS**  
**Conservation Commission**  
**600 Main Street**  
**P.O. Box 308**  
**Somers, Connecticut 06071**

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**Wednesday, August 3, 2011**

**Town Hall 7:00 pm**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – Meeting was called to order by Chairman Todd Whitford at 7:03 pm. Commissioners in attendance were Henry Broer, Karl Walton, Dan Fraro, Candice Aleks, and Joan Formeister. Alternate member Lise Wood was seated for Greg Genlot, constituting a quorum. Also present, David Askew, Wetlands Agent.

II. **OLD BUSINESS**

- 1. Discussion/Possible Decision, Application #644 Stream Crossing and Gravel Access Drive. 349 Main Street. 349 Main LLC.**

Tim Koon from J.R. Russo Associates was present to describe the project to the Commission. David Askew, Wetlands Agent stated that he has no issues with this project. Karl Walton commented on traffic issues and asked where they see the future expansion of their parking. Tim Koon stated that they own the property to the east of 349 Main St. and can add parking there.

*Karl Walton motioned to approve the application #644 Stream Crossing and Gravel Access Drive, 349 Main Street, 349 Main LLC. Lise Wood seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion carried.*

III. **NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. Application #645 Inground pool in upland review area. 727 Stafford Road. Charles and Teresa Hicking.**

Walter Kaczmarczyk from Vernon Poolman represented the homeowners. He described the project to the Commission. The pool will be approximately 40 feet from the wetland, which is located up-gradient from the proposed pool. The proposed cut into the slope will be minor and does not appear to have any risk of dewatering the wetland given existing drainage patterns and soil conditions. Discussion followed.

- 2. Application #646 Remove sediment from intermittent stream/swale, after-the-fact clearing of vegetation along shoreline for public access, stabilization and reseeded in upland review area. Mill Pond, Somersville, Town of Somers.**

David Askew distributed pictures of the project and explained where the changes would be made. Karl Walton expressed concern about removal of vegetation along the shoreline and will inspect the site before the next meeting. Discussion followed.

- 3. Role of Conservation Commission with Open Space.**

Karl Walton explained that some concerns have arose regarding the authority of the sub-committee called the Open Space Trails Committee. Their purpose was to advise the Planning Commission on open space and open space fee issues.

Last Thursday the Board of Selectmen, Town Attorney and Karl met to work on a solution. The existing Open Space committee did not have a stable membership. The group is suggesting that the function of

advising the Planning Commission on open space issues become a function of the Conservation Commission. Discussion followed.

#### IV. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Beverly Richards of 292 Stafford Road asked if there was any money in the Open Space Fund. She has a lot the she would like preserved as open space. Karl Walton suggested that she contact the Northern Connecticut Land Trust.

#### V. STAFF/COMMISSION REPORT; AGREEMENT WITH NCCD

David Askew distributed a copy of his report.

1. 15 LaCabana Drive - summarized the final inspection.
2. Xtra Mart: Hall Hill Road – Reviewed site and erosion plan.
3. Watchaug Road – Conducted a final inspection.
4. Woodcrest Phase II, Battle Street – Phase II construction has started and gave a description of the project.
5. Checked 7 new building permits for compliance and completed 2 certificates of occupancy inspections.

*Lise Wood motioned to accept the report. Karl Walton seconded. All were in favor, motion carried.*

Annual Agreement between the Town and the North Central Conservation District.

*Karl Walton motioned to sign the agreement. Dan Fraro seconded. All were in favor, motion carried.*

#### VI. CORRESPONDENCE AND BILLS - none

#### VII. MINUTES APPROVAL: July 6, 2011

*Lise Wood motioned to approve the minutes as written. Candice Aleks seconded. Vote was taken, Joan Formeister opposed. All others were in favor, motion carried.*

#### VIII. ADJOURNMENT

*Chairman Todd Whitford motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm. Lise Wood seconded. All were in favor, motion carried.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra Hlobik  
Recording Secretary

Candace Aleks  
Secretary

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