

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, September 7, 2011

Town Hall 7:00 pm

- I. CALL TO ORDER – Meeting was called to order by Acting Chairman Karl Walton at 7:00 pm. Commissioners in attendance were Henry Broer, Karl Walton, Dan Fraro, and Joan Formeister. Alternate member Lise Wood was seated for Candice Aleks, constituting a quorum. Chairman Todd Whitford arrived at 7:45. Also present, David Askew, Wetlands Agent.

1. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Discussion with Town Attorney re Hinckley vs. Conservation Commission.

Lise Wood motion to adjourn to executive session at 7:01, Dan Fraro seconded. All were in favor, motion carried.

Acting Chairman Karl Walton called the meeting returned to order at 7:33.

II. OLD 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. No impacts to wetlands or watercourses are expected to result from the project. Discussion followed

Lise Wood motioned to approve the application #645 Inground pool in upland review area. 727 Stafford Road. Greg Genlot seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion carried.

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

David Askew described the project to the Commission. Portions of the shoreline, as depicted on the plan, will be allowed to re-vegetate. Mr. Askew noted that there is a lot of root stock remaining and re-growth has already been observed. Clearing the intermittent stream will remove road sand and other accumulated sediment from the channel, which receives stormwater from Somersville. Accumulated sediment is causing some in-channel erosion along the bank. Discussion followed.

Joan Formeister motioned to approve Application #646 Remove sediment from intermittent stream/swale, after-the-fact clearing of vegetation, stabilization and reseeding in upland review area at the Mill Pond, Somersville, Town of Somers, Henry Broer seconded. All were in favor, motion carried.

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. Application #647 Install rip-rap along stream. 32 Mason Lane. Julie Paolino.

Dave Askew described the project to the commission. The project involves stabilizing a 20-30 foot section of eroded streambank along a steep escarpment. The bank is formed along a secondary channel of a tributary of Gillette's Brook. Mr. Askew explained that detailed plans have not been prepared. However, the contractor has experience with these types of jobs and requiring an engineered design may be a *disincentive* to the homeowner. Mr. Askew would prefer to see the work done now to prevent further erosion. If approved he would recommend a pre-construction meeting, so specifications for rip-rap from the "2002 CT Guidelines for Soil Erosion and Sediment Control" can be discussed". Discussion followed.

2. Application #648 In-ground Pool in Upland Review Area. 50 Pleasant View Drive. David and Donna Morgan.

Walter Kaczmarczyk from Vernon Poolman described the project to the Commission. The pool will be 30' away from an intermittent stream. A silt fence and hay bales will be installed until next Spring. Discussion followed.

IV. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION - none

V. STAFF/COMMISSION REPORT; AGREEMENT WITH NCCD

David Askew distributed a copy of his report.

1. Mitigation Area, Main Street LLC - summarized the final inspection.
2. Annual Report – completed report for FY 2010 - 2011.
3. 39 Pinney Road – described the shed project.

Karl Walton motioned to allow the shed to be constructed under the Minimal Impact Permit. Lise wood seconded. All were in favor, motion carried.

4. Upcoming Public Works projects – Battle St. sidewalk, Gulf Road culvert & Billing Road culvert replacements.
5. Checked 9 new building permits for compliance and completed 3 certificates of occupancy inspections.

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

VI. CORRESPONDENCE AND BILLS –

Journal Inquirer - \$55.09

Karl Walton motioned to approve paying the bill. Dan Fraro seconded. All were in favor, motioned carried.

VII. MINUTES APPROVAL: August 3, 2011

Lise Wood motioned to approve the minutes with the following amendments. Karl Walton seconded. All were in favor, motion carried.

Page 1, last paragraph, first line – explained that there are some concerns regarding.....

Page 2, under Audience Precipitation, second line – lot that she would.....

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Karl Walton motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm. Lise Wood seconded. All were in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra Hlobik
Recording Secretary

Candace Aleks
Secretary

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