

**TOWN OF SOMERS
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
600 MAIN STREET
P.O. BOX 308**

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, April 4, 2012
Town Hall Lower Level Conference Room 7:00 P.M.**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Karl Walton at 7:07 p.m. Commissioners in attendance were: Henry Broer, Daniel Fraro, and Greg Genlot,. Also present: Wetlands Agent, David Askew.

Absent: Chairman Todd Whitford, Vice-Chair, Joan Formeister, Secretary, Candace Aleks, Alternate, Lise Woods,

OLD BUSINESS (none)

1. Discussion/Decision #652: Pleasant View Realty. U.S. Department of Agriculture Conservation Project to reconstruct and restore a stream. Pleasant View Farm 458 South Road.

The project is to reconstruct and restore a stream. Mr. Askew, the Wetland Agent summarized the discussion of the prior meeting and other project details. Over 700 feet of an existing piped stream will be “day-lighted” and “natural” stream conditions will be restored. The plan includes a wide, vegetated floodplain.

Motion to approved application by Broer; second by Genlot. Approved unanimously without special condition.

II. NEW BUSINESS

1. Application #65: Gilbeth Spencer. New house and septic system within upland review area. 475 Turnpike Road.

Rachal Dearborn from Landmark Surveys represented the landowner. The proposal is for a single-family residence, and septic system. The back of the house is approximately 10 feet from the edge of an existing wetland. The wetland is a forested corridor that contains an intermittent stream. The stream appears to have been man-made, resulting from excavation. Karl Walton explained how activities in the upland review have been handled by the Commission over the years. Since changes have occurred in the state statute, the Commission often requires the wetland boundary to be permanently field delineated, when residential structures are proposed close to wetlands. In cases where structures are very close to the line, the Commission has required concrete monuments to mark the boundary. Mr. Askew discussed the requirement of an alternative assessment, and wetland functional/impact assessments of the wetland. These items have been discussed with Mrs. Dearborn and the items will be submitted for review prior to the next meeting.

A 14 day appeal period is required from the date of receipt, so the application will be on the agenda for decision at the May meeting..

2. Application #654: Richard Kulas. In-ground swimming pool within upland review area. 105 Turpike Road.

Mr. Kulas and a Brian Cormier from Juliano's Pools were present and summarized the project, which consists of construction of an inground swimming pool within the upland review area. The pool will be constructed in a flat section of the property behind the house. The stream is located down a steep, wooded embankment. No construction will occur on the slope or close to the top of the of the embankment.

Mr. Kulas discussed the condition of the stream. A 14 day appeal period is required from the date of receipt, so the application will be on the agenda for decision at the May meeting.

III. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (none)

IV. STAFF/COMMISSION REPORT

Mr. Askew distributed the Wetland's Report.:

Dan Fraro made a motion to accept Mr. Askew's Wetland Report. Henry Broer seconded it. All were in favor, motion carried.

V. CORRESPONDENCE AND BILLS

None.

VI. MINUTES APPROVAL: March 7, 2012

Some members said they had not received the minutes, so the item was tabled until the next meeting.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Greg Genlot made motion to adjourn the Conservation Commission Regular Meeting at 8:04 p.m. Henry Broer seconded it. All were in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

David Askew, Wetland Agent

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