

**TOWN OF SOMERS
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JULY 11, 2012
7:00 PM TOWN HALL**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman Todd Whitford. Members present: Vice-Chair Joan Formeister, Candace Aleks, Daniel Fraro, Greg Genlot, Karl Walton and Henry Broer. Also present was Joanna Winkler, filling in for David Askew.

II. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Discussion/Decision of Application #665. Kevin and Nicole Long for an in ground swimming pool in the upland review area at 70 Scully Road.

The site at 70 Scully Road has been visited by David Askew and Joanna Winkler. The presentation for this pool site was given to the commission last month. There were no concerns noted. The wetlands are uphill from the proposed pool site so there is less need for erosion control.

Karl Walton made a motion to approve Application #665 for Kevin and Nicole Long for an in ground swimming pool in the upland review area at 70 Scully Road with the standard condition that a meeting be held with Dave Askew before digging and if he determines necessary putting up appropriate erosion controls as he sees necessary. Seconded by Greg Genlot, all in favor, motion carried.

2. Discussion/Decision of Application #656 for Applicant Zak Szymko, Owner: Town of Somers for a dock on Mill Pond; 44 and 59 School Street.

A presentation was given regarding this application at the last meeting. Commission members would like to see this project move forward. There was no new information on the project.

A motion was made by Karl Walton to approve Application #656 for Zak Szymko, Owner: Town of Somers for a dock on Mill Pond; 44 and 59 School Street. Seconded by Joan Formeister, all in favor, motion carried.

III. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Application #657 Dean and Miriam Reutter for an in ground swimming pool in the upland review area at 491 Main Street.

Walter Kaczmarczyk from Vernon Pools was at the meeting representing Mr. Reutter. A presentation and overview of the pool plan was given. It was noted a new septic system has been put on the property. Proposed plans and documents were shown to the commission. Mr. Reutter is willing to remove some of his existing patio so he can get the 25 ft setback which he needs to meet town sanitarian/septic system requirements and get the 50 ft setback from the

pond he put in 20 years ago. There is one large pine tree which will need to come down to build the pool. David Askew has been to the site. Commission members thanked Mr. Kaczmarczyk and Mr. Reutter for coming.

2. Application #658 Town of Somers for road improvements on Sokol and Ninth District Roads, including culvert replacement on Gulf Stream, Ninth District Road.

Jeff Bord, Director of Public Works/Town Engineer was gave a presentation regarding the proposed improvements. Federal and state funds will be utilized for this project. The intersection of Sokol Rd, Ninth District Road and Main street are involved. Reconstruction of approximately 1200ft will be done on Main Street, 2000 ft on Ninth District Road with a new traffic light. A new side walk will run along the easterly side of Ninth District Road. Jeff discussed wetlands involved and culverts that need to be replaced. Jeff is in the process of getting appropriate permits, etc. The project has gone through the state review process for the hydraulic computations to be two box culverts. One would be a 10x8 and the other a 10x6 with different elevations.

Commission members discussed traffic issues around the school and the need for a better solution for traffic flow when school is in session.

IV. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (NONE)

V. STAFF/COMMISSION REPORTS

A letter was written to the Somers Village Association from David Askew, Wetland Agent regarding clearing of vegetation. There was a violation in the Upland Review Area adjacent to a wetland. A copy of the letter was handed out to commission members. The letter explained violation in detail and asked the Somers Village Condominium Association to cease all additional clearing activities within the 100 foot upland review area and to let natural regeneration of vegetation in the area between the back of the planting beds and the wetland.

There has been one new pool application that has come in that is 75-80 ft from the wetland. A minimal impact permit was filled out for the applicant. Other than typical building permits coming in, there was nothing new to report to the commission.

Joan Formeister made a motion to approve the commission reports. Seconded by Candace Aleks, all in favor motion carried.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE AND BILLS

Members discussed renewing membership and paying bill for CACIWC.

A motion was made by Karl Walton to renew CACIWC membership and pay membership fee. Seconded by Greg Genlot, all in favor, motion carried.

VII. MINUTES APPROVAL: JUNE 6, 2012

A motion was made by Greg Genlot to approve minutes as written. Seconded by Joan Formeister, all in favor, motion carried.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Candace Aleks to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:39 pm. Seconded by Dan Fraro, all in favor, motion carried.