

**TOWN OF SOMERS
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Wednesday, September 4th, 2013
7:00 p.m.
TOWN HALL
Meeting Minutes**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Joan Formeister at 7:01 p.m. Members present were Karl Walton, Candace Aleks, Dan Fraro, Henry Broer and alternate Lise Wood, seated for Todd Whitford. Wetland Agent, David Askew, was also attending.

II. OLD BUSINESS

1. NONE

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. *Application #670 Town of Somers. Replace culvert on Billings Road across from Sunshine Farms*

Town engineer, Jeff Bord, presented the need to replace an 18 inch pipe under Billings Road that carries water from a tributary of Abby Brook. The 18 inch pipe is deteriorating and the catch basin is in need of replacement. He detailed the need for a 24 inch replacement pipe which will carry larger storm flows. Wetland Agent David Askew asked how long construction would take. Mr. Bord estimated it to take two days. Wetland Agent David Askew stated that currently there is a wetland area on the north side of the road, and as long as the flow line remains the same, he sees no issues. This application will be pending until October 2nd 2013, after which time the board will make a decision.

IV. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: NONE

V. STAFF COMMISSION REPORTS

1. Wetland Agent David Askew presented his September 4th, 2013 Wetland Agent's Report. He received a citizen's inquiry about running bamboo along a property line on Shaker Road. He has not positively identified the plant to date, but noted that running bamboo is now subject to regulation via Public Act No. 13-82. Chairperson Joan Formeister asked about the feasibility of notifying homeowners where this invasive plant is seen. Agent David Askew said he would notify property owners. Chairperson Joan Formeister made a motion to accept the report seconded by Karl Walton. *All in favor, motion carries*

VI. CORRESPONDENCE AND BILLS: NONE

VII. MINUTES APPROVAL JULY 10TH, 2013; JULY 24TH, 2013

Member Karl Walton made a motion to accept the minutes from July 10th as written. Chairperson Joan Formeister stated that she preferred member's full names to be included in minutes. Karl Walton made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Chairperson Formeister.

All in favor, motion carries

The July 24th minutes were not sent to members in time for their approval.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Joan Formeister made a motion, seconded by member Candace Aleks, to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

All in Favor, motion carried

Respectfully Submitted:

Stephanie Benson, Recording Secretary