

TOWN OF SOMERS
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, June 4, 2014
7: 00 p.m.
TOWN HALL

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Secretary Candace Alex at 7:01 p.m. Attending were members Henry Broer, Dan Fraro and Wetland Agent David Askew. Zoning representative Karl Walton and alternate Lise Wood were also present. Chairperson Joan Formeister was delayed until 7:15 p.m.

II. OLD BUSINESS

- **Application #672**, Applicant: Juliano's Pools for Tom Ringwalt, 47 Horseshoe Lane
Postponed by Request.

III. NEW BUSINESS

- **Modification of Application #663**, 171 Billings Road, 171 Billings Road LLC

Tim Coon and Jonathan Murry represented the property owner. Home owners are in the process of grading the property. Additional fill was deemed necessary, requiring a modification to the original permit. The resulting difference is approximately 450 square feet of wetland fill. Richard Zulick, from *Consulting Soil Science*, submitted a letter to the Commission indicating that in his professional opinion, the wetland is a relatively low value wetland, consisting of previously altered area. It has been a pasture for many years. The small addition of fill will not impact hydrology and impacts a small area of pasture. Wetland Agent Askew concurred with Mr. Zulick's assessment. Mr. Askew reminded that the Commission because the application is a modification of an existing active permit, they could vote on the proposal.

Karl Walton made a motion, seconded by alternate Lise Wood, to approve the requested modification
All in favor, motion approved.

- Discussions concerning the end-of-fiscal-year conservation project budget ensued. Chairperson Formeister volunteered to contact the North Central Land Trust to determine if they had any on-going projects that could be supported by the Commission. Karl Walton made the motion, seconded by Dan Fraro, to give the Chairperson authority to expend the funds for an appropriate conservation project.
All in favor, motion carried

IV. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

NONE

V. STAFF/COMMISSIONER REPORT

Wetland Agent Askew submitted his report dated 6/4/14.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE/BILLS

NONE

VII. MINUTES APPROVAL 5/7/14

Members reviewed the minutes, and requested that the officers be adjusted on-line to show that Joan is the chairperson and Todd Whitford is the Vice-Chair.

Karl Walton made a motion seconded by Dan Fraro, to accept the minutes as amended.

All in favor, motion carried

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Secretary Candace Aleks made a motion, seconded by Dan Fraro to adjourn the meeting at 7:37.

All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Benson, Recording Secretary