

**CONSERVATION AND INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
TOWN OF DEEP RIVER, CONNECTICUT**

Town Hall

174 Main Street

Deep River, Connecticut 06417

*A **regular meeting** of the Deep River Conservation and Inland Wetlands Commission held on Thursday, February 12, 2009 at the Deep River Town Hall was called to order at 7:34 p.m. by Chairman Mizejeski. Members present: Susan Board, Ron Larsen, Carol Libby, Alan Mizejeski, Alternate Michael Tomlinson, and Alternate/WEO Mark Reyher. Absent: George Atwood, Carmela Balducci, and John Szymanski. Also present: Michael Simmons, Ryan Richitelli, Barbara Scholes. Chairman seated Alternates Tomlinson and Reyher for absent members.*

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Carol Libby and seconded by Ron Larsen to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 8, 2009 as printed. (6-0) Voted Unanimously.

Public Business:

A motion was made by Ron Larsen and seconded by Susan Board to amend the order of the agenda to first consider the application by Michael Simmons. (6-0) Voted Unanimously.

Michael Simmons, 70 Book Hill Road: An application was received from Michael Simmons for the purpose of a ground floor master suite addition on property of Barbara and Jan Deutsch at 70 Book Hill Road. Michael Simmons and Ryan Richitelli were present on behalf of the application. Mr. Simmons, the contractor for the project, stated that the proposal is to construct a one story master bedroom addition on the northwest corner of the house, which is currently a large bluestone patio. The property slopes down from the existing patio. WEO Reyher noted that the activity is uphill and drains toward the road and intermittent watercourse. Mr. Simmons noted that silt fencing will be installed to capture runoff from the north and east side, downhill of the construction. The septic system will not be disturbed during construction. WEO Reyher noted that the activity is 92 feet from the wetlands and noted that the topography is a concern. WEO recommended that the silt fencing also be installed in the front of the house and also hay bales. Mr. Simmons noted that there will be a crawl space under the addition. He noted that some of the material will be used on the site and the majority will be removed from the site. Mr. Simmons stated that the slope will not be disturbed during construction. The plan submitted with the application is the architectural plan for the house and the proposed activity was added by Mr. Simmons. No activity is proposed in the wetlands. A motion was made by Carol Libby and seconded by Susan Board to receive the application by Michael J. Simmons for property of Barbara and Jan Deutsch at 70 Book Hill Road. (6-0) Voted Unanimously. The matter will be placed on the agenda for the next regular meeting.

Barbara Scholes, 73 Rattling Valley Road (Map 64, Lot 5A): Activity that has taken place in the wetlands and within 100 feet of wetlands on the property has been an on-going enforcement matter. The Chairman asked Ms. Scholes when the last time activity has taken place on the property. Ms. Scholes noted that the excavator was removed from the property shortly after attending the CIWC meeting in January. WEO noted that there are now logs on the property which were not there on his last inspection of the site. Ms. Scholes stated that the logs will be

milled in the mill which is on the other side of the house, outside of the wetlands area. Ms. Scholes noted that the work on the property has been taking place since before Christmas; and the excavator was on the property for about six weeks. An application was received from Barbara Scholes for the purpose of preparing the front yard for landscaping. The WEO noted that most of the application is complete. No plans of the property have been received. Members asked Ms. Scholes if she had a plot plan of the property showing the lot lines. Ms. Scholes stated that she does not have a plan. Members noted that it has been brought to their attention that work has been taking place on the property, within the regulated area, in the past year, and some of the property boundary markers may have been buried. Ms. Scholes noted that she is not familiar with any boundary markers; she has lived on the property for thirty years. Without a site plan of the property, Commission members indicated that a site walk would be necessary. A site walk was scheduled for Tuesday, March 10, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. at the property at 73 Rattling Valley Road.

Enforcement: WEO Reyher noted that he saw somebody digging by hand in a pond on Westbrook Road with 12 inch pipe to be installed. The WEO spoke with the property owner, Mr. Bouchard at 88 Westbrook Road. Mr. Bouchard completed an application form for the activity. A letter dated February 12, 2009 was then received from First Selectman Richard Smith stating that he has been working with the property owner regarding the drainage that impacts the Bouchard property. The Town plans to install additional drainage on Westbrook Road during the coming season. The Town will replace the headwall on the west side of the road with a double C-Top catch basin and the sump will intercept silt that is currently carried in the man-made pond in from the Bouchard property. The Commission determined that an application by the property owner would not be required. Mr. Bouchard is installing the 12" pipe from the pond toward the road. The Town will then complete the work with the additional pipe attached directly to the new catch basin.

WEO Reyher noted that he visited the property at 70 Book Hill Road and had determined that an application would be required.

Payment of Bills: Carol Libby reviewed the status of the current budget. A request was received for submission of the proposed budget for the 2009/2010 fiscal year. Bills were received from the following: Nancy Howard, clerical services, 14 hours; and Hartford Courant, legal advertising, \$23.76. A motion was made by Carol Libby and seconded by Ron Larsen to approve payment of the bills as presented. (6-0) Voted Unanimously.

Correspondence: Susan Board noted receipt of the following correspondence: (a) Invasive Plant Workshop hosted by the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station in New Haven scheduled for March 5, 2009; (b) Notice of Annual Long Island Sound Citizens Summit in Bridgeport on March 6, 2009; and (c) Natural Resources Council of Connecticut, Inc. 2009 membership drive

Conservation Matters: The new signs have been installed at the entrance of Canfield Woods on Main Street; one sign at the street and a sign at the entrance of the trail.

A motion was made by Carol Libby and seconded by Susan Board to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. (6-0) Voted Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy J. Howard
Recording Secretary