

**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, June 11, 2009 at the Deep River Town Hall was called to order at 7:36 p.m. by Vice Chairman Tomlinson. Members present: George Atwood, Carmela Balducci, Susan Board, Ron Larsen, Carol Libby, Alternate Michael Tomlinson and Alternate/WEO Mark Reyher. Absent: Alan Mizejeski, John Szymanski. Also present: Nancy Howard, Robert Doane, and Robert Raymond. The Vice Chairman was the Acting Chairman for the meeting. The two alternates were seated for the absent members.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Carol Libby and seconded by Susan Board to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 14, 2009 as printed; Show Cause Hearing of May 14, 2009 as printed; and Site Walk of May 13, 2009 with an amendment indicating that the meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m. Voted Unanimously.

Public Business:

Richard Cooke, 215 Winthrop Road (Map 27, Lot 5): An application was received from Richard Cooke for the purpose of excavation of sediment and organic material from an existing pond on property at 215 Winthrop Road. Robert Doane was present as agent for the applicant. Mr. Doane noted that the 2 ½ acre pond is essentially choked by lily pads and filled in with sediment and organic material. The site is located south of Route 80 across from the Transfer Station. Two phases of excavation are proposed. The initial phase is to dewater the pond by using a drag line to excavate the material. The material would be placed directly onto a waiting truck or casting to a staging area located south of the pond. No material would be placed in the pond area. When the first phase is excavated and the pond has been dewatered, equipment would be used to remove the material by working in the north and westerly direction. The volume of material to be excavated is estimated to be 13,600 cubic yards. Mr. Doane noted that a dewatering sump will be placed on the hill in front of the house. Mr. Doane noted that the organic material may be utilized by area nurseries. The gravel at the bottom may be usable. The estimated depth after the activity is 8-10 feet. Mr. Doane noted that the west side of the pond, which is essentially filled in, will not be disturbed and eventually becoming a meadow marsh area. The northern side of the pond, along Route 80, is stone rip rap. Mr. Doane noted that the proposal includes rip rap of the slope along the driveway from Route 80 to the spillway. Mr. Doane noted that the process should take two months. Mr. Doane stated that there is no watershed, therefore a water diversion permit is not required. An Army Corps of Engineers permit is not required because the material is not being stock piled in the pond. Mr. Doane noted that the dragline would come in from the edges of the pond. WEO Reyher noted that he has seen the site and has no concerns. Mr. Doane noted that he believes that it is a manmade pond. Mr. Doane noted that a copy of the natural diversity map was included in the application indicating that there are no species of concern in that area. Mr. Doane stated that the work would be anticipated to start in August. A motion was made by Carol Libby and seconded by Susan Board to accept the application by Richard Cooke for property at 215 Winthrop Road. Voted Unanimously. The matter will be placed on the agenda for the next regular meeting.

Deep River Fire Department: Bob Raymond, Assistant Chief of the Fire Department and Chair of the Building Committee noted that there is government stimulus money available nationwide for fire departments. The Department will be applying for funds for the building expansion. Mr. Raymond asked for a copy of the CIWC minutes of July 9, 2007 when the project was discussed. Applying for the federal funding would require that the project be shovel ready which would require approval of the schematic drawings from the CIWC and Planning & Zoning.

Enforcement:

- (a) Mathias & Amelia Radomski, Westbrook Road (Map 20, Lot 22): WEO noted that a Notice of Violation was sent to Mathias and Amelia Radomski for crossing a wetlands on property on Westbrook Road. WEO noted that he spoke with Mrs. Radomski. They have driven through the wetlands with a tractor to remove firewood from the property. Their access to the site used to be in a different location, possibly from an adjacent property. The Radomskis are aware that an application for permit for creation of a proper wetlands crossing is required and an application will be submitted for the next regular meeting.
- (b) The Commission asked the WEO to contact Deep River Oil to follow up on the reports to the state as a result of the oil spill a few years ago.
- (c) Barbara Scholes, Rattling Valley Road: WEO noted that the filter fence has been installed and some plantings are slowly being placed.
- (d) Lace Factory, 161 River Street: WEO noted that he reviewed the proposal for the property. The activity is outside of the wetlands area. Hay bales were requested to be placed. WEO noted that he signed off on the proposal.
- (e) Ron Prisley, Cedar Lake Road: The Commission asked the WEO to check the activity taking place on the site.

Payment of Bills: The following bills were received: Mark Reyher, enforcement, 51 hours; Nancy Howard, clerical services, 14 ½ hours, and reimbursement of postage \$11.08; Hartford Courant, legal advertising, \$43.56; and Nathan Jacobson & Associates, engineering review of John Olson/Bridge, \$137.00. A motion was made by Carol Libby and seconded by Carmela Balducci to approve payment of the bills as presented. Voted Unanimously. The invoice from Nathan Jacobson & Associates, dated 5/5/08, was received 6/9/09 with a note that the invoice was not paid. The Commission has no record of having received the invoice or any subsequent copies prior to this time.

Conservation Matters: Canfield Woods: George Atwood noted that he spoke with Alan Mizejeski after the May meeting regarding formation of a Committee, noting that he is in favor of the idea. Essex has a meeting scheduled for June 15, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Essex Library to discuss the progress of Canfield Woods. George noted that he is not able to attend and asked if a representative of the Commission may attend. At the next regular meeting, the Board will discuss scheduling a separate meeting to discuss conservation matters. Carmela Balducci offered to research possible grant opportunities.

A motion was made by Carol Libby and seconded by Susan Board to adjourn at 8:32 p.m. Voted Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy J. Howard
Recording Secretary