

**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, October 8, 2009 at the Deep River Town Hall was called to order at 7:33 p.m. by Chairman Mizejeski. Members present: George Atwood, Susan Board, Ron Larsen, Carol Libby, Alan Mizejeski, and Alternate/WEO Mark Reyher. Absent: Carmela Balducci and Alternate Michael Tomlinson. Also present: Nancy Howard, Ed Cappola, and Don Fortunato.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Carol Libby and seconded by Susan Board to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 13, 2009 as printed. (5-0) Voted Unanimously. Members discussed the application fees collected on the Richard Cooke application.

Public Business: Richard Matto, Cedar Lake Road (Map 20, Lot 4C): An application was received from Richard Matto for the purpose of construction of a residential house, including septic and site grading, on property on Cedar Lake Road. Ed Cappola, P.E. and Don Fortunato, Soil Scientist, were present on behalf of the applicant. Mr. Cappola reviewed the location of the property. There is a 30 ft. right of way to the Barbara Warner property which is located through the middle of the subject property. Mr. Cappola noted that it was determined that the best location for a proposed house is the wooded field on the front section of the property, utilizing the existing driveway. The driveway would be a shared driveway with Barbara Warner. Don Fortunato field located wetlands on the north side of the front portion of the property; and areas on the north and south sides of the rear of the parcel were determined by the soil survey. Mr. Fortunato noted that the wetlands on the front section are original wetland soils and are not the same aesthetic quality as the wetlands in the back. The upland review from the wetlands is a lawn area. Mr. Cappola noted that the entire parcel is three acres, and the front section is 160 ft. x 150 ft., or 7/10 acre. Mr. Cappola noted that there are a number of invasives in the upland area of the front wetlands and they would propose to take out some invasives in order to enhance the area. The septic and reserve are located in the front of the parcel towards the street. The soil in the back of the property is not suitable for septic. Mr. Cappola noted that the septic design has been approved by the Health District. The construction activity is located within the upland regulated area. No activity is proposed in the wetlands. The existing gravel driveway will be processed stone after it is developed. Erosion and sedimentation control measures are proposed around the property to protect the wetlands and adjacent property. Mr. Cappola noted that as an alternative they looked at constructing the house in the back of the parcel, but it was determined to not be feasible. The driveway would skew around and be closer to the wetlands, the cuts and fills would be extensive, and the impact on the environment and wetlands in the back would be a large impact. Mr. Fortunato noted that there are pockets of wetlands and rocky areas in the back. A motion was made by Carol Libby and seconded by George Atwood to accept the application by Richard Matto for property at Cedar Lake Road for consideration at the next regular meeting. (5-0) Voted Unanimously. The application fee of \$110.00 was received.

Enforcement: WEO Reyher noted there was nothing new to report.

Barbara Scholes, Rattling Valley Road: The silt fencing is being maintained, but there is not much growth.

The Commission asked the WEO to check the first house on the left on Sunset Ridge for garbage that had been on the site.

Chairman Mizejeski asked the WEO to present a monthly report, in accordance with the Commission Bylaws, on all activities or calls received. The Chairman had reported to the WEO seeing a stock pile of stone and an excavator outside the gate at Haynes near the swimming pond. WEO noted that there was nothing going on when he visited the site.

Financial Report/Payment of Bills: Carol Libby reviewed the status of the current budget. The following bills were received: Nancy Howard, clerical services, 16 hours; and Hartford Courant, legal advertising, \$23.76. A motion was made by Carol Libby and seconded by George Atwood to approve payment of the bills as submitted. (5-0) Voted Unanimously.

Chairman Report: The Chairman noted that there was an article in the Hartford Courant regarding a Citizens Task Force concerning cutting energy costs in West Hartford.

Correspondence: The University of Connecticut Land Use Academy is holding a training session on Rules and Responsibilities of Land Use Commissions, Map Reading for Site Plan Review, and Legal Requirements & Procedures of Land Use Decision Making. The session will be held on November 14, 2009 in Haddam.

The brochure was received for Segment 3 of the 2009 Municipal Inland Wetland Commissioners Training Program.

A motion was made by Carol Libby and seconded by Susan Board to adjourn at 8:50 p.m. Voted Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

*Nancy J. Howard*

Recording Secretary