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*A regular meeting* of the *Deep River Conservation and Inland Wetlands Commission* held on Thursday, March 10, 2011 at the Deep River Town Hall was called to order at 7:33 p.m. by Chairman Mizejeski. Members present: Carmela Balducci, Susan Board, Ron Larsen, Alan Mizejeski, and Michael Tomlinson. Absent: George Atwood, Carol Libby, Alternate/WEO Mark Reyher. Also present: Nancy Howard, Peter Cowell, Russell Smith, Mike Reznik, and Scott Papoosha.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Susan Board and seconded by Mike Tomlinson to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 9, 2010 as printed. (5-0) Voted Unanimously.

Augustus Oemler, 83 River Road (Map 66, Lot 1): An application was received from Augustus Oemler for the purpose of an addition to residence within the regulated area at 83 River Road. Peter Cowell and Russell Smith were present on behalf of the application. Mr. Cowell noted that the proposed activities outside of the residence are the addition of a screened in porch off the back of the house, demolition of the front steps and addition to foundation for new entrance, and installation of new footing for chimney in the front of the house. Sonotubes will be installed for the new porch in the back and new sonotubes for the current porch. Mr. Cowell noted that they would like to start work as soon as possible on the construction on the interior of the house. The pad for the chimney is 5' x 2 1/2'. Mr. Smith noted that the house, at the closest point, is approx. 24 ft. from the wetlands, but the closest area of the activity is approx. 50 ft. Mr. Cowell stated that silt fencing will be installed above the wetland area. A silt fence design plan was submitted. After discussion and review, the Commission members agreed that the proposed activity is considered minor in nature and that a minor activity authorization should be issued by the Wetlands Enforcement Officer.

A motion was made by Susan Board and seconded by Carmela Balducci to add to the agenda discussion regarding the Cooke property, 215 Winthrop Road. (5-0) Voted Unanimously.

Richard Cooke, 215 Winthrop Road (Map 27, Lot 5) Permit #4-09: Mike Reznik and Scott Papoosha were present for discussion regarding the permitted excavation of sediment and organic material from the existing pond on the Cooke property. Mr. Papoosha noted that they have been hired by Mr. Cooke to continue the permitted work on the pond. Mr. Reznik questioned the requirement for the drag line, noting that drag lines are now obsolete. He would prefer to use an excavator and drain the end of the pond. They also inquired about the time frame for working on the project. The staging area (120'x60') would be used to drain some of the material prior to removal from the site. Some of the material will be immediately removed from the site and brought to Mr. Papoosha's farm in Killingworth to drain. Commission members reiterated that the material may not be drained and sold from the site. Mr. Reznik noted that due to the grade, the stumps will have to be removed rather than grinding them down to below grade. Mr. Papoosha noted that he would propose to have the site seeded and established by October. Chairman Mizejeski noted that the permit was issued on August 25, 2009 and is only valid for two years. The stipulations of the permit were reviewed. Mr. Reznik noted that the original contractor did not do much work on the site. Mr. Reznik noted that they propose to dig down into the gravel and work out. He noted that once the trees are removed in the back of the pond, he would dig a trench from the wetland inlet all the way across the south side of the pond in an easterly direction. Mr. Reznik and Mr. Papoosha noted that they would like to start the work now, depending on the weather, rather than waiting until August or September. Commission members reiterated the need for prevention of runoff down hill.

Mr. Reznik noted that the depth of the pond is 12 feet. Mr. Papoosha stated that they are working with the engineer, Robert Doane. The Commission members instructed the gentlemen to contact the WEO when they plan to start work and continue to work with the WEO and Mr. Doane. The current permit will expire on August 25, 2011 and an application will be required for an extension of the permit. Mr. Papoosha noted that they will submit the application for extension.

Old Business:

Deep River Oil, West Elm Street: Commission members noted that Deep River Oil Company was sold and inquired about the vehicles that are parked on the site. A letter will be sent to Daniels Oil with a copy of the previous permit making them aware of the stipulations at the time of the permit and that the best management practices be followed in an ongoing manner.

Enforcement: A Commission member inquired about the snow that the town placed in the Plattwood Park parking lot with concern about the concentration of salt going into the pond.

Chairman noted that he and Mark Reyher walked the Haynes/Incarnation Camp site on March 10<sup>th</sup>. Approximately one half of the 20 acres has been clear cut and Phase I has begun. The work is starting from the west. The silt fencing is in place. A chain link fence surrounds the entire 20 acres. The renewal date for the permit is in 2012.

New Business: Chairman noted that the Selectmen are considering an appointment to the Commission.

Chairman Report: Chairman Mizejeski noted that if the Commission is still interested in separating the Commissions, there is a lot of work needed to be done. An ordinance and town meeting would be required. Discussion will continue when a full representation of the Board is present.

Financial Report/Payment of Bills: The following bill was received: Nancy Howard, clerical services, 7 hours. A motion was made by Michael Tomlinson and seconded by Susan Board to approve payment of the bill as submitted. (5-0) Voted Unanimously.

Correspondence: The following correspondence was received: (a) The Habitat newsletter from CACIWC; (b) Notification of the Municipal Inland Wetland Commissioners Training Program; and (c) copy of letter dated February 28, 2011 from DEP Inland Water Resources Division to Travis Board of the Kelsey Falls Homeowners Association regarding the Pratt Read Reservoir Dam indicating that a dam safety repair permit is not required for the maintenance tasks identified in the letter.

Conservation: Chairman Mizejeski noted that Tri-Town Youth Services offers mini grants. The grant deadline is March 22, 2011. The Commission may be interested in applying for an educational program for youth, such as a sponsored walk in Canfield Woods. Carmela Balducci will follow up on information and preparation of a possible grant application.

A motion was made by Susan Board and seconded by Ron Larsen to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. (5-0) Voted Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

*Nancy Howard*

Recording Secretary