

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, January 12, 2012 at the Deep River Town Hall was called to order at 7:33 p.m. by Vice Chairman Tomlinson. Members present: George Atwood, Susan Board, John Dube, Ron Larsen, Carol Libby, Michael Tomlinson, and Alternate/WEO Mark Reyher and Alternate Tanner Steeves. Absent: Alan Mizejeski. Also present: Nancy Howard, Nancy Pilon. Vice Chairman Tomlinson was Acting Chairman for the meeting. The Acting Chairman seated Alternate Mark Reyher for the absent member.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Carol Libby and seconded by George Atwood to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 8, 2011 as printed. (7-0) Voted Unanimously.

Public Business:

Waverly Builders, LLC/Incarnation Camp: An application was received from Waverly Builders, LLC for the purpose of construction of a new open air chapel on property of Incarnation Camp at 253 Bushy Hill Road (Map 35, Lot 19). Architectural drawings dated November 10, 2011 prepared by Duo Dickinson, Architect, were submitted with the application. Nancy Pilon was present on behalf of Incarnation Camp. Ms. Pilon stated that the purpose of the application is for construction of a new open air chapel close to the edge of the lake. Ms. Pilon noted that the original chapel has been torn down. The proposed chapel will be about twice the size footprint of the old chapel. The location is currently staked but it will be turned in order to line up with the stairs coming down the hill. Ms. Pilon noted that the surveyor will be coming back to re-survey due to the change of the location. WEO Reyher recommended a site walk be held due to the close proximity of the proposal to the lake. Upon inquiry, Ms. Pilon noted that the excavator on site is at least 200 feet back from the lake. The condition of the proposed location is currently mounds of dirt. The new columns, seven on each side, will be dug eight feet deep. After detailed discussion, Commission members noted that the following are some of the items that should be addressed by the applicant: concern for water runoff from the roof directly into the lake; all equipment with hydraulics should use vegetable oil/biodegradable oil; clarification of size of temporary spoil pile or relocation due to the amount of material proposed to be removed for the footings or if material will be removed from the site; addition of hay bales to be installed with the silt fencing; calculations are needed for the water runoff. Ms. Pilon noted that the project will be overseen by herself, working with the property services director, architect, and builder. The pitch was changed to make it more gradual. The surveyor is Bob Corrigan. A site walk was scheduled for Saturday, January 14, 2012 at 8:30 a.m. Ms. Pilon left the meeting at this time. A motion was made by Carol Libby to accept the preliminary plans for the open air chapel with stipulations that the questions and concerns raised by the Commission members at this meeting be addressed by the applicant; seconded by Mark Reyher. Discussion followed on the motion. Commission members reviewed the Regulations in detail specifically pertaining to significant activities and application requirements. Commission members noted that the activity could be identified as a significant activity due to the impact of the proposal and proximity to the lake. After the detailed discussion, Carol Libby and Mark Reyher withdrew the motion to accept the application. A check was received in the amount of \$100.00.

The total amount of the application fee will be determined. The property is located in both the towns of Essex and Deep River and will require notification of the application to be sent to the Town of Essex. Commission members also noted the possibility of requiring a bond for the project. If the proposal is identified as a significant activity, a public hearing will be held and the applicant is required to send notification to all abutters of the property. Commission members recommended scheduling a special meeting for further review after the site walk is held on Saturday when the Commission members may be able to make a determination whether the proposal is a significant or non-significant activity. Acceptance of the application was tabled pending determination of significant or non-significant activity. A motion was made by George Atwood and seconded by Sue Board to hold a site walk at Incarnation Camp to look at the location of the proposed open air chapel by the lake on Saturday, January 14, 2012 at 8:30 a.m. and to schedule a special meeting on Tuesday, January 17, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. at the Town Hall to determine if the proposal is a significant or non-significant activity. (7-0) Unanimously approved.

Enforcement Report: Nothing to report at this time.

Report on Finances/Payment of Bills: The financial report was not available. The following bill was received: Nancy Howard, clerical services, 15 hours. A motion was made by Carol Libby and seconded by George Atwood to approve payment of the bill as submitted. (7-0) Voted Unanimously.

Conservation: Tanner Steeves reported that he spoke with Emery Gluck last month about Mr. Gluck's proposal last year to close Cedar Swamp Road in Chester with barriers in the spring and summer for protection of the critical habitat of the cedar forest. No action was taken at that time. Chester will again be reviewing the proposal by Mr. Gluck this year and it will be discussed at a Board of Selectmen meeting. Cedar Swamp Road is a town road in Chester and it connects with Baker Road.

A motion was made by George Atwood and seconded by Ron Larsen to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m. (7-0) Voted Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J. Howard

Recording Secretary