

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, May 10, 2012 at the Deep River Town Hall was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Chairman Mizejeski. Members present: George Atwood, John Dube, Ron Larsen, Alan Mizejeski, Michael Tomlinson, and Alternate/WEO Mark Reyher. Absent: Susan Board, Carol Libby, Alternate Tanner Steeves. Also present: Nancy Howard, Dan Bednarz, Nancy Pilon, Duo Dickinson, Ray Galeotti, Frank Magnotta, Donald and Jennifer Shea, and First Selectman Richard Smith. Chairman seated Alternate/WEO Mark Reyher for absent member Tanner Steeves.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Michael Tomlinson and seconded by Mark Reyher to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 12, 2012 as printed. (6-0) Voted Unanimously.

Public Business: Dan Bednarz, 21 Doane Road: An application by Dan Bednarz was accepted at the April 12, 2012 meeting for the purpose of a proposed addition of a sunroom and entry off the garage on property at 21 Doane Road. Mr. Bednarz noted that he proposes to start construction in three to four weeks, after action by the Planning and Zoning Commission. A motion was made by Mark Reyher and seconded by Ron Larsen to approve the application subject to the following conditions: (1) Silt fencing shall be installed prior to construction; (2) The Wetlands Enforcement Officer shall be notified prior to the start of work; and (3) Additional erosion and sedimentation control measures shall be placed, if necessary, in accordance with direction by the Wetlands Enforcement Officer. (6-0) Voted Unanimously.

Donald Shea, 126 Book Hill Road: An application was received from Donald J. Shea for the purpose of filling in a portion of the front yard and installing a stone wall at 126 Book Hill Road. WEO Reyher noted that the activity has already started at the site and the owner has now installed silt fencing. Mr. Shea stated that he is building the stone wall for protection of his property from the water problem along the street which has occurred for many years. Mr. Reyher noted that the Town is proposing to install a culvert on the other side of the street to direct the water back to the wetlands on that side which will eliminate the water collection on the Sheas' side of the street. Mr. Shea noted that he built the stone retaining wall 15 feet from the edge of the road where the watercourse is flowing by the property. The wall is 15 feet from the edge of the road and extends approximately 90 feet in front of the house starting at the driveway and extends up the driveway approximately 17 feet. Mr. Shea noted that there is skunk cabbage in the area that has been filled and he did not realize it is wetlands. Members discussed holding a site walk and noted that the following information will be required to be submitted as part of the application: (a) provide figures as to the amount of cubic yards of fill material; (b) the amount of area of wetlands to be filled; and (c) the purpose of the proposal. Mr. Shea noted that he is trying to prevent the collection of water to attract mosquitos. Mr. Shea stated that he started laying the rocks approximately a year ago. The wall is finished on the driveway side. He proposed to fill up to about three feet high and add 23 tons of crushed stone on bottom. Dick Smith noted that the proposed culvert to be installed by the Town will correct the water problem above the Shea

property. Mr. Shea noted that he proposed to bring in approximately 150 yards of material. A site walk was scheduled for Tuesday, May 15, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. A check was received in the amount of \$110.00. The total application fee will be determined after the site walk in order to determine the quantity of wetlands being disturbed. A motion was made by George Atwood and seconded by Ron Larson to accept the application as a regulated activity. (6-0) Voted Unanimously.

Raymond Galeotti, 16 Grove Street: An application was received from Raymond Galeotti for the purpose of a 8,000 sq. ft. building addition for light industrial use at 16 Grove Street. Present on behalf of the application were Raymond Galeotti and Frank Magnotta, P.E. Mr. Magnotta reviewed the proposal for the building addition on the 2.14 acre parcel. Grove Street ends at the property line. The existing building is 7,000 sq. ft. The new structure will be for warehousing. The wetlands were flagged by Richard Snarski. The end of the proposed building is in the wetlands. Mr. Magnotta noted that there is a wetlands starting at the edge of the north side of the property. Currently there are 27 parking spaces and three existing spaces will be lost with the proposed building. Mr. Magnotta noted that Zoning Regulations require 30 parking spaces with the proposed addition. The proposal includes creating a parking area in the piece of property to the left at the end of Grove Street. Construction of a short driveway through wetlands is proposed to access the parking. The 10 new parking spaces are proposed to be pervious pavement. No activity is proposed in the wetland area between the parking and the new building. Wetlands had originally been filled on the property, probably in the 1960s. Commission members discussed holding a site walk. Mr. Magnotta noted that the wetland areas are wooded and flat. No improvements are proposed to the remaining wetlands. Mr. Magnotta noted that the plan includes drainage analysis for pre and post runoff analysis. An infiltration ditch is proposed to take roof water along the back to the south end of the new building and in a large storm it would sheet flow to the wetlands. Mr. Magnotta stated that after rain, the area stores pockets of water for a short period of time. Five percent of the project area is wetlands. The proposed filling will eliminate 3,920 sf of wetland area on the site. After review of the Regulations, a motion was made by Michael Tomlinson and seconded John Dube that the proposal would not be considered a significant activity. (6-0) Voted Unanimously. A walk of the site will take place on May 15, 2012 at 5:30 p.m., following the walk on Book Hill Road. A motion was made by George Atwood and seconded by Mike Tomlinson to accept the application as a regulated, non significant activity. (6-0) Voted Unanimously. The application fee was determined to be \$320.00 and was received from the applicant. Mr. Magnotta noted that the location of the building has been staked and he will identify the location of the parking in the field.

Incarnation Center, 253 Bushy Hill Road: An application for amendment to Permit #1-12 was received from Waverly Builders for the purpose of installation of deck and electric at the outdoor chapel at Incarnation Center. Nancy Pilon and Duo Dickinson were present on behalf of the application. The 15' wide by 30' long deck is proposed at the base of the hillside between the seating and the water. The deck will be supported by eight 12" diameter concrete sonatubes with a bell footing to 18" at the base. Gravel will be under the deck. Mr. Dickinson noted that the disturbance will be minimal. A railing is proposed along the back of the deck. The deck will be three to four feet from the water. Mark Reyher noted that the proposal was sent to Nathan Jacobson and Associates for review. Mr. Dickinson stated that the four foot holes for the sonatubes will be hand dug or augered. No heavy equipment will be used. Mr. Dickinson noted that the spoils will be placed under the deck. Overhead power is currently shown on the plan. Ms. Pilon noted that they would prefer to install underground power. Ms. Pilon indicated that as part of this

proposal they would like to include underground power in the same location as indicated with overhead power. A 2 ft. trench, approximately 70 feet long, would be dug for the power while the area is already disturbed. Mr. Dickinson noted that at this point all excavation has been completed. A motion was made by Mike Tomlinson and seconded by George Atwood to approve the addendum to the existing permit to include the deck with the associated piers and the approximate 70 foot long trench to be excavated for the underground power. (5-0-1) Larsen abstained. Ms. Pilon noted that she will be meeting with the landscaper the following week. Commission members reviewed photographs of the site taken by the WEO. A motion was made by Mike Tomlinson and seconded by George Atwood to set the application fee for the amendment at \$110.00 in accordance with Section 19.7 of the Regulations. (6-0) Voted Unanimously. The application fee was received.

Enforcement: Richard Cooke, 215 Winthrop Road: WEO Reyher noted that work has started again at the site. Members noted that spoils are being cast into the area on the west side of the pond. Members expressed concern regarding the excavator being parked in the middle of the disturbed area.

Pictures taken by the WEO of the Shea and Galeotti site were reviewed by members.

Report on Finances/Payment of Bills: The following bills were received: Nancy Howard, clerical services, 12 hours; Hartford Courant, legal advertising, \$23.76. A motion was made by Mike Tomlinson and seconded by Ron Larsen to approve payment of the bills as submitted. (6-0) Voted Unanimously.

Correspondence: A copy was received of a letter dated April 30, 2012 from Theodore and Gail Batko to the Selectman's Office regarding severe corrosion at the low flow line of the metal cross culvert of the Deep River at Plains Road.

Other Business: Ron Larsen noted that he attended a seminar on Helical Piles. If the adjacent towns might be interested in sharing the cost of the presentation, arrangements may be able to be made.

A motion was made by George Atwood and seconded by Ron Larsen to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 p.m. (6-0) Voted Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J. Howard

Recording Secretary