

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 9, 2013 at the Deep River Town Hall was called to order at 7:44 p.m. by Chairman Mizejeski. Members present: George Atwood, Susan Board, John Dube, Ron Larsen, Carol Libby, Alan Mizejeski, Alternate/WEO Mark Reyher, and Alternate Tanner Steeves. Absent: Michael Tomlinson. Also present: Nancy Howard and Paul Riggio.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Susan Board and seconded by Carol Libby to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 11, 2013 as printed. (6-0) Voted Unanimously.

Public Business: WEO Mark Reyher noted that he asked Paul Riggio to attend the meeting to review the proposal which may be handled as an administrative permit. Paul Riggio reviewed the proposal for property at 51 Winter Avenue which is to remove the existing deck between the house and the garage, remove the existing 18' 2" garage, and build a new 23' 3" garage bringing it to 56 feet from the town drain from the street, which is a well defined intermittent watercourse. The watercourse on the back of the property is approximately 150 feet from the activity. The second story of the new garage will not exceed the height of the house. The new structure will be above grade with a lower level walk out unfinished basement. The culvert is seasonal. The Commission members were in agreement that the WEO may issue an administrative permit for the proposed activity within 100 feet of an intermittent watercourse. Silt fencing and hay bales will be required.

Old Business: Star Lake, Winthrop Road (Map 12, Lot 7A): Chairman Mizejeski noted that he contacted DEEP regarding the Commission's concerns as to the application of aquatic pesticides at Star Lake, and the distance of at least two wells within 50 feet of the lake. An e-mail was received from Judith Singer from the Water Quality Program, Pesticide Management Division of the DEEP, which indicated that since the permit was already issued she notified the applicator, Connecticut Pond Services, to alert him that there are private wells less than 50 feet from the water body; and instructed the applicator to establish a 50 foot setback from the location of the properties. She will also provide the applicator with the information received from the Chairman regarding the residences. Ms. Singer noted that she is available to speak with the Commission during the day, but not in the evening. Ron Larsen noted that he visited the site on the morning of April 14th and spoke with Carol Bontatibus and other land owners. At least two wells are within 25 feet of the lake. The application incorrectly states that there are no wells within 50 feet. A letter was sent from the Commission to the Pesticide Management Division regarding the wells. A second letter will be sent providing the information received from a Commission member who spoke with landowners regarding the wells. Chairman Mizejeski will contact DEEP again regarding the Commission's concern of the protocol of the application process with the inaccurate information provided by the applicant. WEO Reyher will contact the Health Department regarding the situation and possible assistance with contacts with the DEEP.

Enforcement: WEO Reyher noted that the work is moving along on the Cooke property on Winthrop Road and is expected to be completed prior to the expiration of the permit in July.

WEO noted that he investigated activity taking place on property of Scott Papoosha at 199 Stevenstown Road. Fill was being placed and used for grading off the field. WEO noted that the material is a little over 100 feet from the watercourse. The property owner has installed filter fencing and hay bales and the site is stable.

Report of Finances/Payment of Bills: No report was available and no bills were received.

Correspondence: A letter was received on May 9, 2013 from Ronald Prisley stating that test pits are going to be dug in the rear of his property at 164 Cedar Lake Road.

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The brochure was received for the DEEP Wetlands Commissioner Training program.

Regulation Updates: Nancy Howard provided copies of fee schedules for surrounding towns for review and comparison. Discussion took place in comparing the fees and the current fee schedule. Carol Libby will prepare a bill page for a clearer understanding when determining application fees.

Conservation/Canfield Woods: Tanner Steeves noted that ERT application was signed by the Essex Conservation Commission and Essex Land Trust and has now been mailed to the ERT. George Atwood noted that Bob Fultz will be hosting a hike and talk in Canfield Woods on June 2nd. Additional information will be obtained and forwarded to members.

A motion was made by George Atwood and seconded by Carol Libby to adjourn the meeting at 9:11 p.m. (6-0)
Voted Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J. Howard

Recording Secretary