

# 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 14, 2015 at the Deep River Town Hall was called to order at 7:34 p.m. Members present: George Atwood, Susan Board, John Dube, Carol Libby, Ron Larsen, Michael Tomlinson, Alternate Tanner Steeves, Alternate/WEO Mark Reyher. Absent: Alan Miezjeski. Also present: Michelle, William Burdick. Tanner Steeves was seated for the meeting and served as Acting Chairman.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Carol Libby and seconded by John Dube to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 19, 2015 as printed. (6-0) Voted Unanimously.

## Public Business:

Marissa Mathews from Deep River Farms, LLC, owner of 362 West Elm Street, was present. She noted that she is restoring the buildings on the property and is farming on the property. The front pasture is being cleared. There are two farm ponds which are approximately 50 feet deep. The drains connected to the ponds need to be cleaned out. She noted that on the dirt section of Plains Road there is a culvert which is caved in and needs to be repaired. Two hoop houses are located on the other side of Plains Road. Commission members recommended that Ms. Mathews contact the First Selectman regarding repair of the culvert on the un-maintained town road. Ms. Mathews presented a list of the maintenance activities to be performed on the property. Commission members reviewed the regulations and discussed that the maintenance activities would be as of right because it is a farm. Ms. Mathews noted that she had the property surveyed and the drains are flagged on the property. A motion was made by Carol Libby and seconded by Sue Board to declare that Deep River Farms is exempt on the grounds that is a farm and may proceed with activities as of right. Voted Unanimously.

William Burdick, Union Street: An application was received from William Burdick for the purpose of putting in a shed within 100 feet of wetlands. Mr. Burdick noted that the base for the Care Free shed will consist of 4-6 inches of crushed stone. The proposed location of the shed is approximately 75 feet from wetlands. A motion was made by Carol Libby and seconded by George Atwood to accept the application by William Burdick for a shed. (7-0) Voted Unanimously. Action will be taken at the next regular meeting.

John Dube noted that he checked on the report of beaver damage on Meadow Woods Road; the water was not very high and it appeared to be okay.

Enforcement: No additional report.

Budget/Payment of Bills: Mark Reyer noted that he spoke with the First Selectman regarding the possibility of using the balance of the CIWC budget towards scholarship program or conservation matters. He was informed that all the money goes back into the general fund.

Conservation: Commission members will work to clean up the entrance to Canfield Woods. A motion was made by Sue Board and seconded by Mike Tomlinson to adjourn at 8:17 p.m. Voted Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted  
Nancy Howard  
Recording Secretary