

**TOWN OF BARKHAMSTED - INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING – MINUTES  
TUESDAY, JULY 3, 2012 – 7:00PM  
BARKHAMSTED TOWN HALL**

**APPROVED:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE:**

**PRESENT:** Chairman John Greaser, Michael Ream, Gary Reynolds, Martha Sullivan; Chris Tooker and Interim Wetlands Enforcement Officer Debra Brydon.

**ABSENT:** Linda Ganem and Jesse Edmunds

Chairman John Greaser called the meeting to order at 7:00PM. All regular members present were seated for the meeting. The entire proceedings were recorded digitally and are available at the Town Hall.

**1. NEW APPLICATIONS: None**

**2. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

**A. Town of Barkhamsted, applicant; RRDD #1, owner – 31 New Hartford Road. Application to install well pipe for new well for Town Garage.**

Ms. Brydon explained that the applicant has given a written letter asking for an extension for thirty (30) days.

**MOTION** Ms. Sullivan, second Mr. Ream, to extend the Public Hearing date until August 7, 2012 at 7:00 pm, in the matter of **Town of Barkhamsted, applicant; RRDD #1, owner – 31 New Hartford Road. Application to install well pipe for new well for Town Garage**, unanimously approved.

**B. Robert Larose, applicant/owner, 65 Gavitt Road. Application to clean pond and restore to natural state.**

Ms. Brydon explained that Mr. Larose had not done the proper noticing and had not paid the additional application fee. Due to improper noticing, he asked for an extension until August 7, 2012 and paid the additional application fee.

**MOTION** Mr. Reynolds, second Ms. Sullivan, to continue the Public Hearing date until August 7, 2012 at 7:00 pm in the matter of **Robert Larose, applicant/owner, 65 Gavitt Road. Application to clean pond and restore to natural state**, unanimously approved.

**C. Jim Hughes, applicant/owner, 11 Case Road. Application for construction of single family residence.**

Ms. Brydon explained that the applicant had submitted a letter withdrawing his application until he can resolve the lot issues to make the lot a legal lot.

**3. PENDING APPLICATIONS:**

**A. Town of Barkhamsted, applicant; RRDD #1, owner – 31 New Hartford Road. Application to install well pipe for new well for Town Garage.**

Public Hearing extended until August 7, 2012 at 7:00 pm.

**B. Robert Larose, applicant/owner, 65 Gavitt Road. Application to clean pond and restore to natural state.**

Public Hearing extended until August 7, 2012 at 7:00 pm.

- C. **Jim Hughes, applicant/owner, 11 Case Road. Application for construction of single family residence.**  
Withdrawn

Ms. Brydon asked the commission to amend the agenda to add a new application for a timber harvest on River Road.

**MOTION** Mr. Tooker moved to amend the agenda to add a new application, **Jones, Catherine, Applicant/owner, 57 River Road. Application for timber harvest**, seconded by Mr. Ream and unanimously approved.

4. **NEW APPLICATION:**

- A. **Jones, Catherine, applicant/owner, 57 River Road. Application for timber harvest.**

Ms. Brydon advised the commission that Mel Harder would be the harvester and that there were no wetlands crossings or any harvesting done within the buffer area. She asked the commission for a Declaratory Ruling on this timber harvest.

**B. MOTION**, Ms. Sullivan, second Mr. Reynolds to approve the timber harvest by Declaratory Ruling in the matter of **Jones, Catherine, applicant/owner, 57 River Road. Application for timber harvest**, unanimously approved.

Chairman John Greaser asked that staff determine from Mr. Harder how many board feet of wood would be harvested from the property?

5. **INLAND WETLANDS ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT.**

Ms. Brydon reported that she had met with Amy Bourne from Army Corps of Engineers and Liz Lacey from FRCC regarding the pump stations in Riverton for the Riverton Fire Department, located on Riverton Road and School Street. The future maintenance of the intakes in the river at both locations were discussed. Liz Lacey suggested the Fire Department hire a fluvialmorphologist (Engineer who studies river flow) to keep the intake valves from getting jammed up and blocked. The fire department will decide what steps they are willing to take. The bank on the Still River near the pump house on Riverton Road will have plantings placed by the Fire Department to stop erosion.

Ms. Brydon further advised the commission that she had taken a tour with Chris Levesque, the MDC engineer, to see all the new projects that MDC was undertaking in the Fall. Chris Levesque will be bringing in two new applications for work at Goose Green Beach and the fountain at the Reservoir, as well as amending the present permit for the work along Reservoir Road.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- A. **June 5, 2012 regular meeting.**

**MOTION** Mr. Tooker, second Ms. Sullivan, to approve the minutes of the June 5, 2012 regular meeting as written; unanimously approved.

**7. CORRESPONDENCE:**

The Commission reviewed the correspondence, no action taken.

**8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS PROPER TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION:**

The Commission discussed the feedback from the combined meeting with the New Hartford Inland/Wetlands Commission regarding the health of the West Hill Pond and the joint concerns of both commissions. Ms. Sullivan presented a draft brochure as a suggested way to reach out and educate property owners along the lake. This brochure will be presented to the New Hartford Inland/Wetlands Commission for their additions, review and feedback. Barkhamsted Inland/Wetlands Commission a brochure be designed similar to the educational brochures distributed by the FRCC (Farmington River Coordinating Committee) to property owners along the Farmington River. The Commission feels this will be an on going educational process and they continue to support educational awareness to maintain the health of the pond. These brochures could also be posted on the Town's websites, be available at the West Hill Grill and be distributed at a LAPOA (Laurel Acres Property Owner's Association) meeting. A future combined meeting will be scheduled to discuss feedback on the draft brochure and any other ideas that people have developed.

**MOTION** Ms.Sullivan, second Mr. Reynolds, to adjourn the meeting at 8:00PM; unanimously approved.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Stacey M. Sefcik  
Recording Secretary**