

**TOWN OF BARKHAMSTED - INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING – MINUTES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2014 – 7:00PM
BARKHAMSTED TOWN HALL**

APPROVED: _____ **DATE:** _____

PRESENT: Chairman John Greaser, Martha Sullivan, Carmine Perri, Linda Ganem and Chris Tooker.
Inland/Wetlands Enforcement Officer Debra Brydon;
ABSENT: Jesse Edmonds, Christopher Labbe

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:

A. Geer, Michael and Carol, 29 Hillcrest Drive. Application for construction of residence and horse barn, with timber harvest for purpose of collecting wood for construction of home

Todd Parsons, from Lenard Engineering was present representing the applicants. The applicants Michael and Carol Geer were also present. Mr. Parsons addressed the first application for the construction of a residence and horse barn. The subject property is approximately 133 acres. There will be a total of 13,400 square feet of disturbance in the regulated area and 56,000 square feet of total site disturbance. There are two ponds that were man made after the Earth Materials Excavation permit from 2001. The applicant is proposing building a 3500 square foot home and 1972 square foot barn. Driveway is more than half done from earth materials removal and remaining portion is heading uphill. Mr. Parsons explained that a swale would be placed on the downhill left hand side to catch stormwater runoff and disburse into forested area.

Mr. Jared Braddick, from E.R. Hinman & Sons, Inc. spoke next regarding the timber harvest application to harvest the oak for the construction of the home. Approximately 150 oak trees will be harvested using the existing skid trails and basically staying outside the regulated area. The landing area will be at the end of the completed driveway in the flat section. Spill containment kits will be on site.

The applicants gave all commission members permission to go on site to view the property.

2. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

3. PENDING APPLICATIONS:

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Ms. Ganem made a motion to approve the timber harvest application as a permitted use as of right, seconded by Mr. Tooker and unanimously approved.

Mr. Tooker made a motion to accept the application for the construction of a residence and horse barn as a regulated, significant activity, as presented, and schedule for Public hearing on February 4, 2014 at 7:00 pm, seconded by Ms. Sullivan, and unanimously approved.

4. SHOW CAUSE HEARING – CEASE AND DESIST:

A. Robert Larose, 65 Gavitt Road – Show Cause, Cease and Desist. Nothing to report at this time

5. INLAND/WETLANDS ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT:

Scott Stevens, 124 New Hartford Road. Notice of Violation

Dr. Dawn Cooley was present, wife of owner, Scott Stevens. Dr. Cooley stated that she had no plan to remediate the stormwater runoff into Morgan Brook from her parking lot, but had spoken with Claire from State DOT, who advised her that the State would sometime in the future be repairing the curbing in front of the gas station to the left and in front of Dr. Cooley's office to hopefully prevent the stormwater runoff from cutting through her parking lot and going over the bank into Morgan Brook. The commission advised Dr. Cooley to get a plan in place and also discussed the possibility of using the "sock form" of sedimentation and erosion controls. Dr. Cooley will maintain and clean up the hay bales and reinstall silt fence and monitor the silt jamming up the fence in the future, until her driveway settles and the curbing is repaired by the State. The Inland/Wetlands Officer will monitor the maintenance and clean up.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS LEGAL AND PROPER TO COME BEFORE SAID MEETING;

Transfer of Inland/Wetlands permit for Lot 17 Hill Farm Way from Pensull, LLC. to Jad Developers, LLC.

After the commission reviewed the plans, Ms. Sullivan made a motion to transfer the permit for Lot No. 17 Hill Farm Way from Pensull, LLC. to JAD Developers, LLC., seconded by Ganem and unanimously approved.

7. ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Ms. Sullivan made a motion to nominate the current slate of officers; John Greaser, Chairman and Chris Tooker, Vice Chairman, seconded by Ms. Ganem and unanimously approved.

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A. November 6, 2013, special meeting.

MOTION Ms. Sullivan second Mr. Tooker to approve the minutes of the November 6, 2013, special meeting, the motion was unanimously approved.

B. December 3, 2013, regular meeting

MOTION Mr. Perri, second Ms. Sullivan to approve the minutes of the December 3, 2013, regular meeting, the motion was unanimously approved.

9. CORRESPONDENCE:

Reviewed; no action taken.

MOTION by Ms. Ganem, second Ms. Sullivan to adjourn the meeting at 8:35PM; unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

**Debra P. Brydon
Inland/Wetlands Enforcement Officer**