

**TOWN OF BARKHAMSTED  
INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION  
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2009**

Chairman, John Greaser called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Members present were John Greaser, L. Michael Ream, Martha Sullivan, Linda Ganem, Caprice Shaw, and alternate member Thomas Santoro was seated for Chris Tooker. Inland Wetlands Officer Rista Holda attended the meeting.

**NEW APPLICATIONS:** None

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

**A. TOWN OF BARKHAMSTED, applicant/owner, 33 New Hartford Road.  
Proposed activities for construction of addition to Town Garage.**

Thomas J. Daly, P.E., of Milone & MacBroom, presented for the applicant. Mr. Daly gave the Commission members general information of the site and proposed activity using a colored site plan. Generally, the applicant would like to put a 9,500 SF addition on the existing building for the purpose of parking the town vehicles, and construct a gambrel for salt and sand storage. The proposal includes activity in two regulated areas. The first is in the south-eastern portion of the proposed activity where the gambrel will be placed in a man-made wetlands area and correlating upland review area. The second is in the western portion of the proposed activity here there will be paving, grading, and installation of storm drainage.

In response to concerns expressed in the last meeting relating to contaminants flowing through the drainage to the wetlands and nearby watercourse, Mr. Daly handed out to the Commission informational materials regarding catch basin inserts, hazardous material spill kits, and a detail of a grooved concrete pad for the diesel fill area.

Members of the Commission asked questions and raised concerns, and Mr. Daly responded thereto. The Chairman asked about the possibility of installing a rain garden at the discharge area, and stated that he would like this project to be a model for other regulated activity in the Town. Mr. Daly responded that he looked at a wide range of possibilities, but the benefits of a rain garden would provide little if any net gain because it would require clearing a currently forested area in the wetlands and upland review area.

L. Michael Ream moved to close the public hearing, and the motion was seconded by Thomas Santoro. The motion passed by unanimous decision.

## **PENDING APPLICATIONS:**

### **A. TOWN OF BARKHAMSTED, applicant/owner, 33 New Hartford Road. Proposed activities for construction of addition to Town Garage.**

After the Commission discussion of various issues, Martha Sullivan moved to approve the application with conditions. Caprice Shaw seconded the motion. The Commission then discussed and decided upon the conditions, which are as follows:

- Permanent markers shall be placed at 100 foot to 200 foot intervals along the surveyed wetlands boundaries, before cutting or clearing;
- Activity should follow 2002 Sediment and Erosion Guidelines and be noted on the plan;
- Inland Wetlands Officer to be notified one week prior to construction, in writing;
- Any excess materials will be removed from the 100-foot buffer (i.e. no stockpiling);
- Permit conditions shall be placed on the site plan and filed MYLAR site plan;
- Certified Soil Scientist to sign plan confirming that field locations of wetland flags are accurately shown on approved plan;
- If individual site plans differ in any way from the submitted plan, then the individual site plan must be resubmitted to the Wetlands Commission;
- The Engineer, First Selectman, and Highway Supervisor shall work together to select catch basin inserts that remove oil, heavy metal, and other contaminants and are most appropriate for the proposed activity;
- The Engineer, First Selectman, and Highway Supervisor shall
  - (a) draft a spill contingency plan for oil and/or hazardous materials;
  - (b) select on-site spill kits as appropriate; and
  - (c) train all employees regarding the spill contingency plan.

The motion by Martha Sullivan was amended to reflect the conditions. Motion seconded by L. Michael Ream. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

## **ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS:**

Rista. Holda handed out copies of a letter she sent to Mr. Dean Martel of East Hartland Road.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Linda Ganem moved to accept the minutes for the special meeting of February 12, 2009. The motion was seconded by Martha Sullivan. Motion passed by vote of four in favor, none opposed. Thomas Santoro and Caprice Shaw abstained from the vote.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**     None

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS LEGAL AND PROPER TO COME BEFORE SAID MEETING:**

The Chairman in the next month he will review the amendments to the regulations proposed by the CT DEP.

The Chairman expressed concerns about the gravel activity taking place along the water course at the Town Garage, which activity seems to be happening without erosion control measures and a valid permit. It was decided that Rista Holda and Debbie Brydon will research if there is a valid permit for the activity.

The Chairman expressed concerns about the state activity in the same area. Rista Holda stated that she believes that the Commission does not have jurisdiction over State activity.

The Chairman expressed a strong desire to organize with the Town of New Hartford a presentation by NEMO (Non-point education for Municipal Officials)

Thomas Santoro moved to adjourn the meeting. Linda Ganem seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Thomas Santoro – acting secretary