

**TOWN OF BARKHAMSTED - INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING – MINUTES
MONDAY, MAY 13, 2013 – 7:00PM
BARKHAMSTED TOWN HALL**

APPROVED: _____ **DATE:** _____

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

ABSENT: Linda Ganem, Jesse Edmonds and Alternate, 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. Town of Barkhamsted, applicant, Day Road, bridge, East West Hill Road, bridge, Legeyt Road, culvert and Ratlum Road, culvert. Application to repair four bridges/culverts.

Rob Hiltabrand, Town Engineer presented each plan to the Commission for the repair of 4 bridges/culverts on Day Road, Legeyt Road, East West Hill Road and Ratlum Road. All four repairs will be on one application as the funds for the repairs are all through a STEAP grant awarded to the Town, and all four repairs will be done at the same time by four different contractors who are awarded the jobs through a bidding process.

Day Road: This job includes the repair of the bridge membrane and removal of debris from the last two storms to straighten out the channel and stream bank stabilization. This will require a road closure while repairs are being done;

East West Hill Road: This job includes replacement of one wing wall and new foundation, removal of debris to straighten the channel, placement of a fish vein and repair to head wall of bridge and change profile of road to improve the sightline when entering Route 44. This road will not be closed;

Legeyt Road: This job includes the replacement of two undersized corrugated metal pipes with 2 box culverts side by side and fill with natural cobbles and the placement of three weirs (one on each end and one in the middle). This road will need to be closed during repairs; and

Ratlum Road: This job includes repairing one large deteriorating corrugated metal pipe by placing a new PVC liner inside the present pipe and then filling space between two pipes with grout. This is the only job within the 100 year flood zone. This road will not be closed.

Mr. Hiltabrand advised the commission that a site walk was done to all four sites with Debra Brydon, DEEP representatives as well as people from the State Fisheries. DEEP has determined that all four projects will be considered Class I and do not need Army Corps of Engineers. Mr. Hiltabrand has also met, individually with all the abutting property owners and gone over the plans and scope of work. The fire department has also been notified as there is a dry hydrant at two of the sites.

Chairman, Greaser asked that the sequencing of events be placed on the plans. Ms. Sullivan made a motion to accept the application for all four bridge/culvert projects as a regulated, significant activity and set for Public hearing for June 4, 2013, seconded by Mr. Tooker and unanimously approved.

B. Connole, John, applicant/owner, 66 Hillcrest Drive. Application to stabilize edge of driveway and landscape.

Debra Brydon, Inland/Wetlands Enforcement Officer explained that this was an "After the fact" application She had witnessed the top soil being deposited into the wetlands on a Sunday and immediately called the applicant on Monday. The applicant, Mr. Connole was very cooperative and immediately

installed the silt fence with hay bales and called Northwest Conservation to help him stabilize the bank with proper plantings and tree wells to save the trees that had been buried with top soil and bark mulch. Mr. Connole explained to the Commission that the driveway is very narrow and has a dangerous bank and his wife has slid on ice in the winter and almost gone over the bank.

Ms. Sullivan made a motion to accept the "After the fact" application as a regulated and significant activity, with the condition that the applicant immediately get a planting plan from Northwest Conservation to stabilize the bank and install the tree wells and bring the plan to the next meeting with pictures of the plantings installed, seconded by Mr. Reynolds and unanimously approved.

2. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None

3. PENDING APPLICATIONS:

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Due to this being an "After the fact" application and the urgency to stabilize the bank and placement of landscaping for no further damage to the wetlands, applicant will immediately begin the work.

4. SHOW CAUSE HEARING – CEASE AND DESIST:

A. Robert Larose, 65 Gavitt Road – Show Cause, Cease and Desist.

Mr. Larose has agreed to meet with Debra Brydon, ZEO/Inland Wetlands Officer to discuss construction of illegal barn. She will also discuss at this time the Cease and Desist for wetlands

5. INLAND/WETLANDS ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT:

Debra Brydon advised the Commission of the work that was being done at Matt Motley's residence at 420 West River Road. The grading work that was done in late Fall of 2012 was done without silt fence and there was fill pushed into the buffer area and possibly wetlands. Ms. Brydon also did a site walk with Northwest Conservation to this site and it was agreed that the dirty fill would be cleaned out, as well as the downed trees and then the bank would be stabilized with plantings and the placement of large boulders to hold the soil. Ms. Brydon will be meeting with Mr. Motley in the next week to make sure that the stabilization is progressing.

Ms. Brydon also advised the commission that the case against KT Worth has ended and a Stipulated Judgment was signed. All the commission members present were given a copy of the Stipulated Judgment.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A. March 5, 2013 regular meeting.

MOTION Mr. Ream, second Ms. Sullivan, to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2013 regular meeting as written; the motion was unanimously approved.

8. CORRESPONDENCE:

Reviewed; no action taken.

MOTION Mr. Ream, second Mr. Tooker, to adjourn the meeting at 8:45PM; unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

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