

**TOWN OF BARKHAMSTED  
INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING – MINUTES  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2012 AT 7PM  
BARKHAMSTED TOWN HALL**

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

**DATE:**

**PRESENT:** Chairman John Greaser, Jesse Edmands, Linda Ganem, Michael Ream, Gary Reynolds; Alternate Christopher Labbe; Interim Wetlands Enforcement Officer Debra Brydon; Recording Secretary Stacey Sefcik.

**ABSENT:** Martha Sullivan, Christopher Tooker.

Chairman John Greaser called the meeting to order at 7:03PM. All regular members present were seated for the meeting. The entire proceedings were recorded digitally and are available at the Town Hall.

**MOTION** Mr. Edmands, second Mr. Reynolds, to amend the agenda to add item 1B - **Town of Barkhamsted, applicant; Charles D. Ahles, et. al., owners, Mountain Road. (PHASE II) Application for stabilization of stream banks and repairs to culverts in unnamed tributary to the Farmington River;** unanimously approved.

**1. NEW APPLICATIONS:**

Ms. Brydon distributed copies of both application packets to members of the Commission. Ms. Brydon noted that Mr. Labbe was listed as an abutter on both items 1A and 1B, and Mr. Greaser reiterated that, as five regular members were present, Mr. Labbe was not seated for this meeting. Ms. Brydon explained that the drainage system along Mountain Road was old and in need of repair. Because it was not working properly during last year's storms, storm water came down the road and washed out the Riverton Inn parking lot to the point that the septic system was partially exposed. The storm water, and potentially untreated water from the septic system, was therefore able to flow directly into the Farmington River. She explained that the Town of Barkhamsted had received a grant from the State in order to repair the situation, which resulted in the following two applications.

**A. Town of Barkhamsted, applicant; Charles D. Ahles, et. al., owners, Mountain Road. (PHASE I) Application for stabilization of stream banks and repairs to culverts in unnamed tributary to the Farmington River.**

Ms. Brydon read the description of the work proposed as a part of this application, which included channel improvements, increasing the diameter of culverts, and creating a new rip rap plunge pool. The Commission reviewed the maps and plans of the proposed work. Ms. Brydon said that the work included 390 linear feet of piping and culverts along Mountain Road. The total area disturbed would be .74 acres, while the total wetlands disturbance was .10 acres. None of the work proposed in this phase would be within the 100-year floodplain.

**MOTION** Ms. Ganem, second Mr. Edmands, to accept the application in the matter of **Town of Barkhamsted, applicant; Charles D. Ahles, et. al., owners, Mountain Road. (PHASE I) Application for stabilization of stream banks and repairs to culverts in unnamed tributary to the Farmington River**, determine it to be significant, and to schedule a public hearing for the March 6, 2012 regular meeting; unanimously approved.

**B. Town of Barkhamsted, applicant; Charles D. Ahles, et. al., owners, Mountain Road. (PHASE II) Application for stabilization of stream banks and repairs to culverts in unnamed tributary to the Farmington River.**

Ms. Brydon read the description of the work proposed as a part of this application, which included removal and disposal of an existing sewage disposal system and force main as well as tree cutting. The Commission reviewed the maps and plans of this section of proposed work. This section included 504 linear feet of piping and culverts. The total area of disturbance was .79 acres, with .24 acres of wetlands disturbance; .the amount of work proposed in the 100-year floodplain was .18 acres. Ms. Brydon explained that while a new septic system was to be installed, no leeching field work was proposed. Mr. Ream asked whether this work would impact the foundation of the Riverton Inn. Ms. Brydon stated that while the work would be passing close to the Riverton Inn, it was not going to be so close as to impact the foundation.

**MOTION** Mr. Reynolds, second Ms. Ganem, to accept the application in the matter of **Town of Barkhamsted, applicant; Charles D. Ahles, et. al., owners, Mountain Road. (PHASE II) Application for stabilization of stream banks and repairs to culverts in unnamed tributary to the Farmington River**, determine it to be significant, and to schedule a public hearing for the March 6, 2012 regular meeting; unanimously approved.

The Commission briefly discussed the sedimentation and erosion control measures that would be needed for both applications. Mr. Greaser strongly encouraged site visits for members of the Commission.

**2. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

No business was discussed.

**3. PENDING APPLICATIONS:**

**A. Jay Buck, 25 Aquatic Road, applicant/owner – Application for repair of existing stone wall and relevel patio.**

Ms. Brydon explained that the applicant had sent a letter requesting a continuance to the March 6, 2012 regular meeting. The Commission then agreed to table this matter to the March 6, 2012 regular meeting.

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

Ms. Brydon briefly detailed her enforcement activities over the past month. She informed the Commission that the Town of New Hartford was going to be holding a public forum regarding the placing of beach sand above and below the water line at West Hill Pond.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**A. January 3, 2012 regular meeting.**

**MOTION** Ms. Ganem, second Mr. Ream, to approve the minutes of the January 3, 2012 regular meeting as written; unanimously approved.

**6. CORRESPONDENCE:**

The Commission reviewed the Winter 2011 edition of *The Habitat*, the January/February 2012 edition of *Connecticut Wildlife*, and the 2012 Registry of Soil Scientists from the The Society of Soil Scientists of Southern New England.

**7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS PROPER TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION.**

No business was discussed.

**MOTION** Mr. Ream, second Mr. Edmands, to adjourn the meeting at 7:45PM; unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacey M. Sefcik  
Recording Secretary