

**TOWN OF BARKHAMSTED
INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION - WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING – MINUTES
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2010
BARKHAMSTED TOWN HALL – 7:00PM**

APPROVED: _____
DATE: **October 5, 2010**

- PRESENT:** Chairman John Greaser, Jesse Edmands, Michael Ream, Gary Reynolds, Martha Sullivan, Christopher Tooker; Alternate Christopher Labbe; Inland Wetlands Enforcement Officer Rista Malanca, Recording Secretary Stacey Sefcik.
- ABSENT:** Linda Ganem, Caprice Shaw.

Chairman John Greaser called the meeting to order at 7:05PM. All regular members present were seated for the meeting. Alternate Christopher Labbe was seated for Caprice Shaw. The entire proceedings were recorded on audio tape and are available at the Town Hall.

1. NEW APPLICATIONS:

A. Town of Barkhamsted, applicant. Repair to Miner Lane drainage pond.

First Selectman Donald Stein addressed the Commission regarding this application. Mr. Stein briefly reviewed the proposed plans with the Commission, explaining that they were changed to eliminate pipes down the hill from the drainage pond. He said the Town Engineer and the other consultants involved believed that a swale down from the pond would be sufficient, provided the banks were adequately stabilized. Mr. Stein explained that the Town had been working with the MDC, the Farmington River Coordinating Committee, and Sean Hayden of the Northwest Conservation District regarding this issue. He suggested that the Inland Wetlands Commission hold a special meeting to have a site walk with the Town Engineer and Mr. Hayden in order to better understand the nature of the problem and the work proposed to resolve it. Mr. Stein stated that he was hoping for approval of the plans at the next regular meeting, so that the Town could at least complete repairs to the pond before the weather got too cold.

Mr. Tooker asked if the pond was typically full, and Mr. Stein replied negatively, explaining that it was not currently, but that it did get full in the spring. He and Ms. Malanca both stated that, as the pond was at least 20 years old, it was probably filled up with approximately 12-18 inches of sedimentation. Mr. Tooker then asked if the material from the washout was recoverable, and Mr. Stein explained that the plan was to leave it where it now was and to stabilize the banks of the washout so that no more occurred. Mr. Stein then briefly explained the necessary wetlands crossings to access the site, noting that some trees would have to be cut down in order to allow equipment access.

MOTION Mr. Labbe, second Mr. Edmands, to accept the application in the matter of **Town of Barkhamsted, applicant. Repair to Miner Lane drainage pond**, determine it to be significant, and schedule a public hearing for this matter on October 5, 2010; unanimously approved.

MOTION Mr. Reynolds, second Ms. Sullivan, to schedule a special meeting of the Inland Wetlands Commission for 5PM on Tuesday, October 5, 2010 for the purpose of visiting the site of the washout and then returning to the Town Hall to conduct the public hearing on this matter; unanimously approved.

2. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

No business was discussed.

3. PENDING APPLICATIONS:

No business was discussed.

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4. INLAND WETLANDS ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT:

Ms. Malanca informed the Commission that she had granted 3 agent determinations in the past month for 17 Gavitt Road, 10 Warner Road, and the Town of Barkhamsted.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A. August 3, 2010 regular meeting minutes.

MOTION Mr. Edmands, second Mr. Tooker, to approve the minutes of the August 3, 2010 regular meeting as written; unanimously approved.

6. CORRESPONDENCE:

Mr. Greaser distributed a pamphlet from the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities regarding their upcoming annual convention.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS LEGAL AND PROPER TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION:

A. Walter and Debra Blair, 40 Warner Road. Five year extension of permit to clean culvert under driveway.

Ms. Malanca and Mr. Greaser stated that this had since been withdrawn from the agenda.

MOTION Ms. Sullivan, second Ms. Tooker, to adjourn the meeting at 7:35PM; unanimously approved.

**Respectfully submitted,
Stacey M. Sefcik,
Inland Wetlands Commission Recording Secretary**