

**TOWN OF BARKHAMSTED  
INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION  
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2009**

Chairman, John Greaser called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Members present were Caprice Shaw, Chris Tooker, Linda Ganem, and alternate member Thomas Santoro was seated. The new Inland Wetlands Enforcement Officer and Zoning Enforcement Officer, Rista Holda attended the meeting.

On behalf of the Inland Wetlands Commission, the Chairman welcomed Rista Holda to the position of Inland Wetlands Enforcement Officer and Zoning Enforcement Officer for the Town of Barkhamsted. In so doing the Chairman noted Rista Holda's many qualifications for the positions.

**NEW APPLICATIONS:** None

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None

**PENDING APPLICATIONS:** None

**ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS:** None

The Chairman moved to place "Any other Business..." next on the agenda ahead of "Approval of Minutes". Caprice Shaw seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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

**Transfer wetlands permit from Leroy Knapp, 330 Park Road to Louis and Carol Parrott.**

Rista Holda summarized the background on this file: in the spring/summer of 2008, the Inland Wetlands Commission issued a permit to Leroy Knapp to build a house. After construction, Leroy Knapp performed a first time split, dividing the property in two portions. Applicants now propose to construct a house on the second piece. Rista Holda pointed out that all of the proposed activity is outside of the 100-foot buffer.

The Chairman stated that the first issue is one of jurisdiction; does the proposed activity pose a likely impact on the wetlands. After discussion, the Inland Wetlands Commission determined that the proposed activity does not pose an impact on the wetlands and therefore no application is needed.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The Chairman pointed out needed corrections to the draft minutes of the November 4, 2009 meeting: (1) change “applicant” to “Inland Wetlands Commission” on the first page, 13<sup>th</sup> line of text, 9<sup>th</sup> word; (2) delete the repeated “to sign” on the second page, 17<sup>th</sup> line of text, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> words; (3) replace “ENS” with “E&S” on the second page, 23<sup>rd</sup> line of text; 12<sup>th</sup> word; and (3) replace “holding” with “hold” on the third page, 6<sup>th</sup> line of text, 6<sup>th</sup> word.

Thomas Santoro moved to accept the minutes as amended above. Motion seconded by Caprice Shaw. Motion passed unanimously.

Regarding the October 2008 minutes, the Chairman moved to table acceptance again until the February 2009 regular meeting. Chris Tooker seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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

None were raised at this time.

## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND SET MEETING DATES:**

The proposed dates for the regular meetings in 2009 were submitted to the commission members. Those dates are attached to these minutes. Thomas Santoro noted that the October 6, 2009 meeting would be the last meeting he would be able to attend as alternate on the Inland Wetlands Commission. Linda Ganem moved to accept the proposed dates for the regular meetings. Chris Tooker seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

The Chairman moved to table the election of officers until the next meeting when more commissioners would be present. Caprice Shaw seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

## **CORRESPONDENCE:**

All correspondence was reviewed. No action was taken.

Rista Holda discussed Public Act No. 05-124 which provides, generally, that any person filing a permit application for any work on property on which there is a conservation easement must first give the easement holder notice of the application.

The Inland Wetlands Commission then briefly discussed adopting language for conservation easements.

The Inland Wetlands Commission then discussed the organization of projects that it might wish to accomplish in the year 2009. The commission decided that in the next meeting the members would list, prioritize, and schedule as appropriate such projects, which might include the following: NEMO speaker on non-point source pollutants, conditions in logging projects, adopting language for conservation easements, P.A. 05-124, owner maintenance vs. changes made in protected areas, new DEP regulations, possibly increasing the regulated area around wetlands such as done in the Town of Burlington, and reviewing case law important to inland wetlands commissions.

Thomas Santoro moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm. Linda Ganem seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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