

**TOWN OF BARKHAMSTED
INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION - WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING – MINUTES
TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 2010
BARKHAMSTED TOWN HALL – 7:00PM**

PRESENT: Chairman John Greaser, Linda Ganem, Michael Ream, Martha Sullivan, Chris Tooker, Gary Reynolds; Alternate Christopher Labbe; Inland Wetlands Enforcement Officer Rista Malanca, Recording Secretary Stacey Sefcik.

ABSENT: Jesse Edmands, Caprice Shaw.

Chairman John Greaser called the meeting to order at 7:00PM. Christopher Labbe was seated for Chris Tooker until his arrival at 7:05PM. All regular members present were seated for the meeting. The entire proceedings were recorded on audio tape and are available at the Town Hall.

1. NEW APPLICATIONS:
No business was discussed.

MOTION Ms. Sullivan, second Mr. Labbe, to amend the agenda to address item 3B first and then return to the agenda as written; unanimously approved.

3. PENDING APPLICATIONS:

B. Robert Pelletier, 2 Dylan Beach Road. Application for Removal of Dead Trees, Planting New Trees, and Removal of Sand from West Hill Pond Lakebed during 2011 Annual Drawdown.

Mr. Pelletier addressed the Commission explaining that he wished to remove dead hemlock trees from a location on his property about 30 feet from the water and to replant new shrubs or hemlock in their place. He distributed pictures to the Commission showing the location of the work and that the tops of the trees had already been removed. Mr. Pelletier explained that he had looked into the use of a stump grinder as requested by the Commission; however, it was felt that a stump grinder could not be used in this location due to the close proximity of the stumps to a chain-link fence. He said it was also felt that it would be harder to plant the new hemlocks if the roots of the older ones were left in the ground. Therefore, Mr. Pelletier requested to be able to use a backhoe to complete the work and stated that he would install silt fencing.

He then explained that he also wanted to remove 4-6 yards of sand from the lakebed adjacent to his beach during the 2011 annual drawdown. Mr. Pelletier explained that the drawdown in 2011 would be 3 feet instead of the usual 2 feet, which would mean that the area he proposed to work in would be above the water level. He stated that the wind and waves brought the sand from the adjacent Laurel Lake Association beach into the cove where his beach was and filled it in. Mr. Pelletier stated that he had received approval from this Commission to do the same work in 2006 with the condition that he use a containment boom and that no machinery enter the water.

Ms. Holda recommended approval of the application, stating that Mr. Pelletier was using best practices in his proposed work. Mr. Greaser concurred, stating that Mr. Pelletier had a history of being a good steward of the pond.

MOTION Mr. Ream, second Ms. Sullivan, to approve the application in the matter of **Robert Pelletier, 2 Dylan Beach Road. Application for Removal of Dead Trees, Planting New Trees, and Removal of Sand from West Hill Pond Lakebed during 2011 Annual Drawdown** per all oral and written testimony and finding that there are no other reasonable and prudent alternatives, with all of the Inland Wetlands Commission's standard conditions and with the following additional conditions:

1. Best management practices are to be followed.
2. No machinery is to be in the water at any time.
3. A containment boom must be installed prior to commencing work.

The motion was unanimously approved.

2. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A. **Bedosky, John M., applicant/owner, Lots 70A and 71A Bridle Drive. Application for proposed construction of a residence.**

Jim Rotundo of Rotundo Engineering addressed the Commission on behalf of the applicant. Mr. Rotundo submitted revised plans that he stated were just finished today as a result of his working with the Town Engineer Tom Grimaldi. Mr. Rotundo distributed an email he received from the Town Engineer stating that Mr. Grimaldi approved of the revised plans. Mr. Rotundo then explained the revisions made to the plans. He stated that he had added a swale that brought stormwater to a raingarden behind the house and distributed to the Commission information regarding raingardens. Mr. Rotundo then explained changes made to the proposed construction sequence.

Mr. Greaser stated that he had visited the site and asked about the source of the water at the proposed water crossing at the center of the two lots. Mr. Bedosky stated that that area was mostly rocks and that it was usually dry during the summer. Ms. Holda recommended that any work in that location be performed in the dry season. Mr. Greaser then asked why there was silt fencing already in the area. Mr. Bedosky stated that it was likely from when Bridle Drive was first constructed many years ago. Mr. Greaser then asked if the applicant would be willing to use a more environmentally friendly alternative to plastic silt fence, such as woodchips. Mr. Bedosky stated that the Commission could require him to remove the silt fencing. Mr. Greaser asked if Mr. Bedosky had Farmington Valley Health District approval, and Ms. Holda explained that the applicant had conceptual approval and would not receive final approval until the 2 lots were officially combined into 1 lot by the Planning and Zoning Commission. Ms. Ganem asked about maintenance and upkeep of the raingarden. Ms. Holda explained that the Commission could require the applicant had to submit a maintenance plan to be approved by the Inland Wetlands Enforcement Officer as a condition of approval, and that the plan could be submitted during the preconstruction meeting.

Mr. Greaser then opened the floor to public comment; however, no one present expressed a desire to speak.

MOTION Mr. Reynolds, second Mr. Labbe, to close the Public Hearing in the matter of **Bedosky, John M., applicant/owner, Lots 70A and 71A Bridle Drive. Application for proposed construction of a residence;** unanimously approved.

3. PENDING APPLICATIONS:

A. **Bedosky, John M., applicant/owner, Lots 70A and 71A Bridle Drive. Application for proposed construction of a residence.**

MOTION Ms. Ganem, second Ms. Sullivan, to approve the application in the matter of **Bedosky, John M., applicant/owner, Lots 70A and 71A Bridle Drive. Application for proposed construction of a residence** per all oral and written testimony and finding that there are no other reasonable and prudent alternatives, with all of the Inland Wetlands Commission's standard conditions and with the following additional conditions:

1. A maintenance plan and final details for the raingarden must be submitted to the Zoning Enforcement Officer and approved prior to issuance of a zoning permit.
2. Any work in the area of the wetlands crossing must be performed during the dry season.
3. Either self-decomposing sedimentation and erosion control measures must be approved by the Zoning Enforcement Officer and used by the applicant or silt fencing must be removed immediately after the site is stabilized.
4. Lots 70A and 71A must be merged and proof submitted to the Zoning Enforcement Officer prior to the issuance of a zoning permit.

The motion was unanimously approved.

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4. INLAND WETLANDS ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT:

Ms. Holda explained that she had visited a property by Morgan Brook where the Commission had approved a swimming pool construction. She explained that the property owner had not moved the stockpile as required as part of the approval. Ms. Holda informed the Commission that she had contacted the property owner and informed him that this work must be performed, and he agreed to do it in the spring.

Ms. Holda then informed the Commission that, as a result of the overall decline of conditions in West Hill Pond, the Inland Wetlands Commission of the Town of New Hartford was holding a training session regarding Watershed Management Planning on March 30th and had invited the Inland Wetlands Commission from the Town of Barkhamsted to attend as well.

Lastly, Ms. Holda informed the Commission of upcoming DEP training sessions for new Inland Wetlands Commission members and distributed information regarding these programs.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A. February 2, 2010 regular meeting minutes.

MOTION Ms. Sullivan, second Ms. Ganem, to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2010 regular meeting with the correction in condition #2 of the approval motion in item 3A as follows: "Wetlands markers must be installed to delineate all wetlands borders prior to the start of any work."; unanimously approved.

6. CORRESPONDENCE:

Mr. Greaser passed around a letter from the DEP dated January 7, 2010 regarding additional repairs to be performed on the dam at West Hill Pond.

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

Ms. Sullivan distributed an informational notice regarding a workshop to be held on April 3, 2010 sponsored by the Housatonic Watershed Commission. The Commission then discussed snow removal in commercial parking lots, its potential impact on adjacent wetlands areas, and how to ensure snow storage does not impede low-impact development strategies.

MOTION Ms. Ganem, second Mr. Labbe, to adjourn the meeting at 8:10PM; unanimously approved.

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

**John Greaser, Chairman
Inland Wetlands Commission and
Water Pollution Control Authority**

DATE: _____