

**TOWN OF BARKHAMSTED
INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION - WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2009
BARKHAMSTED TOWN HALL – 7:00PM**

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

Chairman John Greaser called the meeting to order at 7:02PM. 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:

No business was discussed.

2. New Business:

A. Informal Discussion with Lenard Engineering Regarding Proposed Resubdivision By Lavieri Group, LLC, 166 Old North Road.

Todd Parsons, PE, of Lenard Engineering, addressed the Commission on behalf of The Lavieri Group, LLC. Mr. Parsons stated that the owner of the lot at 166 Old North Road proposed a 3-lot subdivision. He then explained the topography and natural features of the parcel, noting that there were woods at the back of the property, a stone wall and tree line at the front, and that the property gently sloped away from the road. Mr. Parsons stated that the property was not in the aquifer protection area, and that there were no wetlands on the parcel itself; however, wetlands were identified on an adjacent parcel 20 feet from the property line. He explained that the owner proposed three 2-acre lots, with all activity occurring in the meadow area at the center of each lot. Mr. Parsons pointed out that this was well beyond the 100-foot buffer, and that the closest activity would be 250 feet away from the wetlands. He said that the site work would be minimal, with at most a few feet of grading.

Mr. Parsons then explained that the plans for this application would be reviewed by Martin Connor, Town Planning Consultant, and Tom Grimaldi, the Town Engineer, and that a detailed sedimentation and erosion control plan had also been submitted. Mr. Parsons concluded by requesting that the Inland Wetlands Commission issue a determination that no wetlands permit is required for this proposed activity.

The Commission then reviewed the plans for the proposed activity. Hearing no further comments or questions from the Commission:

MOTION Mr. Tooker, second Ms. Ganem, to determine that, after review of the plans submitted by The Lavieri Group for a 3-lot resubdivision on 166 Old North Road, no wetlands permit is necessary and that this constitutes a report to the Planning and Zoning Commission; unanimously approved.

MOTION Ms. Ganem, second Mr. Tooker, to amend the agenda to include discussion of Motley Permit Modification Request, and then to return to the agenda as written; unanimously approved.

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B. **Permit Modification Request – Matt and Kate Motley, 420 West River Road.**

Referencing a letter from Rista Holda, Inland Wetlands Enforcement Officer dated September 1, 2009, Mr. Greaser explained that the applicants were looking to modify the permit that the Commission had approved on August 4, 2009.

Bill Towle, the applicants' builder, then addressed the Commission. Mr. Towle explained that after the original approval was granted, they had started work and found that the foundations were in disrepair. Because of this, he was hoping to add 2 additional hand-dug footings.

The Commission reviewed the application. Hearing no comments or questions from the Commission:

MOTION Mr. Ream, second Ms. Ganem, to approve the modification, as per all oral and written testimony, to the permit for 420 West River Road, Matt and Kate Motley, approved on August 4, 2009, and that all original conditions shall apply; unanimously approved.

3. **Public Hearings:**

No business was discussed.

4. **Pending Applications:**

No business was discussed.

5. **Inland Wetlands Enforcement Officer's Report:**

No business was discussed.

6. **Approval of August 4, 2009 Regular Meeting Minutes:**

The Commission agreed to continue this matter as no one had received copies of the August minutes.

7. **Correspondence:**

Mr. Greaser circulated copies of *The Habitat* and *Connecticut Wildlife* for the Commission's perusal. Mr. Greaser also passed around a copy of Tom Santoro's resignation letter. Several members of the Commission expressed appreciation for his years of service on the Inland Wetlands Commission.

8. **Any Other Business Legal And Proper to Come Before the Commission:**

A. **New Alternate Commission member and New Recording Secretary.**

Mr. Greaser welcomed Christopher Labbe to the Commission, explaining that he would be an alternate member. Mr. Greaser also welcomed Stacey Sefcik as the new recording secretary for the Inland Wetlands Commission.

MOTION Ms. Ganem, second Mr. Tooker, to adjourn the meeting at 7:20PM; unanimously approved.

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MOTION Ms. Ganem, second Mr. Ream, to reopen the regular meeting of the Inland Wetlands Commission at 7:32PM; unanimously approved.

Mr. Greaser explained that the minutes of the August 4, 2009 regular meeting had been located and distributed to the Commission members.

Ms. Ganem expressed concern with regard to the Motley application approved at the August 4, 2009 regular meeting as to whether a requirement had been stipulated that a certified soil scientist must confirm the locations of wetlands flags. The Commission reviewed the minutes and application materials.

MOTION Mr. Tooker, second Ms. Ganem, to table approval of the August 4, 2009 regular meeting minutes pending clarification regarding the stated requirements for the Motley application approval; unanimously approved.

MOTION Ms. Ganem, second Mr. Tooker, to adjourn the meeting at 7:40PM; unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

**Stacey M. Sefcik
Inland Wetlands Commission Recording Secretary**