

**TOWN OF BARKHAMSTED  
INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION  
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2015  
BARKHAMSTED TOWN HALL  
7:00 p.m.  
AGENDA**

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

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PRESENT:** Chairman John Greaser, Martha Sullivan, Inland Wetlands Enforcement Officer, Debra Brydon, Tony Gorman seated for Linda Ganem, Fred Reeder seated for Chris Tooker

**ABSENT:** Linda Ganem, Chris Tooker

Chairman John Greaser called the meeting to order at 7:00 a.m. All regular members along with alternates Tony Gorman and Fred Reeder were seated for the meeting.

**1. NEW APPLICATIONS:** None

**2. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

**A. Town of Barkhamsted, applicant. Park Road. Application to repair culvert 1800+/- feet Northwest from corner of Day Road, Phase I and Phase II, west of Beaver Brook**

Rob Hiltbrand, Town Engineer, presented the Commission with plans for 2 repair projects, Phase I and Phase II culvert repair and stream renovation on Park Road. Beginning with Phase I, the purpose for the repair is to upgrade the capacity of the culvert. The repair has a gravel base to allow fish to easily move through the structure. The plan includes reusing the old pipe to put a bi-pass pipe to help with large storms.

Chairman Greaser asked if there was an assessment done on Beaver Brook regarding a fish study and suggested a pre and post operation on fish. Mr. Hiltbrand stated that he will get information on the fishery from Don Misling of the DEEP. The proposed date to begin repairs, if approved, will be in the spring of 2016. Chairman Greaser asked if there is no other feasible and prudent alternative. Mr. Hiltbrand stated this plan was the most feasible and prudent alternative.

Phase II is farther up Park Road, west of Beaver Brook Road and involves a culvert repair and stream renovation plan. The goal would be to repair the existing masonry wall to include decayed sections and joints, to remove the existing arch over culvert and dispose of it, off site. A plan to remove 3x5

galvanized channel from the top of the masonry wall existing masonry walls to remain. There are no capacity issues, no flooding issues. This plan is to repair an aging structure. Mr. Hiltbrand is proposing to repair the arch, leaving masonry wall in place and putting a precast concrete arch spanning the top. Mr. Hiltbrand thought about tearing it down and putting a box culvert but the current phase makes more sense. The repair will also add height to the road and even it out. There will be a 2 week closure, then alternating weeks following 2 week closure. There will be no work to the brook except some masonry work.

Mr. Hiltbrand also felt this plan was the most feasible and prudent alternative. Chairman Greaser asked if there were any questions to which there were none. The Chair accepted the motion to close the public hearing. The motion was made by Martha Sullivan and seconded by Tony Gorman and unanimously approved.

### **3. Pending Applications:**

#### **A. Town of Barkhamsted. Park Road. Application to repair culvert 1800+/-feet Northwest from corner of Day Road, Phase I and Phase II, west of Beaver Brook.**

Chairman Greaser stated, hearing the feasible and prudent alternatives to both Phase I and Phase II and the systematic approach to engineering of Phase I and Phase II, the Chair opened for further discussion to which there was none. The Chair accepted the motion and permit was granted. The motion was made by Martha Sullivan and seconded by Fred Reeder and unanimously approved.

### **4. SHOW CAUSE, CEASE AND DESIST:**

Larose, Robert, 65 Gavitt Road. This item is status quo.

### **5. INLAND/WETLANDS ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT:**

Inland Wetlands Enforcement Officer, Debra Brydon updated the Commission on 3 Ratlum Mountain and 2 Day Road properties.

Ms. Brydon received a call from Kevin Clark, Clark Engineering in Granby about 228 Old North Rd, the house next to White Pines. White Pines Campsite owns the house and they have an emergency septic repair that will be done in the next few weeks. They are then putting that house on the market to sell to use the proceeds to begin the septic repairs at the campsite.

Martha Sullivan stated that there are vacancies for the Inland Wetland Commission and suggested that the Commission make alternates, Tony Gorman and Fred Reeder, members. The Commission can then start to recruit a few alternates. Ms. Brydon said she will go through Don Stein for the approval.

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

The kick off meeting for the new Plan of Conservation and Development due in 2017 is tomorrow night. A representative from each commission is invited to attend. Martha Sullivan will attend for the Inland/Wetlands Commission. In this meeting, all Commissions will gather to discuss ideas and brainstorm. The authorizing body is the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Debbie Brydon showed the commission members a plan from 27 Hillcrest Drive, Robert and Carol Geer for an amendment to their IWC permit. The owners would like to change the driveway and bring it farther away from the wetlands and reduce the grade on the turn. The commission asked for more detail on the plans, ie distance from the wetlands, the new grade of the driveway and a construction sequence. Staff will ask for these changes to be made to the plan and present them at the next meeting.

**7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion made by Martha Sullivan, to approve the minutes of September 1, 2015, with corrections. seconded by Fred Reeder and unanimously approved.

**8. CORRESPONDENCE:** None

Chairman Greaser accepted the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 P.M., Motion made by Martha Sullivan and seconded by Tony Gorman and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted by, Vicki Connors