

**TOWN OF BARKHAMSTED - INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING – MINUTES
TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 2013 – 7:00PM
BARKHAMSTED TOWN HALL**

APPROVED: _____ **DATE:** _____

PRESENT: Chairman John Greaser, Gary Reynolds, Michael Ream, Christopher Tooker, Interim Wetlands Enforcement Officer Debra Brydon;

ABSENT: Linda Ganem, Jesse Edmonds, Martha Sullivan and Alternate, Christopher Labbe

Chairman John Greaser called the meeting to order at 7:20PM. All regular members present were seated for the meeting. The entire proceedings were recorded digitally and are available at the Town Hall.

1. NEW APPLICATIONS:

A. Fayer, Ronald and Jessica, applicant/owner, 32 Center Hill Road. Application for construction of horse barn.

Applicant was not present at the meeting, Debra Brydon presented the application to the commission. She had been on site and reviewed the property. She showed the commission pictures of the property and the proposed location of the new horse barn. The barn location was 35 feet from the brook.

Tooker made a motion to accept the application as a regulated, significant activity and set for Public Hearing for July 2, 2013 at 7:00 pm, seconded by Reynolds and unanimously approved.

B. Hughes, Jim, applicant/owner, 11 Case Road. Application for construction of single family residence.

The applicant has requested that the commission not accept this application until the July meeting. A letter from applicant's attorney, Paul Freeman was read into the record.

2. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A. Town of Barkhamsted, applicant, Day Road, bridge, East West Hill Road, bridge, Legeyt Road, culvert and Ratlum Road, culvert. Application to repair four bridges/culverts.

The public hearing was opened at 7:30 pm. Rob Hiltabrand, Town Engineer explained that the funds necessary to cover these repairs were obtained from a State STEAP Grant and all work must be completed by December 31, 2013. The Town Engineer, First Selectman and Inland/Wetlands Enforcement officer all met with DEEP representatives on all four sites, and further met with all the property owners abutting the bridges and culverts.

Day Road: This job will include stream bank stabilization of Beaver Brook and armor coating on the bridge abutment. Mr. Hiltabrand presented a construction sequence for this project.

East West Hill Road: This job will include safety improvements to the road; repair to the head walls and wing wall; restore the bank and improve flow of brook and incorporate a fish vein. A construction sequence was also reviewed for this project.

Legeyt Road: This job will include the replacement of an aging culvert with a 4 x 8 precast box culvert with a cobble bottom for fish passage. The stream bed will be deepened and a coarser sediment put in to improve the stream bed. The construction sequence was also reviewed.

Ratlum Road: This project is to repair a large corrugated metal culvert. They will be using a spiral pipe rehabilitation, and then fill the gaps with structural grout. There will be no de-watering. The construction sequence was reviewed for this project.

All parties agreed that these were the most feasible and prudent alternatives for the repairs on each project. The commission members questioned the bid process and Mr. Hiltabrand explained that there would be a pre-bid meeting and all the potential contractors would be aware of each site and the construction sequence and all requirements, including the requirement for maintaining spill kits on site.

Reynolds made a motion to close the Public Hearing at 7:55 pm, seconded by Ream and unanimously approved.

Tooker made a motion to amend the agenda to move Mr. Connole's application ahead of the Town of Barkhamsted under "Pending Applications", seconded by Reynolds and unanimously approved.

3. PENDING APPLICATIONS:

A. Connole, John, applicant/owner, 66 Hillcrest Drive. Application to stabilize edge of driveway and landscape.

Applicant explained that he had followed the suggestions from Northwest Conservation and had put in the wells around the two trees and had planted boxwood and holly on the top of the slope. Debra Brydon, also presented pictures from her site visit that day. Debra Brydon advised applicant that more plantings were required along the downhill slope of the bank to hold the bank in place. Plantings were suggested to the applicant.

Reynolds made a motion to grant a permit to the applicant to continue stabilization of the bank along the left hand side of the driveway with the following conditions:

1. The silt fence and sedimentation and erosion control will remain in place for one year;
2. Applicant will advise the Inland/Wetlands Officer when the plantings are in place; and
3. The Inland/Wetlands Officer will monitor the work and stabilization of bank for one year.

The motion was seconded by Ream and unanimously approved.

B. Town of Barkhamsted, applicant, Day Road, bridge, East West Hill Road, bridge, Legeyt Road, culvert and Ratlum Road, culvert. Application to repair four bridges/culverts.

Reynolds made a motion to grant the permit for the four bridge/culvert projects on Day Road, East West Hill Road, Legeyt Road and Ratlum Road with the following conditions:

1. Activity should follow 2002 Sedimentation and Erosion Control Guidelines, which should be noted on the plans;
2. Any excess materials should be removed from the site (no stockpiling) including any demolition materials;
3. The Inland Wetlands Enforcement Officer is to be notified in writing one week prior to the commencement of any work.
4. Any trucks working on the site must be equipped with a spill containment kit.

The motion was seconded by Ream and unanimously approved.

4. SHOW CAUSE HEARING – CEASE AND DESIST:

A. Robert Larose, 65 Gavitt Road – Show Cause, Cease and Desist.

Debra Brydon, ZEO/Inland Wetlands Officer has an appointment to do a site walk with Mr. Larose. She will also discuss at this time the Cease and Desist for wetlands.

5. APPOINT DEBRA BRYDON AS INLAND/WETLANDS ENFORCEMENT OFFICER:

Tooker made a motion to appoint Debra Brydon as the Inland/Wetlands Officer, seconded by Reynolds, unanimously approved.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS LEGAL AND PROPER TO COME BEFORE SAID MEETING: None

7. INLAND/WETLANDS ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT:

Nothing to report.

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A. May 13, 2013 special meeting.

MOTION Mr. Tooker, second Mr. Reynolds, to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2013 special meeting as written; the motion was unanimously approved.

8. CORRESPONDENCE:

Reviewed; no action taken.

MOTION Mr. Reynolds, second Mr. Ream, to adjourn the meeting at 8:45PM; unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

**Debra P. Brydon
Inland/Wetlands Enforcement Officer**