

**TOWN OF BARKHAMSTED
INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2009
BARKHAMSTED TOWN HALL 7:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

Chairman John Greaser called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00 p.m. Member present were John Greaser, Michael Ream, Linda Ganem, and alternate Thomas Santoro who was seated for Caprice Shaw. Inland Wetlands Officer Rista Holda attended the meeting.

1. NEW APPLICATIONS: NONE

**2. INFORMAL DISCUSSION BY OPTIIND REGARDING WIND TURBINE AT
NORTHWEST REGIONAL NO. 7.**

David Hurwitt of Optiwind addressed the Inland/Wetlands Commission (IWC). Mr. Hurwitt stated that the school asked to move the proposed location, and the new proposed location is just outside the 100 ft buffer near a wetlands. Mr. Hurwitt stated that no activity would be done within the 100 ft area. He agreed to have Optiwind place markers around the regulated area. Being that the proposed activity is outside the regulate area, the IWC determined that the proposed activity is not regulated.

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

**A. MOTLEY, MATT AND KATE, applicant/owners, 420 West River Road.
Application for proposed activities for construction of deck and replacement of
septic tank in regulated area.**

Ms. Valerie White, architect, addressed the IWC on behalf of the applicants. The Chairman requested clarification as to the scope of the application, as it was not made abundantly clear in the previous meeting. Ms. White submitted a letter sent to the Farmington Valley Health District (FVHD), which letter listed the following regulated activities: install wrap around deck that will extend 12 ft from existing home; install new 1,000 gal septic tank, and abandonment of existing tank; add 6" stone veneer to both sides of existing retaining walls; repair front stoop with flagstone on concrete slab; add landing/stoop at screen porch, flagstone on concrete slab; add 50"-wide path from screen porch to driveway, flagstone on concrete; add outdoor shower, cold water only. This list was read into the record.

Members of the IWC expressed concern with whether or not FVHD requires reserve leach field associated with new septic tank, and discussed the possibility that the permit be conditioned on FVHD making affirmative approval of plan without the reserve. Ms. Holda advised the IWC against a permit on a third-party approval; if the IWC requires confirmation then the public hearing should be continued.

The Chairman expressed the opinion that heavy equipment should not be used behind (river side) the existing structures for fear that it will cause erosion into the watercourse. The Chairman also discussed the benefits of placing a rain garden around the outside shower. Ms. White expressed that the applicant would be willing to look into the various options and implement as appropriate.

As no further comment was given from the community and all the IWC member questions were answered, the Chairman closed the public hearing at approximately 7:45.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS CONTINUED:

A. HALLINAN CAPITAL CORP., applicant/owner, Lots 3 and 4 Woodland Acres. Application for proposed activities for the construction of a single family residence.

The Chairman noted that the applicant has withdrawn its application. No action was taken.

5. PENDING APPLICATIONS:

A. MOTLEY, MATT AND KATE, applicant/owners, 420 West River Road. Application for proposed activities for construction of deck and replacement of septic tank in regulated area.

See attached Motion sheet.

B. HALLINAN CAPITAL CORP., applicant/owner, Lots 3 and 4 Woodland Acres. Application for proposed activities for the construction of a single family residence.

See 4.A. above.

6. DISCUSSION OF REGULATION CHANGES

The Chairman reminded the IWC that in the special meeting on July 14, 2009 the attending members of the IWC reviewed the proposed changes to the regulations in detail. Linda Ganem moved to schedule a public hearing on the proposed changes for the regular meeting on October 6, 2009 at 7:00 pm. Michael Ream seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

7. INLAND/WETLANDS ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT

Ms. Holda stated that there was nothing significant to report at that time.

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Regarding the minutes for the May 5, 2009 regular meeting, John Greaser moved to accept the minutes and the motion was seconded by Michael Ream. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Regarding the minutes for the May 12, 2009 special meeting, Thomas Santoro moved to accept the minutes and the motion was seconded by Michael Ream. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Regarding the minutes for the June 2, 2009 regular meeting, the following changes were made:

- New Applications, Part B, tenth sentence shall be changed to read "Santoro asked that the motion be amended to state the regulated activity be to add drainage pipe and the 'as of right' use be maintenance of a drainage swale and approve this application as an 'agent determination application', seconded by Ream and approved by all commission members, except Santoro, who abstained as he was not clear on what is or is not maintenance according to the regulations."

Linda Ganem moved to accept the June 2, 2009 minutes as amended, and the motion was seconded by Michael Ream. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Regarding the July 7, 2009 minutes, the following changes were made:

- Section 4 (Public Hearings), Part A, fourteenth paragraph, last sentence, the word "Mr." is replaced with the word "Ms."
- Last page, the signature block shall be replaced with "Respectfully submitted by _____ Date _____
Thomas A. Santoro – acting secretary"

Thomas Santoro moved to accept the July 7, 2009 minutes as amended, and the motion was seconded by Linda Ganem. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Regarding the minutes of the July 14, 2009 special meeting, the signature block was added at the end. Michael Ream moved to accept the minutes as amended, and the motion was seconded by Thomas Santoro. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

Rista Holda had sent a letter to the property owners of Woodland Acres regarding the fact that the required annual report had not been submitted regarding the condition of the road. In response thereto Mr. Lindsey Keene submitted a letter to Ms. Holda stating who he believes Ms. Holda should contact regarding the annual report.

The Chairman passed out the correspondence that the remainder IWC had received. No action taken.

Linda Ganem moved to adjourn the meeting. Thomas Santoro seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by _____ Date _____
Thomas Santoro – acting secretary

MOTION

TOWN OF BARKHAMSTED
INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION

Date: August 4, 2009

Location: 240 West River Road

Applicant: Motley, Matt and Kate

Motion: After duly considering relevant factors, the testimony given by the applicant's
representatives, and feasible and prudent alternatives, the motion is made to grant the permit for the
regulated activity with conditions.

CONDITIONS: (check all that apply)

- Permanent markers shall be placed at 100 foot to 200 foot intervals along the surveyed wetlands boundaries, before commencing the regulated activity;
- Activity should follow 2002 Sediment and Erosion Guidelines and be noted on the plan;
- Inland Wetlands Officer to be notified one week prior to construction, in writing;
- Any excess materials will be removed from the site (i.e. no stockpiling);
- Permit conditions shall be placed on the site plan and any filed MYLAR site plan;
- Certified Soil Scientist to sign plan confirming that field locations of wetland flags are accurately shown on approved plan;
- If individual site plans differ in any way from the submitted plan, then the individual site plan must be resubmitted to the Wetlands Commission;

ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS:

Other than for relocation of the septic tank and abandonment of the old septic tank, all activity shall be
hand-dug, and in no case shall anything but hand digging be performed on the river side of the concrete
retaining wall.

Additional sheets attached: Yes No X If yes, how many? _____

Motion made by: Linda Ganem

Seconded by: Thomas Santoro

Vote in Favor:

John Greaser
Michael Ream
Linda Ganem
Thomas Santoro

Opposed:

