

**TOWN OF BARKHAMSTED
INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION - WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING – MINUTES
TUESDAY, AUGUST 3, 2010
BARKHAMSTED TOWN HALL – 7:00PM**

APPROVED: _____
DATE: September 7, 2010

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

Chairman John Greaser called the meeting to order at 7:00PM. 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.

2. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

No business was discussed.

3. PENDING APPLICATIONS:

No business was discussed.

4. INLAND WETLANDS ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT:

Ms. Malanca informed the Commission that she had visited a new house being built on Gavitt Road where the silt fencing was erected too close to the regulated area and had it moved back. She also stated that the pond on the Strini property on Eddy Road was still getting siltation, but that she could not identify the source. Ms. Malanca said that she had the Town Engineer onsite to identify the source. She then updated the Commission on the status of enforcement action at 315 New Hartford Road. Lastly, Ms. Malanca informed the Commission that the Lindens on Bridle Drive had submitted a letter to the DEP stating that the Commission was not enforcing its regulations with regard to the road constructed on the easement on their property.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A. July 6, 2010 regular meeting minutes.

MOTION Mr. Ream, second Mr. Edmands, to approve the minutes of the July 6, 2010 regular meeting with the correction that Martha Sullivan was present at the meeting; unanimously approved.

6. CORRESPONDENCE:

Mr. Greaser distributed a copy of the Summer 2010 edition of *The Habitat* for the Commission's perusal. He also informed the Commission that they had received a notice from the MDC regarding rerouting a portion of the reservoir.

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

A. Transfer wetlands permit from H. Thomas Nelson on Lot #7 Oaklawn Drive to Sunlight Construction, Inc.

Ms. Malanca explained that the permit had originally been approved August 16, 2005, and that the applicant was looking to transfer and extend the permit. She explained that the new plans were essentially the same as the originals, except that the septic system would now be located further out of the regulated area. Ms. Malanca recommended approval with all of the original conditions. The Commission briefly reviewed the plans.

MOTION Ms. Ganem, second Ms. Sullivan, to grant a transfer and 5-year extension of the wetlands permit for Lot #7 Oaklawn Drive from H. Thomas Nelson to Sunlight Construction, Inc.; unanimously approved.

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B. Cave-in on MDC property on Miner Lane.

Mr. Greaser encouraged all Commission members to visit the site, since the Town would be submitting an application with as engineered plans, but urged caution as it was a steep drop and the area was not stabilized

C. Amendments to Inland Wetlands Regulations.

The Town of Barkhamsted received a grant from DEP to hire consultants to work with a stakeholders committee to come up with proposed Low Impact Development Recommendations which could be incorporated into the regulations. The Town Planner had sent them a list of proposed changes to the Wetlands Regulations which have been approved by the Town's Stakeholder's group. These regulations would remove roadblocks to developers' usage of LID practices. Ms. Malanca said that the changes also included state-mandated extensions for wetlands permits as per public act 09-181.

MOTION Mr. Reynolds, second Mr. Edmands, to set a Public Hearing regarding the proposed amendments to the Inland Wetlands Regulations for the October 5, 2010 regular meeting; unanimously approved.

MOTION Mr. Edmands, second Ms. Sullivan, to adjourn the meeting at 7:26PM; unanimously approved.

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