

**TOWN OF BARKHAMSTED
INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING – MINUTES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2010 AT 7PM
BARKHAMSTED TOWN HALL**

APPROVED: _____
DATE: February 1, 2011

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

Chairman John Greaser called the meeting to order at 7:00PM. All regular members present were seated for the meeting. Alternate Christopher Labbe was seated for Christopher Tooker. The entire proceedings were recorded digitally and are available at the Town Hall.

1. NEW APPLICATIONS:

MOTION Mr. Reynolds, second Mr. Ream to amend the agenda to add the following application; unanimously approved.

- A. Andrew J. Bosse, Applicant. Timber Harvest, Area Winchester LLC Property on Swanson Road.** Mr. Bosse addressed the Commission to explain that the proposed work would be done on a 92-acre parcel, of which 31 acres were in Winsted and 61 acres were in Barkhamsted. He said that access to the site would be through the Winsted portion of the property and would require 1 stream crossing in the Barkhamsted section of the property. Mr. Bosse said that he planned to use a portable bridge; he then distributed pictures of the bridge. He explained that there was a pre-existing network of trails through the property from prior timber harvests, which would be used again now. Upon questioning from the Commission, Mr. Bosse explained that the stream to be crossed was 12-15 feet wide and fairly permanent. He then explained that they planned to use Best Management Practices and would reseed and use hay bales as needed at the completion of the project. Mr. Edmands asked when the harvest would be done, and Mr. Bosse explained that a 15-month contract had just been signed but they hoped to begin work this winter.

Ms. Malanca explained that, as there was no filling proposed and the applicant planned to use a portable bridge, it was her recommendation that this activity was an as-of-right use.

MOTION Mr. Reynolds, second Ms. Ganem, to issue a declaratory ruling in the matter of **Andrew J. Bosse, Applicant. Timber Harvest, Area Winchester LLC Property on Swanson Road**, finding that the proposed work is a use permitted as of right; unanimously approved.

2. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- A. Andrew W. Mason, Associates, Inc. Applicant/Owner, Lot 6-4 Kelsey Court, 3-Lot Resubdivision.** Bob Green of Robert Green Associates addressed the Commission on behalf of the applicant. Mr. Green explained that the application had been reviewed by the Town Engineer and Town Planner. Martin Connor, AICP, the Town's planning consultant, had suggested that the driveway for 2 of the lots be shared. Mr. Green explained that there had been discussion between the applicant's attorney and the Town Attorney regarding whether 2 interior lots were permitted under the current Zoning Regulations. As a result of all these discussions, Mr. Green explained that the project had been reconfigured as 1 interior lot and 1 frontage lot with a shared driveway. He then submitted a letter requesting the public hearing be continued to the February 1, 2011 regular meeting to allow time to update the plans to reflect these changes. Mr. Green stated that new plans would be submitted by January 18th.

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Ms. Ganem stated that she had walked the site and asked how far the work proposed was from a plunge pool located on site. Mr. Green briefly reviewed the plans and explained where the proposed house and driveway would be in relation to the pool. Mr. Greaser asked about the reconfigured lots, and Mr. Green explained that the front lot would be 3 acres and the interior lot would be approximately 20 acres. Mr. Green stated that he had not received the Town Engineer's comments, and the Recording Secretary made a copy for him.

Mr. Greaser then opened the floor to public comment. Mr. LeClaire, resident, addressed the Commission to ask about lots along Route 219 being advertised by the applicant. Mr. Green stated that he could not answer as those lots received zoning approval before he was involved with the project.

MOTION Ms. Ganem, second Mr. Labbe, to continue the public hearing in the matter of **Andrew W. Mason, Associates, Inc. Applicant/Owner, Lot 6-4 Kelsey Court, 3-Lot Resubdivision** to the February 1, 2011 regular meeting; unanimously approved.

3. PENDING APPLICATIONS:

- A. **Andrew W. Mason, Associates, Inc. Applicant/Owner, Lot 6-4 Kelsey Court, 3-Lot Resubdivision.**
This matter was continued to the February 1, 2011 regular meeting.

4. INLAND WETLANDS ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT:

Ms. Malanca informed the Commission that enforcement action was underway in the matter of 315 New Hartford Road. She said that Deb Brydon had been periodically inspecting the work at the Miner Line washout. She said that the wetlands crossings were in place and everything looked good.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- A. **December 7, 2010 Special WPCA Meeting.**
B. **December 7, 2010 Regular IWC Meeting.**

MOTION Ms. Ream, second Mr. Labbe, to approve the minutes of both the December 7, 2010 Special WPCA and Regular IWC meetings, changing any reference to "audio tape" to "digital"; unanimously approved.

6. CORRESPONDENCE:

Mr. Greaser informed the Commission that a letter had been received from the Board of Selectman and Board of Finance regarding the Commission's budget for upcoming fiscal year. He explained that the BOS and BOF were requesting that the Commission not increase their proposed budget. The Commission briefly discussed the current budget as well as the salary for the Recording Secretary.

Mr. Greaser distributed the latest editions of *Connecticut Federation of Lakes* and *CT Technology Transfer* for the Commission's review. He also passed around a letter from the Connecticut Audubon Society requesting donations.

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

Mr. Greaser read to the Commission a letter from town resident Lindsey Keene, which requested that the Commission conduct an investigation into the activities of Karl Nilsen when he had been employed as the Town of Barkhamsted's Inland Wetlands Enforcement Officer. Mr. Keene's letter included copies of newspaper clippings and documentation regarding legal actions taken thus far by the State. Ms. Malanca explained that the Inland Wetlands Commission did not have the budget for such an investigation, nor did it have the authority to look into the records that would be necessary for such an investigation. She recommended that the matter be discussed with First Selectman Don Stein.

MOTION Mr. Greaser, second Ms. Ganem, to forward Mr. Keene's letter to First Selectman Don Stein, with the Commission's recommendation that an investigation be conducted into this matter; unanimously approved.

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MOTION Ms. Ganem, second Mr. Ream, to adjourn the meeting at 7:45PM; unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

**Stacey M. Sefcik
WPCA/IWC Recording Secretary**