

**TOWN OF BARKHAMSTED - INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING – MINUTES  
TUESDAY, JUNE 5, 2012 – 7:00PM  
BARKHAMSTED TOWN HALL**

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

**DATE:**

**PRESENT:** Chairman John Greaser, Jesse Edmands, Michael Ream, Gary Reynolds, Martha Sullivan; Alternate Christopher Labbe; Interim Wetlands Enforcement Officer Debra Brydon; Recording Secretary Stacey Sefcik.

**ABSENT:** Linda Ganem, Christopher Tooker.

Chairman John Greaser called the meeting to order at 7:03PM. 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:**

**A. Town of Barkhamsted, applicant; RRDD #1, owner – 31 New Hartford Road. Application to install well pipe for new well for Town Garage.**

Ms. Brydon explained that the Town Garage had always used water piped down from the holding tank at the dump that had been piped down into a cistern. The water was not for drinking but was acceptable for cleaning trucks, etc. When the Town constructed the new garage, they had thought that it would be acceptable for this practice to continue; however, the Farmington Valley Health District had stated this could no longer be done. In order for the Town Garage to get a Certificate of Occupancy and be able to use the Community Room, the Town needed to find an alternative way to supply water to the facility. The Town was hoping to arrange a solution with a neighboring property owner to install pipe across a strip of their land to a well located on RRDD #1 property; however, because the property was part of the railroad right of way, purchased by the neighbor, it requires permission to use for the well. Ms. Brydon explained that the Town was continuing to try to obtain permission to use the adjacent land; however, they were also seeking approval for the application now before the Commission as a backup to their preferred plan.

The plan before the Commission called for the pipe to remain on RRDD #1 property the entire way to the well; however, it was considerably longer and would require crossing 300 feet of upland review area and 20 feet of wetlands. Ms. Brydon explained that the trench for the pipe would be 2 feet wide and 5 feet deep. The work would be done in stages, with the trench dug, pipe placed, and trench backfilled the same day.

**MOTION** Ms. Sullivan, second Mr. Edmands, to accept the application in the matter of **Town of Barkhamsted, applicant; RRDD #1, owner – 31 New Hartford Road. Application to install well pipe for new well for Town Garage**, determine it to be a significant activity, and schedule a public hearing for this matter at the July 3, 2012 regular meeting; unanimously approved.

**B. Robert Larose, applicant/owner, 65 Gavitt Road. Application to clean pond and restore to natural state.**

Robert Larose addressed the Commission regarding this matter. Mr. Larose explained that the property in question had a 200-year-old house and farm and there had been a great deal of junk accumulated on the property. Mr. Larose said that he had cleaned up much of the property and was now seeking to clean out a manmade pond on the property. He explained that there was no flow into or out of the pond, and the pond had a great deal of sediment. Mr. Larose said that he wanted to remove all the muck at the bottom of the pond. The work would entail draining the pond, removing the sediment, placing a bentonite clay bottom, replanting appropriate vegetation, and then refilling the pond with water. Mr. Larose explained that he owned a business that restored and maintained ponds and had done this type of work for many years. He then passed around his iPad to show the Commission pictures of how the pond currently looked.

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Mr. Greaser asked how material Mr. Larose planned to remove. Mr. Larose estimated it would be approximately 60 to 80 cubic yards of material. He stated that the pond was approximately 60 feet by 35 feet in size. Mr. Larose stated that he planned to use a Bobcat to remove the material and he would use it to backfill the bank by his swimming pool. He stated that he had an established path from the pond to the hill where his swimming pool was located. Ms. Brydon noted that the path might be within the 100-foot upland review area. Mr. Greaser stated that the amount of excavation involved was beyond the category of general maintenance as listed in the Inland Wetlands Regulations; Mr. Larose concurred that the project involved more work than just general maintenance.

**MOTION** Mr. Edmands, second Mr. Labbe, to accept the application in the matter of **Robert Larose, applicant/owner, 65 Gavitt Road. Application to clean pond and restore to natural state**, determine it to be a significant activity, and schedule a public hearing for this matter at the July 3, 2012 regular meeting; unanimously approved.

The Commission requested that Mr. Larose bring a construction sequence to the public hearing, as well as more detailed information regarding his planting plan, erosion and sedimentation controls, and the material to be used for the bottom of the pond. They also requested calculations regarding the amount of material to be removed, where exactly on the property it was going to be placed, and whether that would entail crossing any regulated areas.

### 2. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

No business was discussed.

### 3. PENDING APPLICATIONS:

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

Set for Public Hearing for July 3, 2012.

**MOTION** Ms. Sullivan, second Mr. Ream, to amend the agenda to add item 3B - **Lombard Ford, applicant/owner, 338 New Hartford Road. Application for installation of two piezometers and one groundwater monitoring well**; unanimously approved.

B. **Lombard Ford, applicant/owner, 338 New Hartford Road. Application for installation of two piezometers and one groundwater monitoring well.**

The Commission briefly reviewed this application. Ms. Brydon noted that while Ms. Ganem was not present, she had been at the previous meeting and had expressed a desire at that time to require spill kits in all the machinery working near Mallory Brook. Ms. Brydon stated that the work was planned for the upcoming summer.

**MOTION** Mr. Reynolds, second Ms. Sullivan, to approve the application in the matter of **Lombard Ford, applicant/owner, 338 New Hartford Road. Application for installation of two piezometers and one groundwater monitoring well** with the following conditions:

1. Spill kits are required for all machinery working adjacent to Mallory Brook.
2. Work is to be done during the dry season.
3. The Inland Wetlands Enforcement Officer is to be notified in writing one week prior to the commencement of any work.

The motion was unanimously approved.

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**4. INLAND WETLANDS ENFORCEMENT OFFICER’S REPORT.**

Ms. Brydon briefly reviewed her enforcement activities over the previous month, which included inspections at the Strini and Dube properties. The Commission brought to her attention activities at the Martel property, which may include filling of wetlands.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**A. May 1, 2012 regular meeting.**

**MOTION** Mr. Ream, second Ms. Sullivan, to approve the minutes of the May 1, 2012 regular meeting as written; unanimously approved.

**6. CORRESPONDENCE:**

The Commission reviewed the May/June 2012 edition of *Connecticut Wildlife*.

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

No business was discussed.

**MOTION** Mr. Edmands, second Mr. Labbe, to adjourn the meeting at 8:00PM; unanimously approved.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Stacey M. Sefcik  
Recording Secretary**