

TOWN OF SOMERS
Conservation Commission
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, April 1, 2015
Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER:

CHAIRMAN Formeister called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present were: Joan Formeister; Candace Aleks; Greg Genlot; Hank Broer; Lise Wood (seated for Karl Walton); and Wetlands Agent David Askew. Those absent were: Todd Whitford; Dan Fraro; and Karl Walton.

II. OLD BUSINESS:

There was none.

III. NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Application #683. 3 Bobolink Drive.** New septic system within upland review area associated with new home construction. Burzinski

Dave Tullock of T-Square Builders, the owner's contractor for this project presented the plans to the Commission. He said the proposed septic system comes slightly into the 100' upland review area. There is no issue with the wetlands, which have been flagged. Dave Askew said he has no issues with this application. However, the Commission cannot make a decision tonight. There is a required 14 day waiting period. David Askew said there is a poorly mapped flood plain shown on the FEMA maps that will have to be redone.

2 **Jurisdictional determination, Egypt Road:** Grassed lined swale to drain existing corn field. Charter

Dave Askew said this is part of Charter's property on Egypt Road. It is planned to construct a grassed lined swale in order to drain the north end of the field. There is a perennial stream bordering the south end of the field – the swale will discharge about 10 feet from the stream through a vegetated area. The CT USDA NRCS designed the project.

Construction will involve shaping the swale and taking the soils from the swale and spreading them on the field. Under the "farm exemption" wetland soils cannot be filled. There may be remnant wetland soils in the corn field. Mr. Askew has talked to Mr. Charter and discussed spreading the soils no deeper than 4-6 inches, so any "filling" in the field is minimized. Other protective measures

include a proposed buffer strip to be maintained between the swale and corn to prevent sedimentation of the swale.

With the stipulations noted by Mr. Askew, the project appears to be consistent with the “Permitted Use as of Right” for agricultural activities.

Greg Genlot made a motion to positively determine that the grassed lined swale to drain an existing corn field is a permitted use as of right. Lise Wood seconded. Motion Approved.

IV. **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:**

A group of high school students – Junior year attended this meeting as a school requirement. They asked some questions relating to conservation mainly about wetlands. These questions were answered by Joan Formeister and David Askew.

V. **STAFF REPORT:**

David Askew presented his staff report to the Commission.

Candace Aleks made a motion to accept David Askew’s staff report, Seconded by Greg Genlot and unanimously approved by the Commission.

VI. **CORRESPONDENCE AND BILLS:**

There were none.

VII. **MINUTES APPROVAL;** March 4, 2015

Greg Genlot made a motion to approve the March 4, 2015 minutes as amended. (Correct the spelling of Candace’s last name from “Alecs” to “Aleks”) :Lise Wood seconded the motion that was unanimously approved by the Commission

VIII.. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn made by Lise Wood; seconded by Candace Aleks, and unanimously approved by the Commission. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Candace Aleks. Secretary
Connie Careno, Recording Secretary

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