

**TOWN OF SOMERS
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1, 2012
7:00 PM TOWN HALL**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting was called to order by Karl Walton at 7:00 pm. Members present were Greg Genlot, Dan Fraro, Henry Broer. Chairman Todd Whitford and Vice-Chair Joan Formeister came a few minutes late. Also present was David Askew, Wetlands Agent.

II. OLD BUSINESS

1. **Discussion/Decision, Application # 657 Dean and Miriam Reutter** for an in-ground swimming pool in the upland review area. 491 Main Street.

A motion was made by Karl Walton to approve application #657 for Dean and Miriam Reutter for an in-ground swimming pool in the upland review area. Seconded by Greg Genlot. All in favor motion carried.

2. **Application # 658 Town of Somers** for road improvements on Sokol and Ninth District Roads, including culvert replacement on Gulf Road, Ninth District Road.

Jeff Bord, Town Engineer was present and gave a brief review of project. Two standard culverts will be replaced with double box culverts. The project is scheduled to go out to bid later this month with construction starting June 1 and Sept 30 2013. Mr. Askew commented that the box culverts will be an improvement over the existing standard culverts and typically improve flood flow conveyance, fish and wildlife habitat. Impacts to the stream will be temporary.

A motion was made by Greg Genlot to approve application # 658 Town Of Somers for road improvements on Sokol nd Ninth District Roads. Seconded by Dan Fraro. All in favor, motion carried.

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Application #659 Dale and Katherine Witwer**, for a 24' x 24' Carriage House 25 ft from wetlands at 56 Brittany Lane.

Mr. and Mrs. Witwer were both present for the meeting. Mr. Askew has met with the applicants regarding details of the project. Mr. Askew showed commission members the plans for the new carriage house. The applicants were previously approved for a garage, which was never constructed.

A motion was made by Karl Walton to delegate authority to the wetlands agent for this project. Seconded by Greg Genlot. All in favor, motion carried.

2. Application # 660 Town of Somers drainage improvements on ball field, 600 Main Street.

Jeff Bord, Town Engineer gave a brief presentation of proposed drainage improvements. Ground water has been bleeding out of the embankment down into an area behind an outfield fence. The goal is to try to dry it up by installing a 4 in perforated pipe curtain drain system on the hillside. Jeff showed the commission the plans for the project. Jeff proposed a 2 ft stone area off the fence line with the 4 in perforated pipe through the stone draining out to the right field foul pole. Jeff discussed the flat swale and how that affects field. The town will be paying for the project.

IV. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: NONE

V. STAFF/COMMISSION REPORT

Mr. Askew provided a verbal report of recent activities. Mr. Askew made the commission aware of a verbal warning given to Julianno Pools for exceeding approved construction limits on 70 Scully Road. This is the second or third time this has happened. Mr. Askew informed Julianno Pools the Commission has the authority to revoke permits if they exceed the approved plans.

There have been a few complains about 95 Hall Hill Road. Mr. Askew is looking into the issue.

A motion was made by Karl Walton to accept the verbal staff/commission report . Seconded by Joan Formeister. All in favor, motion carried.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE/BILLS

A bill from the Journal Inquirer for \$39.35 was submitted for approval. The bill was for posting a public notice.

A motion was made by Karl Walton to pay the bill. Seconded by Dan Fraro. All in favor, motion carried.

VII. MINUTES APPROVAL: JULY 11, 2012

A motion was made by Dan Fraro to approve the minutes as submitted. Seconded by Greg Genlot. All in favor, motion carried.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the regular meeting was made by Joan Formeister. Seconded by Karl Walton. All in favor, motion carried.