

**TOWN OF SOMERS
Conservation Commission
600 Main Street
P. O. Box 308
Somers, CT 06071**

**REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, April 6, 2016
7:00 p.m. Town Hall**

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Joan Formeister called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Commission members in attendance were Chairperson Joan Formeister, Henry Broer, Daniel Fraro, Greg Genlot, and Secretary, Candace Aleks. Alternate Lise Wood was seated for Karl Walton. Joanna Shapiro, Wetland Agent, was in attendance.

II. OLD BUSINESS:

NONE.

III. NEW BUSINESS:

Lise Wood made a motion to add **a new item to the agenda under New Business: Application #693 - 32 Wood Rd. New house in upland review area and wetland crossing. Dan Fraro.** Henry Broer seconded. All in favor. Motion carries.

1. **Application # 691: 89 Partridge Run.** Construction of a single family home within the upland review area. Tom Savage for Pioneer Builders of Ellington, applicant.

Mr. Savage presented plans for construction of a single family home within the upland review area. Commissioners expressed concern about potential silt runoff from the existing driveway into the wetland. Mr. Savage said grass would be seeded to offset runoff. Joanna Shapiro, wetland agent, suggested he mark and tag the wetlands area along the driveway to designate clearly the regulated area. Also, Ms. Shapiro requested that the lawn be seeded and stabilized as soon as possible. The application may be voted on at the next meeting.

2. **Application #692: 207 Stafford Rd.** Construction of a single family home within the upland review area. Rick Granger for Mink Farms Associates, LLC. Ms. Shapiro presented plans for a single family home. The level of detail of the drawing had not been finalized. Mr. Granger plans to move the lot line. Mr. Granger was asking that the driveway be located as close as 10 feet from the wetland area. Mr. Genlot pointed out that the lot line change has not yet been passed through Zoning so the Commission will need to review the updated plans at the next meeting. Chairperson Formeister agreed that the Commission cannot rule until the new updated plans, including grading and erosion control details, are presented. Commission members also noted that they have not yet received a report from the town sanitarian, approving of the septic design. Ms. Shapiro stated that she would discuss with the town sanitarian prior to the next meeting. Mr. Granger and Ms. Shapiro explained that preliminary plans were submitted so that the Commission could at least receive the application at this meeting, and possibly act on the application at the next meeting.
3. **Discussion/Possible Jurisdictional Determination: 68 Skyridge Drive.** Drainage improvements surrounding existing house within the upland review area. Tom Hayowyk.

Mr. Hayowyk presented photos and a plot plan showing changes in his lawn over the past few years, with soil in certain areas becoming saturated with water. He thinks a previous drainage system may have clogged over time and is no longer functioning properly. He is proposing to build a new trench or French drain with perforated pipe along the tree line culminating into a dry well.

Chairman Formeister referred the Commission to section 22a-40(a), #4 of the State of CT Inland Wetland Statute (Permitted operations and uses), regarding uses incidental to the enjoyment and maintenance of residential property, to determine that Mr. Hayowyk does not need a wetland permit since it is a “use as of right”.

Mr. Genlot made a motion that we allow the Applicant to proceed with his drainage plan as he is permitted “as of right” to maintain his existing property. Mr. Hayowyk agrees to supply an “as built” to file with town records when the project is completed.

Dan Fraro seconded. All in Favor. Motion passed.

At 8:25 p.m. Dan Fraro removed himself from the meeting.

4. **Application # 693: 32 Wood Rd.** Proposed new house in upland review area and wetland crossing. Daniel A. Fraro, applicant.

Mr. James Ussery, Jr. from J. R. Russo Surveyors/Engineers presented plans for a new house and barn to be built on a reconfigured lot, still to be approved. It

would require approval from the Commission to construct a culvert to cross the wetland at its narrowest point, creating 570 sq. ft. of direct wetland impact. The barn and half of the house would be in the upland review area. Ms. Shapiro explained that the application had been submitted the prior afternoon, and she had not had an opportunity to visit the site or review the plans in detail. Ms. Shapiro read a description of the wetland that was included in the wetland delineation report for the property written by Tom Pietras, project soil scientist, who described the area as a mix of vegetative wet meadow and forested swamp. Wetland's Agent Ms. Shapiro will walk the property to review the area.

At 8:45 p.m. Commissioner Dan Fraro returned to the meeting.

IV. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION - none

V. STAFF/COMMISSION REPORT

Ms. Shapiro distributed and discussed the Wetland's Agent Report.

Mr. Genlot made a motion to accept the Wetland's Agent report.
Mr. Fraro seconded. All were in Favor. Motion carried.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE AND BILLS

Ms. Shapiro presented correspondence from: The Army Corps of Engineers General Permits and copies of the newsletter The Habitat were passed out to all Commissioners.

The bill was paid to the Journal Inquirer for a public notice following the January 6 meeting.

Lise Wood made a motion to accept the Correspondence and Bills. Dan Fraro seconded. All in Favor. Motion passed.

VII. MINUTES APPROVAL for January 6, 2016.

Correction on Item #1 Old Business, 3rd paragraph: Karl Walton's name is misspelled.

Commissioner Broer made a motion to approve the minutes. Greg Genlot seconded. All approved. Motion carried.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT: Commissioner Lise Wood made the motion to Adjourn. Commissioner Genlot seconded. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Meeting was adjourned at 9:12 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Commissioner Candace Aleks, Secretary