

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

**REGULAR MEETING  
Wednesday, June 1, 2016  
7:00 p.m. Town Hall**

**MINUTES**

**I. CALL TO ORDER:**

Meeting called to order by Chairman, Joan Formeister at 7:00 P.M.

Commissioners in attendance were Chairperson, Joan Formeister, Daniel Fraro, Greg Genlot, and Secretary, Candace Aleks. Alternate Lise Wood was seated for Henry Broer. Also in attendance, Joanna Shapiro, Somers Wetlands Agent

**II. OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **Application #694: 759 Stafford Road.** Construction of driveway in upland review area, including a direct wetland crossing, and discharge of a footing drain within the upland review area, associated with construction of a single family home. Jonathan Daddario.

Ms. Shapiro said the Town Engineer was satisfied with the size of the pipe to go under the driveway. The emergency turnaround needs to be part of the approval, as it is within the upland review area. The main condition suggestion would be to complete the culvert crossing during a dry time. All other specifications Ms. Shapiro requested at the previous meeting (rip rap and silt fence) have been agreed to.

*Greg Genlot made a motion to approve the application with conditions that applicant to follow all Town Engineer requirements and complete the crossing under dry conditions with proper erosion controls implemented. Lise Wood seconded motion. Motion passed unanimously.*

### **III. NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Application #696 26 Sokol Rd.** Construction of a detached garage within upland review area. John Bartolf.

Wetlands Agent Shapiro asked if Mr. Bartolf was going to leave the remaining portion of the driveway that is not being disturbed for the garage intact, and he confirmed that it would be left intact. Mr. Bartolf said they would be cutting out the garage and putting in a slab. They will grade and raise the slab 5 inches. Drainage to the stream will not change but a silt fence will be added. The area toward the rear of the garage will be pitched toward the backyard rather than the stream. A 42 inch frost wall will be constructed within the footprint of the garage. The zoning variance has been approved. The building has been scaled back since the original plans were submitted. Ms. Shapiro stated that it is an intermittent stream on the property line, and therefore a watercourse.

Chairman Formeister added that the Commission can vote on the application at the next meeting. She also requested that Mr. Bartolf prepare a written narrative of the construction process and present this at the next meeting.

2. **Application #697: 22 Lovers Lane.** Construction of a shed within the upland review area. Dan Roulier.

Ms. Shapiro reported that the newly constructed shed would be 20 ft. by 30 ft. and placed 50 feet from the wetland with a gravel driveway leading to it.

The Commission asked Ms. Shapiro to find out how long the driveway will be and pointed out that the addition of the driveway should also be added to the application.

3. **Jurisdictional Determination: 71 Rocky Dundee Road.** Proposed selective timber harvest, including limited tree removal within a wetland, as well as a temporary wetland crossing which will be removed at completion of timber harvest. Dave Worthington and Joe Theroux for Barbara Morell.

Ms. Shapiro explained to the Commission that the property requires a temporary bridge crossing the wetland. It will be a selective timber harvest. An “as of right” jurisdictional determination is being requested so that a permit is not required.

*Commissioner Greg Genlot made a motion that the application falls under the agricultural use “as of right” and is therefore allowed without a permit. Lise Wood seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.*

Chairman Formeister made a motion to add a 4<sup>th</sup> item to the New Business Agenda. Lise Wood seconded the motion. Motion carried.

4. **Conservation Project Discussion.** Chairman Formeister started a discussion and asked for suggestions to use the \$300.00 in our budget for our Conservation Project. The Commissioners liked the proposal of purchasing markers that state “Wetlands Boundary” printed on them and if there was any money left over, it could be given to the Land Trust. Chairman Formeister requested that Ms. Shapiro implement the Project and report back to the Commission.

#### **IV. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION** ---- none

#### **V. STAFF/COMMISSION REPORT**---

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

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

#### **VI. CORRESPONDENCE AND BILLS**-----

Ms. Shapiro presented correspondence and bills. Copies of The Habitat were distributed to the Commissioners.

Lise Wood made a motion to accept the Correspondence and pay all required bills before the end of the fiscal year. Dan Fraro seconded. All in Favor. Motion carried.

#### **VII. MINUTES APPROVAL** for the May 4, 2016 meeting.

Commissioner Fraro made a motion to approve the minutes. Gregg Genlot seconded. All approved. Motion carried.

#### **VIII. ADJOURNMENT** Commissioner Fraro made the motion to Adjourn. Commissioner Wood seconded.

All in Favor. Motion Carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Commissioner Candace Aleks, Secretary

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