

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

**REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, October 4, 2017
7:00 p.m. Town Hall**

MINUTES

I. **CALL TO ORDER**--- Meeting called to order by Joan Formeister, Chairman at 7:00 P.M. Commissioners in attendance were Daniel Fraro, Greg Genlot, Candace Aleks and Lise Wood, seated for Karl Walton. Joanna Shapiro, Wetlands Agent, was also present.

II. **OLD BUSINESS –**

1. **Application #714:** 212 Four Bridges Rd. In-ground pool in the upland review area. Juliano's Pools.

Eric Levesque from Juliano's Pools represented the owner. The new in-ground pool will replace the existing above-ground pool. A wetland permit is necessary due to being approximately 80 feet from the wetland. A silt fence has already been added to the plan at the request of the wetland agent to minimize potential disturbance of the wetland/watercourse during construction, as well as a temporary stockpile location. Wetland Agent Shapiro felt that all concerns had been addressed.

Lise Wood made the motion to approve the application.

Dan Fraro seconded. All were in favor. Motion was approved.

III. **NEW BUSINESS –**

1. **Modification of Permit #712:** 22 Bridle Path Drive. Septic system and grading in the upland review area associated with the construction of a new house. Richard McCullough. Applicant is requesting a change in the limit of disturbance to allow installation of a curtain drain that will require installation and discharge adjacent to the wetland.

The original application was approved last month. Mike Mocko, representing the applicant, presented a modified plan. Wetland Agent Shapiro required the applicant to present the proposed modification to the Commission, as it represented substantial work within the originally approved 'limit of disturbance' and adjacent to the wetland.

Mr. Mocko and Mr. McCullough explained the necessity to change the limit of disturbance to allow installation of a curtain drain, which will require installation and discharge adjacent to the wetland.

Wetland Agent Shapiro had already requested that the limit of disturbance and erosion controls be extended along the proposed curtain drain location. These items had been added to the plan, and she did not have any additional concerns regarding the modification.

Greg Genlot made the motion to approve the modification of the permit. Lise Wood seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed.

2. **Modification and extension of Permit #662:** 349 Main Street. New parking lot in upland review area. 349 Main Street LLC. Applicant is asking to modify the surface of the grass/gravel parking area to a paved parking area, with additional modifications to stormwater management. Applicant is also requesting an extension of the wetland permit, which is set to expire on December 5, 2017.

Tim Coon from J.R. Russo Associates represented the applicant, and presented a proposal for the following modifications: to modify the surface of the previously approved grass/gravel parking area to become a paved area, with additional modifications to the stormwater management system. Mr. Coon proposed adding a curb instead of a swale to collect stormwater runoff because a swale cannot be placed in that area due to the septic system. As requested by Wetland Agent Shapiro, a sediment forebay had been added to the basin design to replace the water quality pretreatment function of the swale and the basin was enlarged to accommodate drainage from the local watershed area.

Additionally, a one year extension of the wetland permit is being requested in case work cannot be completed before the permit is set to expire on December 5 2017, to now expire on **December 5, 2018**.

Greg Genlot made the motion to accept the Modification and extension of Wetland Permit #662 until December 5, 2017.

Dan Fraro seconded. All were in favor. The motion passed.

3. **Jurisdictional Determination:** 12 and 18 Sokol Rd. Forestry harvest within the upland review area of a watercourse. Joe Quirk

Wetland Agent Shapiro presented the notification of timber harvest from the logging contractor, and explained that no work within the wetland/watercourse is proposed and no crossings are proposed.

Lise Wood made the motion that this activity is a “use of right” as an agricultural activity, and does not require a wetland permit.

Dan Fraro seconded. All in Favor. The motion passed.

IV. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION- None

V. STAFF REPORT

Wetland Agent Shapiro distributed and discussed the Wetland Agent Report.

Lise Wood made the motion to accept the Wetland's Agent Report. Greg Genlot seconded. All in Favor. Motion passed.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE AND BILLS

Copies of the 2017 Summer Edition of the Habitat Newsletter were distributed to the Commission.

The Commission received a bill from the Journal Inquirer for \$72.40.

Dan Fraro made a motion to approve payment of the bill. Greg Genlot seconded. All in Favor. Motion passed.

VII. MINUTES APPROVAL for September 6, 2017.

Lise Wood made the motion to accept the minutes of September 6, 2017. Dan Fraro seconded. All in Favor. Minutes were approved

VIII. DISCUSSION: Permanent wetland delineation standards.

Discussion continued about the Permanent Wetlands Delineation Standards for all future wetlands markers in Somers. Discussion involved various types of materials deemed appropriate for lasting wetlands markers. Continuation of further discussion and analysis by the Commission and Wetland Agent was deemed necessary.

IX. ADJOURNMENT -

Lise Wood made the motion to Adjourn. Dan Fraro seconded. All in Favor. Meeting was adjourned at 8:27 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Commissioner Candace Aleks, Secretary

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