

TOWN OF SOMERS
Conservation Commission
600 Main Street
P.O. Box 308

REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6, 2018
7:00 PM 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, Karl Walton and Candace Aleks. Joanna Shapiro, Wetland Agent, was also present.

II. **OLD BUSINESS**

1. **Permanent Wetland Delineation Standards**

Chairperson Formeister and the Commissioners opened discussion with Mr. Mike Mocko about the types of Permanent Wetland Delineation markers that will be used by builders and homeowners in the future.

The Commission discussed various options, to be formalized into Wetland Delineation Marker Guidelines, to be further discussed and approved:

- Concrete or granite monuments (or possibly 4 inch plastic or metal pipe filled with concrete) placed every 30-50' depending on line
- Circular Conservation Labels screwed into each marker

III. **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Modification of Permit #711:** 952 Main Street. Septic system and additional grading in the Upland Review Area. Request to modify the site plan to include pond dredging/restoration. Kevin K. Riley

Mr. Riley presented his plan to modify the site plan to include dredging and cleaning up the silt accumulation from the pre-existing pond on the property. Mr. Riley explained that he would use the dredged material to improve sandy upland soils, and that he would only dredge the area on his own property. Mr. Riley will notify his abutting neighbor about the work to be completed. There is currently silt fence near the pond.

Karl Walton made a motion to amend the grading plan to add dredging and cleaning up the pre-existing pond, with the excavated silt pile stored outside the wetland area.

Dan Fraro seconded. All in Favor. Motion approved.

2. **Application #715:** 66 Hangdog Lane. New septic system, grading, and drainage within upland review area, associated with construction of a new house. Roulier & Associates.

Mr. Mike Mocko, Environmental Consultant, presented the plan for the new application. Wetland Agent Shapiro identified that the prior subdivision wetland permit had expired, and additionally, the proposed house and septic are further back on the property and closer to the wetland (30' rather than 100' from the wetland) than originally approved in the subdivision plan. Mr. Mocko explained that he worked with the landowner to develop a desirable plan, and proposes to build the septic system further away from the house in order to preserve a large tree. Mr. Mocko felt that there will be no impact to the wetland from the shorter, undisturbed buffer zone. Mr. Mocko explained that he will adjust the plans to show the upland review area associated with an off-site stream, as identified by Wetland Agent Shapiro. Additionally, the plan will be to build a 3 bedroom house, **not** a 4 bedroom house, so the system can be shifted forward.

3. **Application 716:** Lake Drive. Construction of three residential units with associated grading and septic within upland review area. Shady Lake LLC.

Mr. Nat Sreenath of Sreenath Associates and Mr. Dan Avery, landowner, requested to renew the expired 2016 Wetland Permit. Ms. Shapiro noted that this is a new application since the prior permit had expired, and that there have been some changes to the plan. They presented a new plan where they propose to eliminate Unit 32 to create more room.

They want to renew the Permit for Unit 1, Unit 30 and Unit 31 at this time, and are working on revising the plan for the end of the road, which will likely be shortened, and will return to the Commission if additional work is needed within the upland review area. Unit 31 is in a revised location, yet the footprint of the house will still maintain the 50 foot buffer from the wetland that was established for the development. Unit 30 does not require further work in the upland review area. Wetland Agent Shapiro felt the plan and changes were appropriate, particularly with elimination of a unit.

IV. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None

V. STAFF REPORT

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

Greg Genlot made the motion to accept the Wetland's Agent Report.

Karl Walton seconded. All in Favor. Motion passed.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE AND BILLS.

Copies of the 2018 Fall Edition of the Habitat Newsletter and the Connecticut Wildlife Magazine were distributed to the Commissioners.

No bills were presented for this month.

VII. MINUTES APPROVAL for May 2nd, 2018.

Greg Genlot made the motion to accept the minutes of May 2nd, 2018.

Dan Fraro seconded. All in Favor. Minutes were approved.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT -

Karl Walton made the motion to Adjourn.

Dan Fraro seconded. All in Favor. Meeting was adjourned at 8:07 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Commissioner Candace Aleks, Secretary

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