

**TOWN OF EAST WINDSOR
INLAND WETLANDS WATERCOURSE AGENCY**

Regular Meeting – June 5, 2013

MEETING MINUTES

*******Draft Document – Subject to Commission Approval*******

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Savaria called the Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Meeting Room, 11 Rye Street, Broad Brook, CT.

ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM:

Present: Regular Members Ron Savaria (Chairman), Richard Osborn, Robert Slate, and Alternate Members Kathryn Roloff and Michael Sawka.

Unable to Attend: Regular Members Michael Koczera and John Malin.

Guests: Selectman Richard Pippin (Inland/Wetlands Liaison); and Kathy Pippin, Board of Finance.

Chairman Savaria noted the establishment of a quorum with 3 Regular and two Alternate Members as noted above. Alternate Members will also serve this evening to complete quorum requirements.

Also in attendance was Wetlands Agent/Zoning Enforcement Officer Robin Newton.

AGENDA ADDITIONS:

Chairman Savaria noted the following **ADDED AGENDA ITEMS:**

1. NEW APPLICATIONS TO BE RECEIVED:

- a. **#06-2013 – Patrick Carbray** – Application to expand existing deck and add above-ground pool to property at 86 Winkler Road. Assessor's Map 104; Block 17, Lot 019-05.

2. AGENT DECISION:

- a. **#07-2013 – Sharon and Tom Muska** – Regrade low spots in field at property adjacent to 216 East Road. Assessor's Map 080, Block 57, Lot 022.

(No motion made)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES /1) May 1, 2013:

MOTION: To APPROVE the Minutes of Regular Meeting dated May 1, 2013 as

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presented.

Osborn moved/Slate seconded/

**VOTE: In Favor: Osborn/Roloff/Savaria/Sawka/Slate
Opposed: No one
Abstained: Roloff**

CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.

NEW APPLICATIONS TO BE RECEIVED/1) Letourneau Builders – Request to conduct regulated activities to construct single family home. Property located 3,000 feet west of intersection of Route 191/Phelps Road. Map 064, Block 19, Lot 052-04:

Wetlands Agent Newton advised the Commission the Applicant is proposing construction of a single family dwelling located as shown on the attached plan. The Applicant will appear next month to discuss his proposal; Wetlands Agent Newton queried the Commissioners for comments.

MOTION: To ACCEPT the Application of Letourneau Builders for a request to conduct regulated activities to construct single family home. Property located 3,000 feet west of intersection of Route 191/Phelps Road. Map 064, Block 19, Lot 052-04.

DISCUSSION: Chairman Savaria suggested the area of wetlands should be labeled on the plans so the buyer knows what they are purchasing. Chairman Savaria also questioned if the Applicant will be considering installation of footing drains for this dwelling? Commissioner Osborn also noted this lot configuration appeared before the Commission previously; at that time the owner didn't want to use this additional land as a building lot.

Slate moved/Sawka seconded/

**VOTE: In Favor: Unanimous (Osborn/Roloff/Savaria/Sawka/Slate)
(No opposition/No abstentions)**

NEW APPLICATION TO BE RECEIVED/2) #06-2013 – Patrick Carbray – Application to expand existing deck and add above-ground pool to property at 86 Winkler Road. Assessor's Map 104, Block 17, Lot 019-95:

Wetlands Agent Newton referenced the material received from Mr. Carbray along with his Application. She noted she will contact the Applicant to work with him; he has shown his proposed addition on an Assessor's Field Card rather than the As-Built plan. Wetlands Agent Newton noted the deck expansion as proposed covers the dwelling hatchway; she will discuss potential alternative configurations with Mr. Carbray.

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Discussion followed regarding receipt of incorrect material. Wetlands Agent Newton noted acceptance of the application is required as the fee has been paid. Acceptance of the plan doesn't equate to Commission approval of the proposal.

MOTION: To **ACCEPT** the **Application of Patrick Carbray to expand existing deck and add above-ground pool to property at 86 Winkler Road. Assessor's Map 104, Block 17, Lot 019-95.**

DISCUSSION: None

Osborn moved/Slate seconded/

**VOTE: In Favor: Unanimous (Osborn/Roloff/Sawka/Savaria/Slate)
(No opposition/No abstentions)**

NEW BUSINESS: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

MISCELLANEOUS: Nothing presented.

AGENT DECISIONS(1) #07-2013 – Sharon and Tom Muska – Regrade low spots in field at property adjacent to 216 East Road. Assessor's Map 080, Block 57, Lot 022.

Wetlands Agent Newton reviewed a location aerial with the Commission. The Applicants are proposing to flatten out a mound of material beside the access drive to the farm stand. The mound compromises the sightline to left of the site access. The regrading will not affect a large area. The closest the activity would be to the wetlands is approximately 90'; the work will occur within the 150' upland review area.

The Commission agreed with Wetlands Agent Newton's assessment; no motion was made.

STATUS REPORTS: None.

VIOLATIONS: No updates this evening

CONFERENCES/SEMINARS/TRAINING:

Wetlands Agent Newton reported Session II of the DEEP training has been announced; vouchers are no longer acceptable. The session fee is \$65; classes will be held at Central Connecticut State University. The schedule for Session III has not yet been announced. Chairman Savaria suggested Commissioners consider taking the classes Wetlands Agent Newton doubted any funds were left in the budget for training.

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CORRESPONDENCE: None.

GENERAL BOARD DISCUSSION:

- Chairman Savaria reported he has been approached by the American Heritage River Commission to participate in the cardboard canoe race as a representative of the Inland Wetlands Commission. The Commission wished him well in his endeavor.
- Commissioner Roloff reported she has lived in her present location for nine years and has, in the past, seen brown snakes, ribbon snakes, and leap frogs near the Broad Brook Pond. Commissioner Roloff felt these amphibians were endangered species. Since the renovation of Merlot on the Water she has seen dumping of asphalt and other debris, including grass clippings felt to contain fertilizer, in the wetlands adjacent to the pond. Within the last four years she has noted the absence of the above noted species. She questioned what can be done?

Wetlands Agent Newton reported she has visited the site at earlier urgings of Commissioner Roloff and has not been able to find the materials Commissioner Roloff is discussing. She suggested if the material is being dumped it's not easily visible. She will contact the owner of Merlot on the Water to advise him to cease dumping the grass clippings.

Regarding the snakes and frogs noted above Wetlands Agent Newton didn't recall their status as an endangered species under the National Diversity Database. She suggested Commissioner Roloff contact DEEP to make an inspection.

Wetlands Agent Newton advised the Commission she will be returning with an updated Wetlands Fines Schedule for their consideration. The Zoning Fines Schedule works will to acquire resolution of violations.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

No one requested to speak.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: To ADJOURN this Meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Osborn moved/Sawka seconded/VOTE: In Favor: Unanimous

Respectfully submitted:

Peg Hoffman, Recording Secretary, Inland Wetlands and Watercourse Commission