

CONSERVATION AND INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
TOWN OF DEEP RIVER, CONNECTICUT
Town Hall 174 Main Street Deep River, Connecticut 06417

A regular meeting of the Deep River Conservation and Inland Wetlands Commission held on Thursday, July 13, 2023 at the Deep River Town Hall was called to order at 7:15 .m. by Chairman Steeves. Members present: Susan Board, Carol Libby, Emily Nelson, Tanner Steeves. Absent: Stuart Cutler, John Woitovich and Alternate George Atwood. Also present: Nancy Howard (Recording Secretary), Mark Reyher (Wetlands Enforcement Officer), Mark Botta, and Scott Monterville.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Susan Board and seconded by Emily Nelson to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 8, 2023 as printed. (4-0) Voted Unanimously.

Audience of Citizens: None.

Public Business:

River Trust 21 Revocable Trust, 21 River Lane: An application by River Trust 21 Revocable Trust for the purpose of an addition of an open 8' x 33' front porch on property at 21 River Lane was received at the June meeting. WEO Reyher noted that the application is complete. The proposed activity falls just within the review area. After discussion, a motion was made by Susan Board and seconded by Carol Libby to approve the application subject to the following stipulations: (a) the Wetlands Enforcement Officer shall be notified prior to the start of work; and (b) erosion and sedimentation control measures shall be placed, if necessary, in accordance with the direction by the Wetlands Enforcement Officer. (4-0) Voted Unanimously.

Enforcement:

Scott Monterville, 95 Westbrook Road (Map 21, Lot 28): WEO Reyher noted that a Notice of Violation was sent for material that was pushed into a wetlands and presented pictures of the activity that has taken place without a permit. Mr. Monterville noted that he had a machine doing other work at the house and ended up using it to thin out an area of trees and the material was pushed over into the wetlands. He noted he was not aware that a permit was needed. Mr. Monterville noted that he cleaned up the material, as well as other trash that was in the wetlands from a previous owner. WEO Reyher noted that he visited the site and asked Mr. Monterville to pull the material a little further outside of the 100 ft. review area. Mr. Monterville indicated that he may have the machine over the weekend, weather permitting, and will pull the material outside of the 100 ft. area. No material was cut in the wetlands and no grading or grubbing took place. No action was taken by the Commission. The WEO will continue to evaluate and report to the Commission.

Mark Kaye, Cedar Lake Road (Map 16, Lot 1): The WEO and a couple Commission members noted, in driving by the property, that there is a large pile of wood chips on the property with evidence of a large number of trees that have been cut down. The permit issued was for minimal activity with no heavy equipment for the purpose of establishing a walking trail around the pond. The WEO will walk the site to determine the activity that has taken place.

Rusty Rail, 439 Main Street: Rusty Rail was supposed to report back at this meeting with pictures of the wetlands area. WEO noted that no plantings have been done because of the asphalt material. Chairman noted that plantings in barrels does not help with runoff. WEO Reyher will present pictures at the next meeting. Additional rock material still needs to be raked back to clear the boulders to improve the health of the wetland. A member noted that Tailgaters had mulch on the site and Rusty Rail brought in the stone.

Leroy Holdmeyer: No report has been received regarding Attorney Perry's contact with Attorney Marsh.

Correspondence: A statement was received from the Connecticut River Coastal Conservation District requesting the annual payment of \$1,577.00. The matter was tabled. The Chairman will speak with the First Selectman.

Chairman Report: The Chairman noted that the POCD planning committee is continuing to meet monthly and are currently discussing transportation. The joint land use committee met the previous evening. The Planning and Zoning Commission has accepted their first fee in lieu of open space for a subdivision on Kelsey Hill Road. The money is being held separate from the general fund. Additional fees in lieu will be coming in from a recent subdivision on River Road. The Deep River Land Trust is included in the regulation to provide guidance to the Planning & Zoning Commission.

WEO Reyher suggested notifying the Superintendent that any activity proposed on the former Mislick property will require a wetlands permit.

Regulations/Fee Schedule: Discussion took place regarding updates to the fee schedule. Chairman Steeves noted that the land use applications will be handled by an online permitting process. Application fees should be collected when the application is initially submitted.

A motion was made by Sue Board and seconded by Carol Libby to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. (4-0) Voted Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Howard
Recording Secretary