

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, February 8, 2024 at the Deep River Town Hall was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Chairman Steeves. Members present: Susan Board, Stuart Cutler, Carol Libby, Jake Ricker, Tanner Steeves, and Alternate George Atwood. Absent: Emily Nelson and John Voitovich. Also present: Attorney Karen Perry (Commission Attorney), Nancy Howard (Recording Secretary), Laurie Giannotti, Ken Stanwix and Alan Stanwix. A motion was made by Carol Libby and seconded by Susan Board to seat Alternate George Atwood for an absent member. (5-0) Voted Unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by George Atwood and seconded by Susan Board to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 11, 2024 as printed. (6-0) Voted Unanimously.

Audience: None.

Enforcement:

Kenneth Stanwix, 104 Rattling Valley Road: Chairman Steeves noted that the WEO had brought to the attention of the Commission work that was done on the dam of the stream. Ken Stanwix noted that he did some repairs of an area that collapsed as a result of a lot of rain. Chairman noted that the activity is considered a regulated activity which would have required a permit. Mr. Stanwix stated that it was restored to the previous level and he has not done any additional activity since November. The Commission will have the future WEO review the site to determine if any modifications are needed. A question was raised if there was any affect on flow downstream. The pond does flow from the property in the direction of Pratt Cove. Mr. Stanwix stated that the work was done in October. Members noted that a neighbor had appeared before the Commission with concerns regarding the pesticides being used on the Stanwix property. The bee hives that he has had on his property for a number of years all died. Mr. Stanwix noted that the renewal of pesticide spraying is coming up again this year. Commission members encouraged that the spraying possibly take place every couple months rather than every month. No further regulated activity may take place without a permit. Mr. Stanwix noted that the dam is approximately 23 ft. wide and pond is 6 feet deep. Commission members noted concern that the pesticide applicator did not notify the CIWC for review. Verification of submission to the local inland wetlands agency is required. The spraying took place from May to August. The matter was continued pending review by future WEO and the permit process.

Attorney Perry will follow up on the status of the posting of the WEO position.

Bills: None received.

Correspondence: A copy of a permit application for aquatic pesticide application for Plattwood Park was received. Application will take place from April to October. The activity also took place in 2023, 2022 and 2021. The application frequency was reviewed.

Conservation Matters: Laurie Giannotti from the Deep River Land Trust was present for discussion regarding the parcel on Rattling Valley Road purchased by the Town to be added to Canfield Woods. The Land Trust will be the easement holder on that parcel. Attorney Perry prepared a draft conservation easement for review. The Land Trust will work with the CIWC. Laurie noted that the condition of the two organizations who awarded grants for the purchase was for protection of the property in perpetuity. It was

discussed that any signage on that parcel should recognize the names of the organizations. The CIWC did not recommend creating a parking area but creation of a simple trail from the road with signage approximately 20 feet in on the trail. The CIWC and DRLT will coordinate for creation of a trail to connect with Canfield. The revised conservation easement will be reviewed by the Commission members.

A motion was made by Carol Libby and seconded by George Atwood to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. (6-0) Voted Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Howard
Recording Secretary