

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
MEETING OF JULY 22, 2008**

PRESENT: Arthur Christian, Chairman
Glenn Neilson, Vice Chairman
Barbara Chain, Treasurer
Thomas Heffernan, Secretary
Bob Roberts
Jack Leahey

ALTERNATES: Andy Krar

RECORDING SECRETARY: Robin Newton

CONSULTANT: Keith L. Morris

ABSENT:

Keith Golembiewski

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER-7:00 P.M.

Chairman Christian called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The secretary read aloud the agenda. Andy Krar was appointed voting rights for Thomas Heffernan until Mr. Heffernan arrives.

II. SUNRISE PARK SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Mr. Drakeley handed out a monthly report for the Commission and reviewed the contents of the report. The Commission asked how the treatment of White's Pond was handled. Mr. Drakeley stated it took 6 days for the company to treat the pond after the request was made and that the company did a good job.

Chairman Christian asked what purchases had been made. Mr. Drakeley informed the Commission that a chainsaw had been purchased, which was approved by the Chairman. Additionally a blower was purchased. Chairman Christian asked how much the blower cost. Mr. Drakeley stated he could not remember. Chairman Christian asked who had approved the purchase. Mr., Drakeley stated no one. Chairman Christian reminded him that he must call the office before purchasing such items and if no one is available in the office then he needs to call the Chairman.

Mr. Drakeley reported that the day camp program was going well.

III. NORTHEAST UTILITIES PRESENTATION

Members from Northeast Utilities were present to provide information to the Commission concerning an upcoming application to the Connecticut Siting Council. Teresa Hopkins-Staton and Jeffrey Towle were present. Mr. Towle provided most of the information during the presentation. A pamphlet (on file in the Conservation Office) was handed out and reviewed with the Commission.

The Commission expressed concerns with Ridgeline Protection Contracts with abutting Towns. Additionally, members of the Commission expressed concerns with upkeep after permits have expired and what entity oversees future upkeep in the wetland areas.

Richard Legere-1204 Newgate Road-asked about the locations of the new structures, what types of herbicides are used? Also if there was a standard for radiation emissions?

Mr. Towle stated that the new structures would be located next to the existing locations. Herbicides are not used in residential areas. The standard for radiation emissions is determined by Connecticut Siting Council.

Bruce Millick of 1170 Newgate Road- stated he wanted to know whether or not the area of his lawn that is under the easement would be returned to its preconstruction state. Mr. Towle stated that it would.

Ms. Hopkins-Staton stated that she would like all the comments and concerns stated forwarded to her so that they may take those suggestions into consideration when engineering their plan.

IV. PLAN ACCEPTANCES

A. Permit #1524-Daniel Hinckley-2 Lot Subdivision and Construction of 2 Single Family Homes with Septic Systems-1510 Hill Street. Assessor's Map #27, Block # 28, Lot #61. This property is located on the east side of Hill Street nearest intersection being Spruce Street.

Vice Chairman Neilson asked if all the required information had been submitted. The secretary stated it had been. Mr. Neilson made a motion to accept the plan of Daniel Hinckley for a two lot subdivision and construction of two single family homes with septic systems on Hill Street. Raymond Wilcox seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

B. Permit #1525-Margaret Nocturne-One Lot Subdivision and Construction of a Single Family Home with Septic System-Sheldon Street. Assessor's Map #23, Block # 25, Lot #'s 8 & 9. This property is located on the south side of Sheldon Street nearest intersection being Taintor Street.

Commission member Raymond Wilcox asked if the application was substantially complete for acceptance. The secretary reported that it was. Mr. Wilcox made a motion to accept the application of Margaret Nocturne for a one lot subdivision and construction of a single family home with septic system on Sheldon Street. Bob Roberts seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

C. Permit #1526-Daniel Carnevale-Wetland Map Amendment-Thompsonville Road. Assessor's Map #75H, Block #45, Lot #121. This property is located on the south side of Thompsonville Road nearest intersection being East Street.

Raymond Wilcox asked if the application was complete for plan acceptance. The secretary reported that it was. Mr. Wilcox made a motion to accept the plan of Daniel Carnevale for a wetland map amendment on Thompsonville Road. A public hearing will commence on August 26, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. Bob Roberts seconded the motion which was made and carried unanimously.

V. CONSULTANT'S REPORT

The new consultant Keith Morris was introduced to members of the Commission who did not previously know him. Mr. Morris stated that he was following up on a possible wetland violation on Fair Hill Lane.

At this time, Mr. Wilcox presented a plan for a new sign at Stony Brook Park. Mr. Wilcox was looking for suggestions and/or approval from the Commission for the sign design. After reviewing the plans, Thomas Heffernan made a motion for Mr., Wilcox to purchase a new sign for Stony Brook Park. Jack Leahey seconded the motion which was made and carried unanimously.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JUNE 10, 2008

Glenn Neilson made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Bob Roberts seconded the motion which was made and carried unanimously.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Glenn Neilson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00. Jack Leahey seconded the motion which was made and carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robin M. Newton, Recording Secretary