

**MINUTES
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
INLAND/WETLAND AGENCY**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2008 - 7:00 P.M.
WATERTOWN HIGH SCHOOL TECHNOLOGY CENTER**

**Public Hearing
APPLICATION #653 – Dean Bergstrom**

Members Present: Mr. Ed Undercuffler, Chairman
Mr. Donato Orsini, Vice Chairman
Mr. Joe Polletta
Mr. Mike Genovese

Members Absent: Mr. Jim Zawadzki
Mr. Tony DiBona
Mr. Tom Murphy, Secretary

Alternate Present: Ms. Denise Russ

Alternate Absent: Ms. Martha Sturgis
Ms. Michael Brown

Others Present: Mr. Moosa Rafey, Wetlands Enforcement Officer
Mr. Chuck Berger, Town Engineer

Call Meeting to Order

Chairman Undercuffler, Called the Public Hearing to Order.

Application #653 of Dean Bergstrom for restoration of a disturbed site as known as Lot A Bidwell Hill Road, Watertown, CT.

Recess or adjourn the Public Hearing must be closed by November 13, 2008 unless applicant grants an extension of time.

Chairman Undercuffler read the legal notice into the record.

Gary Giordano a professional engineer was present on behalf of the applicant and submitted a copy of the letter sent to abutting property owners and the green cards. Mr. Giordano advised the Commission that this application is for restoration of a disturbed site and creation of approximately 3000 sq. ft. of wetlands. Mr. Giordano advised the Commission that the applicant is proposing to restore 39,000 sq. ft. that includes a water quality basin, rip rap forebay, grass swale with a turf mat, geotech silt fence and turf mats. Mr. Giordano noted for the record that he would comply with the recommendations made by Sean Hayden of the Northwestern Conservation District to perform all the work in one phase. Mr. Giordano advised the Commission that the plans do not include the step benches into the slope.

Mr. Berger stated that he wanted the step benches in the slope back on the plans.

Mr. Hayden expressed concerns with the fact that reverse slope benches needed on the slope because the slope could fail. Mr. Hayden continued to review his report with the Commission and noted that he had made a few recommendations to help with the design of the grass and rock line channel to take water down to create a wetlands. His recommendations will make the channel a better water quality channel. Mr. Hayden also noted that he is recommending that the applicant submit a cross section so the Commission can visually see how the soils will be built up or build down and how basins and, forbays will be constructed.

Mr. Giordano said that Mr. Hayden's design recommendations can be incorporated into the plans.

Chairman Undercuffler expressed concerns with the construction phasing process.

Mr. Giordano explained the phasing process to the Commission. Mr. Giordano expressed concerns with doing the entire project at one time. Mr. Giordano recommended keeping construction to 5000 sq. ft. limits.

Mr. Polletta expressed concerns with the current condition of stabilization.

Mr. Rafey explained that the temporary measures are currently working. Mr. Rafey recommended that a sediment trap up stream of the wetlands area be installed.

Mr. Hayden noted that in his report he recommends making the forebay larger by elongating it. This will function as a temporary sediment trap during construction.

Public: None

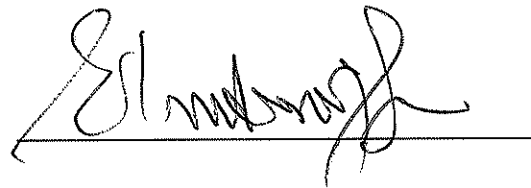
Discussion: None

Mr. Polletta moved to close the public hearing. Ms. Russ seconded the motion.

Vote: 5 Favor: 0 Abstained: 0 Opposed: 0

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Attest:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ed Undercuffler', is written over a horizontal line.

Ed Undercuffler, Chairman
Conservation Commission
Inland/Wetland Agency

Approved by: Chuck Bezio, Land Use Secretary