

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING**

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION/ INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY
WATERTOWN, CT**

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2008
WATERTOWN HIGHSCHOOL TECHNOLOGY CENTER**

Members Present: Mr. Ed Undercuffler, Chairman
Mr. Donato Orsini, Vice Chairman
Mr. Tom Murphy, Secretary (Left at 10:00 pm)
Mr. Tony DiBona
Mr. Joe Polletta (Arrived at 7:10 pm)

Members Absent: Mr. Mike Genovese
Mr. Jim Zawadzki

Alternate Present: Ms. Denise Russ

Alternate Absent: Ms. Martha Sturgis
Ms. Michael Brown

Others Present: Mr. Moosa Rafey, Wetlands Enforcement Officer
Mr. Chuck Bezio, Land Use Secretary

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chairman Undercuffler called to at 7:02 pm.

2. Roll Call

Chairman, Chairman executed the roll call. Chairman Undercuffler appointed Denise Russ for Tom Murphy.

3. Public Participation

Laura Smith of 279 Straights Turnpike spoke to the Commission about the pending application #658 of Christopher Delucia and Ilene Miller for a 10' x 30' shed and a 14' x 125' driveway within the regulated wetlands setback of 259 Straights Turnpike. Ms. Smith expressed concerns that the wetlands setbacks are not being complied with for this project. Ms. Smith wanted to make sure the regulations will be enforced. Ms. Smith explained that there is a property line dispute and the applicant is stock piling on her property.

Mr. Polletta asked Ms. Smith if she found her marker or if she has a survey?

Ms. Smith noted that she has not found her marker for her property boundary.

4. Action on Minutes

Mr. DiBona moved to approve the meeting minutes for the Regular Meeting on August 14, 2008. Mr. Orsini seconded the motion.

Discussion: None **Vote:** 6 in favor **Abstained:** 0 **Opposed:** 0

The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. DiBona moved to approve the meeting minutes for the Special Meeting on August 28, 2008. Mr. Orsini seconded the motion.

Discussion: None **Vote:** 6 in favor **Abstained:** 0 **Opposed:** 0

The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. DiBona moved to approve the meeting minutes for the Show-Cause Hearing on September 18, 2008 Nicholas D'Anthony.

Mr. Orsini seconded the motion.

Discussion: None **Vote:** 6 in favor **Abstained:** 0 **Opposed:** 0

The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. DiBona moved to table the approval of meeting minutes for the Public Hearing on September 11, 2008 for App. #643 - 741 Echo Lake, LLC to 12/11/08. Mr. Orsini seconded the motion.

Discussion: None **Vote:** 6 in favor **Abstained:** 0 **Opposed:** 0

The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. DiBona moved to table the approval meeting minutes for the Public Hearing on September 11, 2008 for App. #644 Watertown Board of Education to 12/11/08. Mr. Orsini seconded the motion.

Discussion: None **Vote:** 6 in favor **Abstained:** 0 **Opposed:** 0

The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. DiBona moved to table the approval of the meeting minutes for the Public Hearing on September 11, 2008 for App. #646 Watertown Public Works to 12/11/08. Mr. Orsini seconded the motion.

Discussion: None **Vote:** 6 in favor **Abstained:** 0 **Opposed:** 0

The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. DiBona moved to table the approval of the meeting minutes for the Regular Meeting September 11, 2008 to 12/11/08. Mr. Orsini seconded the motion.

Discussion: None **Vote:** 6 in favor **Abstained:** 0 **Opposed:** 0

The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. DiBona moved to table the approval of the meeting minutes for the Public Hearing on October 9, 2008 for App. #643 741 Echo Lake, LLC. Mr. Orsini seconded the motion.

Discussion: None **Vote:** 6 in favor **Abstained:** 0 **Opposed:** 0

The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. DiBona moved to table the approval of the meeting minutes for the Public Hearing on October 9, 2008 for App. #644 Watertown Board of Education. Mr. Orsini seconded the motion.

Discussion: None **Vote:** 6 in favor **Abstained:** 0 **Opposed:** 0

The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. DiBona moved to table the approval of the meeting minutes for the on Public Hearing on October 9, 2008 for App. #652 Echo Lake Brownfield, LLC. Mr. Orsini seconded the motion.

Discussion: None **Vote:** 6 in favor **Abstained:** 0 **Opposed:** 0

The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. DiBona moved to table the approval of the meeting minutes for the on Public Hearing October 9, 2008 for App. #653 Dean Bergstorm. Mr. Orsini seconded the motion.

Discussion: None **Vote:** 6 in favor **Abstained:** 0 **Opposed:** 0

The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. DiBona moved to table the approval of the meeting minutes for the Regular Meeting on October 9, 2008. Mr. Orsini seconded the motion.

Discussion: None **Vote:** 6 in favor **Abstained:** 0 **Opposed:** 0

The motion passed unanimously.

5. Pending Applications

A. Application #643 of 741 Echo Lake Road, LLC for construction of 66 condominium units and 2,045 linear foot new private roadway on the Northwest corner of Echo Lake Road and Buckingham Street, Watertown, CT.

If the public hearing is closed on November 13, 2008 then a decision is required by December 18, 2008. The applicant must grant an extension of public hearing.

Ms. Russ moved to table the application to the 12/11/08 meeting. Mr. DiBona seconded the motion.

Discussion: None **Vote:** 6 in favor **Abstained:** 0 **Opposed:** 0

The motion passed unanimously.

B. Application #652 of Echo Lake Brownfield, LLC for piping a watercourse Echo Lake Road in the IR-80 Restricted Industrial Zoning District.

If the public hearing is closed on November 13, 2008 then a decision is required by December 18, 2008. The applicant must grant an extension of public hearing.

Mr. DiBona moved to table the application to the 12/11/08 meeting. Mr. Russ seconded the motion.

Discussion: None **Vote:** 6 in favor **Abstained:** 0 **Opposed:** 0

The motion passed unanimously.

C. Application #656 of Town of Watertown Department of Public Works for restoration of a drainage swale Breezy Knoll Drive, Watertown, CT.

If a public hearing is not held then a decision is required by December 13, 2008.

Mr. Orsini moved to table the application to the 12/11/08 meeting. Mr. DiBona seconded the motion.

Discussion: None **Vote:** 6 in favor **Abstained:** 0 **Opposed:** 0

The motion passed unanimously.

D. Application #657 of Town of Watertown Department of Public Works for restoration of a storm drain/ watercourse on Hinman Road, Watertown, CT.

If a public hearing is not held then a decision is required by December 13, 2008.

Mr. Orsini moved to table the application to the 12/11/08 meeting. Mr. DiBona seconded the motion.

Discussion: None **Vote:** 6 in favor **Abstained:** 0 **Opposed:** 0

The motion passed unanimously.

6. New Applications

A. Application #658 of Christopher Delucia and Ilene Miller for a 10' x 30' shed and a 14' x 125' driveway within a regulated wetlands setback on 259 Straits Turnpike, Watertown, CT.

If a public hearing is not held then a decision is required by January 16, 2009.

Chris Delucia was present and reviewed the application with the Commission. Mr. Delucia explained that there is a boundary dispute between him and his neighbors located at 279 Straits Turnpike.

Mr. Rafey asked if the boundary dispute has been settled and recommended to the Commission that we should know exactly who owns the property where the wetlands are located.

Chairman Undercuffler asked if the driveway is going to be paved.

Mr. Delucia advised the Commission that the driveway has existed and is not part of this application.

Mr. Polletta expressed concerns with trucks and other machinery within the regulated area.

Chairman Undercuffler expressed concerns with the location of the stockpile and its setbacks to the wetlands.

Mr. Rafey said that he would confirm the distance between the stock pile and the wetlands and report back to the Commission.

Mr. Polletta expressed concerns with the location of the driveway and recommended building a stone wall along the driveway.

Chairman Undercuffler said that he wanted to see revised plans that contain details of the proposed project and specifics plot plan.

Mr. Polletta said he would like to see the driveway pitched away from the wetlands.

Mr. Orsini moved to table the application to the 12/11/08 meeting. Ms. Russ seconded the motion.

Discussion: None **Vote:** 6 in favor **Abstained:** 0 **Opposed:** 0

The motion passed unanimously.

B. Application # 659 of Lynn Hasler for a repair of an existing 900 sq. ft. retaining wall within a regulated wetlands setback on 115 Hickory Lane, Watertown, CT.

If a public hearing is not held then a decision is required by January 16, 2009.

John Bradley of 265 Gill Hollow Road of Bethlehem, CT was present for the applicant and explained the application to the Commission.

Mr. DiBona moved to table the application to the 12/11/08 meeting. Mr. Orsini seconded the motion.

Discussion: None **Vote:** 6 in favor **Abstained:** 0 **Opposed:** 0

The motion passed unanimously.

C. Application # 660 of Nuhi Sadiku for grading and landscaping within an upland review area on 125 Jericho Road, Watertown, CT.

If a public hearing is not held then a decision is required by January 16, 2009.

Mr. Orsini moved to table the application to the 12/11/08 meeting. Mr. DiBona seconded the motion.

Discussion: None **Vote:** 6 in favor **Abstained:** 0 **Opposed:** 0

The motion passed unanimously.

7. Old Business

Mr. DiBona moved to table the Show Cause Hearing and discussion on a Notice of Violation issued to Echo Lake Brownfield, LLC Echo Lake Road, Watertown, CT. Ms. Russ seconded the motion.

Discussion: None **Vote:** 6 in favor **Abstained:** 0 **Opposed:** 0

The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. DiBona moved to table the Show Cause Hearing and discussion on a Notice of Violation issued to Dean Bergstrom and John Maxwell regarding property on Bidwell Hill Road, Watertown. Ms. Russ seconded the motion.

Discussion: None **Vote:** 6 in favor **Abstained:** 0 **Opposed:** 0

The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. DiBona moved to table the Show Cause Hearing and discussion on a Notice of Violation issued to Nicholas D’Anthony concerning 1 Pleasant View Avenue, Oakville, CT. Ms. Russ seconded the motion.

Discussion: None **Vote:** 6 in favor **Abstained:** 0 **Opposed:** 0

The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. DiBona moved to table the Show-Cause Hearing and discussion on a Notice of Violation issued to Christopher Delucia and Ilene Miller owners of 259 Straits Turnpike, Watertown, CT. Ms. Russ seconded the motion.

Discussion: None **Vote:** 6 in favor **Abstained:** 0 **Opposed:** 0

The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. DiBona moved to table the Show-Cause Hearing and discussion on a Notice of Violation issued to Hashim Krasniqi, owner of 125 Jericho Road, Watertown, CT. Ms. Russ seconded the motion.

Discussion: None **Vote:** 6 in favor **Abstained:** 0 **Opposed:** 0

The motion passed unanimously.

8. New Business

The Commission discussed the draft model of the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations of the Town Watertown, CT for the Watertown Conservation Commission/ Inland Wetland Agency. The Commission agreed to schedule a Special Meeting in January 2009. No specific date was set.

9. Communications and Bills

None

11. Reports from Staff

None

12. Public Participation

None

13. Adjournment

Mr. DiBona moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 pm. Ms. Russ seconded the motion.

Discussion: None **Vote:** 6 in favor **Abstained:** 0 **Opposed:** 0

The motion passed unanimously.

Attest:

Ed Undercuffler, Chairman
Conservation Commission, Inland Wetlands Agency

Approved: _____
Chuck Bezio, Land Use Secretary