

**New Hartford Inland Wetlands Commission
TOWN OF NEW HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, May 4, 2016 at 7:00 PM
New Hartford Town Hall
530 Main Street, New Hartford, Connecticut**

PRESENT: Chairman James Hall, Anne Hall, Lou Moscaritolo, Nancy Shroeder Perez, Wayne Ryznar, Regina Wexler, Inland Wetlands Officer Ruth Mulcahy.

ABSENT: James Chakulski.

Chairman James Hall called the meeting to order at 7:00PM. The meeting was recorded digitally and copies are available through Town Hall.

1) PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A. Cheryl L. Leppert – Map 06A Block 112 - Lot 57-58, 114 Camp Workcoeman Road – Repairs to Existing Dock – Building New Dwelling in Same Location as Existing Structure, Septic Being Placed Between House and Lake.

Attorney William Tracy appeared before the commission on behalf of the applicants. He reminded commissioners that at the last public hearing, comments and suggestions were received and noted that some items require responses from the Health District. Attorney Tracy explained that his client does not yet have all of these responses and therefore is requesting a continuance of the public hearing.

MOTION: Ms. Schroeder Perez, Ms. Hall second, **to accept the applicant's request for an extension of the public hearing to June 1, 2016; unanimously approved.**

Ms. Shelly Lloyd of 29 Pioneer Drive questioned whether there is any obligation on the part of the applicants to provide the requested information for the public to review prior to the evening of the public hearing.

Ms. Karen Griswold Nelson of 57 Stedman Road opined that when the requested information is not provided in advance, it is disrespectful to the audience who may have a vested interest in the outcome of the application as well as to the Commission.

Mr. Ryznar concurred with Ms. Griswold Nelson. Mr. Hall opined that two weeks should be adequate time to receive a response on questions and suggestions posed at the last hearing. It was noted that members of the public should feel free to contact Ms. Mulcahy to check on the status of receipt.

Mr. Hall reported that the applicants are reapplying to the Farmington Valley Health District for a different septic system location and that the Commission has no control on the turn-around time from them.

Mr. Steve Unger of 706 West Hill Road questioned whether the two-week time frame for receipt of the requested documents is a mandate or simply a request. Mr. Hall clarified that it is indeed merely a request and that the applicants are within their rights to provide the information the evening of the meeting.

Discussion ensued regarding procedure and rules governing the public hearing and application.

2) PENDING APPLICATIONS:

A. Cheryll L. Leppert – Map 06A Block 112 - Lot 57-58, 114 Camp Workcoeman Road – Repairs to Existing Dock – Building New Dwelling in Same Location as Existing Structure, Septic Being Placed Between House and Lake.

This application was continued to the next regular meeting.

3) NEW APPLICATIONS:

None.

4) MEETING MINUTES – April 6, 2016:

MOTION: Ms. Hall, Ms. Schroeder Perez second, **to approve the March 2, 2016 Minutes; Motion passed with Mr. Hall, Ms. Hall, Ms. Schroeder Perez, and Ms. Wexler voting aye while Mr. Moscaritolo and Mr. Ryznar abstained.**

5) INLAND WETLANDS OFFICER’S ENFORCEMENT REPORT:

Ms. Mulcahy reported that she had expected to be able to share a declaratory ruling regarding a timber harvest application on Steele Road but it was not quite ready.

She also reported that she has seen an uptick in tear down inquiries with the number growing o five since she has been in New Hartford. Ms. Mulcahy also relayed information provided by Attorney Mark Branse at a recent Planning and Zoning Commission meeting. She noted that the Inland Wetlands Commission has jurisdiction over septic systems in that they may make other suggestions for location of the system and has control over stormwater quality.

Discussion ensued regarding septic systems at West Hill Lake.

6) CORRESPONDENCE:

Ms. Mulcahy distributed flyers for the Municipal Inland Wetlands Comprehensive Training P program and reported that there was one free voucher for the online training program. Ms. Wexler volunteered to take the course.

7) OTHER BUSINESS PROPER TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION:

Ms. Schroeder Perez questioned whether it was possible to receive by email copies of documents that come in regarding applications. Ms. Mulcahy noted that extra copies for each commissioner could even be required as part of the application process.

MOTION: Ms. Schroeder Perez, Mr. Moscaritolo second, **to adjourn at 7:36PM; unanimously approved.**

Respectfully submitted,

**Pamela A. Colombie
Recording Secretary**