

**New Hartford Inland Wetlands Commission
TOWN OF NEW HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, February 3, 2016 at 7:00 PM
New Hartford Town Hall
530 Main Street, New Hartford, Connecticut**

PRESENT: Chairman James Hall, Anne Hall, James Chakulski, Lou Moscaritolo, Wayne Ryznar, Regina Wexler, Inland Wetlands Enforcement Officer Steve Sadlowski.

ABSENT: Nancy Schroeder Perez.

Chairman James Hall called the meeting to order at 7:00PM. The entire proceedings were recorded digitally and are available in the Town Hall.

1. PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE.

2. PENDING APPLICATIONS: NONE

3. NEW 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 agenda item was initially tabled pending the arrival of the applicant or representative. Agenda item 3B. was reviewed and considered prior to this item (3A). While neither applicant nor designated representative appeared, the commission reviewed the application and the plans that accompanied it.

MOTION: Mr. Wayne Ryznar, Mr. James Chakulski second, **to accept the application in the matter of 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, deeming it significant activity and in the public interest, scheduled it for a public hearing and exploration of possible prudent alternatives at the next regularly scheduled meeting; unanimously approved.**

B. Town of New Hartford – Carpenter Road – Replace Carpenter Road Bridge with a Concrete Box Culvert and Concrete Wing Walls and Headwalls – New Bridge Will be 22'0" wide (Curb to Curb) Which Allows for 9-Foot Lanes and 2-Foot Shoulders Which Will Allow for Two-Way Traffic.

Mr. Todd Parsons, P.E. of Lenard Engineering, appeared before the commission on behalf of the applicant. He noted that this application had needed temporary rights resolved and is now complete in that regard. In response to a question put forth by Wetlands Enforcement Officer Steve Sadlowski, Mr. Parsons noted that the bridge is somewhat narrower than previously designed, at a curb to curb width of twenty-two (22') feet rather than twenty-six (26') feet as it had been.

Mr. Parsons explained that the bridge is located on Carpenter Road, where it crosses the Nepaug River, a short distance from Route 202. He presented the commission with a map of existing conditions. Mr. Parsons noted that other than the road itself, the area around the bridge all fall within regulated areas. He noted that the town is proposing to reconstruct a portion of the road to a consistent twenty-two (22') foot width and explained that the box culvert will be located in almost the same location. It will be widened slightly to the downstream end primarily to accommodate the area for two-way traffic, according to Mr. Parsons. He noted that new guide rails will be installed on both sides. He presented a profile of the road, depicting a high point in the center of the culvert with two low points on each side so that water is not trapped on the bridge itself, which will allow runoff to just sheet flow into the road embankments. Mr. Parsons also shared a cross-section of the different areas along the proposed road and bridge. An elevation view of the box culvert was also shared, noting the concrete box, concrete wing walls on each

side, new guiderail, and new concrete parapet with metal handrail. Mr. Parsons then presented a profile of the bridge, showing the box culvert, noting that the inside will be backfilled with natural streambed material.

Mr. Parsons explained that perhaps the most important drawing in the plans from a wetlands perspective was that one depicting the coffer dams, noting that the entire area will be ringed with a sandbag coffer dam with a bypass culvert going underneath the road. He pointed out where the pump discharge settling basin will be. Mr. Parsons noted that the plans have been submitted to MDC because this area is in a watershed area and that there is a water handling and management plan. Mr. Parsons noted that a meeting took place with three regulatory bodies: the Town, representatives from DEEP, and representatives from the Army Corp. He noted that MDC representatives were also invited to provide feedback and that this plan is a product of those meetings and discussions.

Mr. Parsons noted that the total impact is a little over 12,000 square feet of disturbance within a regulated area.

MOTION: Ms. Anne Hall, Mr. Lou Moscaritolo second, **to accept the application of Town of New Hartford – Carpenter Road – Replace Carpenter Road Bridge with a Concrete Box Culvert and Concrete Wingwalls and Headwalls – New Bridge Will be 22'0" wide (Curb to Curb) Which Allows for 9-Foot Lanes and 2-Foot Shoulders Which Will Allow for Two-Way Traffic, deeming it significant and to schedule a public hearing at the next regular meeting; unanimously approved.**

4. MEETING MINUTES: November 4, 2015.

MOTION: Ms. Hall, Mr. Moscaritolo second, **to approve the November 4, 2015 Minutes; Motion passed with Ms. Hall, Mr. Moscaritolo, Mr. Chakulski, Mr. Ryznar voting aye while Ms. Regina Wexler abstained.**

5. INLAND WETLANDS OFFICER'S ENFORCEMENT REPORT:

Mr. Sadlowski reported that the pond dredging on Route 202 has been reviewed by US Army Corp. and MDC.

Mr. Sadlowski also reminded the commission that Roger and Linda Schiffert prevailed in the litigation surrounding their proposed home site on Town Hill Road. This case had the New Hartford Inland Wetlands Commission listed, too, which with the recent decision affirms that they had not erred in their proceedings, according to Mr. Hall.

6. CORRESPONDENCE:

Mr. Hall reported that an invitation from the Board of Selectman has been received regarding a roundtable dinner and discussion of challenges facing New Hartford to be held on February 18, 2016 at 6PM.

7. OTHER BUSINESS PROPER TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION:

A. Approval of 2016 Meeting Schedule.

MOTION: Ms. Hall, Mr. Chakulski second, **to approve the 2016 Meeting Schedule to include the following dates for meetings: February 3, 2016, March 2, 2016, April 6, 2016, May 4, 2016, June 1, 2016, July 6, 2016, August 3, 2016, September 7, 2016, October 5, 2016, November 2, 2016, December 7, 2016; unanimously approved.**

Mr. Ryznar noted that whenever he sees applications up at the lake with a septic system, he has concerns reflecting on Lake Pocotopaug, and the whole issue of when the town needs to address sewers around the lake to stop damage to water quality. Discussion ensued with Mr. Ryznar commenting that people erroneously believe that a septic system approved by Farmington Valley Health District will be protecting the water in the lake. He opined that it will not and that this practice is actually putting the quality of the water at risk.

MOTION: Mr. Chakulski, Ms. Hall second, **to adjourn at 7:38PM; unanimously approved.**

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela A. Colombie
Recording Clerk