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**Members Present:** T. Gauthier, J. Mullaney, T. Loto, R. Warner, L. Maynard

**Members Absent:** T. Nofer

**Staff Present:** J. Soderberg, Wetlands Agent

J. Mullaney called the regular meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

***Approval of Minutes:***

**Special Meeting- April 23, 2009:**

The following change was noted: the minutes of April 9, 2009 were approved as amended. T. Loto made a motion to approve these minutes as amended. R. Warner seconded the motion. The motion passed with L. Maynard abstaining.

***Additions to the Agenda:*** None.

***Recognition of Guests:*** None.

***New Applications:***

**Petition 09-03**, Application of William and Carol Meyerhardt, 9 Tannery Hill Lane- Installation of a shed (**Received 5-14-09- 14 days- 5-28-09- 65 days- 7-17-09**):

William Meyerhardt was present. J. Soderberg reported that he has been out to the site. There was really no other location for the shed. There are a lot of trees and little lawn.

J. Mullaney commented that with this proposed location there is still good buffer to protect the wetland. He then explained to the applicant that the Commission could accept this application tonight. If they do, then they should act on it at next month's meeting (on June 11, 2009).

J. Mullaney continued by noting that he anticipates that the Commission will approve this application without any issues. He did not see a reason for the applicant to come back. J. Soderberg would notify the applicant of the Commission's decision after the meeting.

The Commission accepted petition 09-03.

(Note this application was later approved at this meeting when the Commission voted to change the policy and allow the Wetlands Agent to approve applications with minimal impact. See below.)

*Pending Applications: None.*

***Violations:***

**Violation 08-18V.** Patti Matthews, 108 Jan Drive, Hebron- Excavation of Soils within a Wetland:

J. Soderberg reported that the violator has gotten one quote from a soil scientist/engineering firm. This quote was high so J. Soderberg recommended that they contact another soil scientist for another quote. He then reported that he had faxed a copy of the Wendy Goodfriend report to the first firm. He would be happy to get it to any additional firms.

J. Soderberg recommended again that the Commission members get out to this site and see this violation first hand. He would recommend that they do this before the next regular meeting in June because the violator should do something to rectify this situation by July/August.

L. Maynard asked if the disturbed area is currently stable. J. Soderberg reported that the area along the front of the pond is seeded. The backside is hard as a rock because the piles of gray wetland soils have dried out.

*Pre-Applications: None.*

***Other Pertinent Business:***

**Discussion of Guidelines:**

J. Soderberg passed out draft guidelines and the Commission reviewed them paragraph by paragraph. J. Soderberg will make the recommended changes for the Commission's next meeting.

**Discussion of Allowing Wetlands Agent to Approve Minimal Impact Applications:**

J. Soderberg passed out the section of the Connecticut General Statutes that allows for a town's wetland agent to approve applications that would have a minimal impact on any wetland or watercourse.

The Commission reviewed this section and noted that any person may appeal the wetland agent's decision within 15 days after the publication date of the notice. Also that the Commission would have the opportunity to consider any appeals at their next regularly scheduled meeting. They did not see any timing issues. They thought that this process would allow applicants in these situations to get their approvals faster.

J. Mullaney commented that he thought that giving the wetlands agent this authority allowed for greater flexibility. Approval could be given in one month, instead of two. He did not have any issues with J. Soderberg's judgment in giving approvals for straightforward applications.

T. Loto made the following motion:

- The Hebron Inland Wetlands and Conservation Commission authorize the Inland Wetlands Agent to approve or extend an activity that is not located in a wetland or watercourse when such agent finds that the conduct of such activity would result in no greater than minimal impact on any wetland or watercourse provided that such agent has completed the comprehensive training program developed by the commissioner pursuant to Section 22a-39 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

L. Maynard seconded the motion.

T. Gauthier commented that the Commission would always have the ability to review any of the Wetlands Agent's decisions. L. Maynard agreed with this proposal.

The motion passed unanimously.

It was then noted that this policy change is effective immediately. Therefore J. Soderberg will notify the applicant for Petition 09-03 and tell him that his applicant was approved this evening.

***Correspondence:***

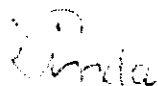
The following items were received:

- Legal notice of the Conservation Commission for Petition 09-02 (dated April 27, 2009)
- Notice of Decision of Conservation Commission for Petition 09-02 (dated April 27, 2009)
- Invitation to the Council of Environmental Qualities next meeting on May 19, 2009

***Adjournment:***

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for June 11, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda Bulkovitch  
Board Clerk

