

**DERBY INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY  
DERBY, CONNECTICUT 06418**

**Frederick J. Columbo, Jr., Chairman  
68 Seymour Avenue  
Derby, Connecticut 06418**

**Philip Marcucio  
Paul Dinice, Jr.  
Paul Padilla  
Roger Birtwell  
Nelson Cummings – Alt.  
Daniel Sexton – Alt.**

**April 11, 2012  
(Meeting Taped)**

Minutes of Derby Inland Wetlands Agency meeting of Wednesday, April 11, 2012 at Aldermanic Chambers, City Hall, 1 Elizabeth Street, Derby. This meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Fred Columbo.

By roll call members present were Chairman Fred Columbo, Paul Padilla, Paul Dinice, Philip Marcucio, Roger Birtwell, Nelson Cummings and Daniel Sexton. Also present was Ryan McEvoy, Milone & MacBroom.

Additions, Deletions, Corrections to the Agenda - None

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2012 meeting was made by Mr. Birtwell, seconded by Mr. Dinice and carried unanimously with Mr. Macucio abstaining. Chm. Columbo noted that the February 8, 2012 and March 14, 2012 meetings were cancelled.

Public Portion

There was no one from the public wishing to speak.

7. Adam Thompson – Applicant. APPLICATION #12041101 – Seeking permission to conduct a regulated activity: proposing to work in the regulated area to make corrections and improvements on a wall, fencing, plantings, and wetlands vegetation of Lot #10, Tax Map #11-8, at 22 Derby Neck Road.

Adam Thompson and Alan Shephard were present. Mr. Thompson submitted a revised application with purpose of the proposed activities attached. Chm. Columbo read a letter dated 2/29/12 from David Kopjanski regarding violations of the zoning regulations and requesting that an application be filed to correct the infractions. He also issued a cease and desist order. Chm. Columbo noted that an existing conditions map dated 4/3/12 was also received.

Alan Shephard stated that Mr. Thompson received the notice from Mr. Kopjanski and it was recommended that the existing conditions map be provided. He stated that this property has an old farm house that has been there for many years. He would like to rebuild the existing stone walls as well as a patio in the rear. There is a portable garage on site and a gravel driveway. The wetlands were flagged as part of the subdivision several years ago. Mr. Shephard stated that Mr. Thompson does not want

to be in violation and wants to clean up his property and do a good job. There are some invasive plants that he wants to take out.

Adam Thompson, 22 Derby Neck Road, Derby stated that when he purchased the house there was a dirt driveway and many invasive plants all over the property. He is cutting these down which will allow native species to grow. He stated that he has not cut down any trees or filled in any areas. He stated that he just wants to cut down the invasive plants and add some new vegetation. He stated that the stone walls were covered in poison ivy and needed maintenance. He stated that there was a stone patio behind the house and that has been relocated to a more convenient spot on the parcel. The portable garage that is there is to store equipment and some old farm equipment that had been left on the property. He stated that he wants to improve and properly maintain the property.

Mr. Shephard stated that Mr. Kopjanski's letter referred to the fact that Mr. Thompson was operating a landscaping business from this location. Mr. Thompson has now leased space in another location for this business which should address that concern raised in Mr. Kopjanski's letter.

Mr. Columbo stated that the main concern is what is being done in the wetlands and buffer area. He stated that the members have not had a chance to do a site walk, which will be done before the next meeting. He stated that a lot of work has been done in the buffer area. He also stated that the Commission can determine next month if a public hearing is necessary if they feel that it is a major impact.

Mr. Marcucio asked how he was removing the invasive plants. Mr. Thompson stated that he was mowing and cutting. Mr. Shephard stated that he will work with the Commission about taking out the invasive plants.

Mr. Dinice stated that he felt that a public hearing will be necessary considering the amount of work that has already been done. Mr. Columbo stated that at this time Ryan McEvoy has not had a chance to look at the property.

Mr. Dinice asked how long Mr. Thompson felt it would take to complete the work. Mr. Thompson stated that it would be several months. He stated that he is looking to get functionality around the barn area. He stated that it was so overgrown that it was difficult to ever walk to the front of the barn.

Mr. Columbo asked that a color coded map with the wetlands and buffer area be submitted. He also recommended that the members do a site walk. The Commission also wanted to make sure that soil and erosion control measures are put in place.

Mr. Marcucio moved that the cease and desist order remain in place until a plan is approved by the Commission. The motion was seconded by Mr. Padilla and carried unanimously. It was noted that the soil and erosion control measures can be put in place.

8a. Engineering Fees: Milone and MacBroom, Inc. for the City of Derby Invoice #58763 and #58764.

Mr. Marcucio moved that the invoices from Milone and MacBroom (#58763 and #58764) be paid. The motion was seconded by Mr. Birtgwell and carried unanimously.

Mr. Padilla asked if the members could be provided with some form of identification that they are members of the Inland Wetlands Agency. He felt that this would be helpful when they have to do a site walk on private property. Mr. Columbo felt that was a good idea and will look into it.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Padilla, seconded by Mr. Marcucio and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

ATTEST:

Maryanne DeTullio

*These minutes are subject to the Agency's approval at their next scheduled meeting.*