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**DURHAM INLAND WETLANDS  
and  
WATERCOURSES AGENCY**

*Durham Town Hall  
Durham, Connecticut 06422*

Meeting Minutes of  
Monday, December 14, 2009

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Vice-Chairman Richard Eriksen at the Durham Public Library.

**Roll Call:** Members present: Bob Czarnecki, Pat DiNatale, Richard Erikson, Chris Meisenkothen  
Staff Geoff Colegrove and Trish Dynia.

**Seating of Alternates:** None were present.

**Approval of Agenda:** *A motion was made by Mr. DiNatale, seconded by Mr. Meisenkothen, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously.*

**Approval of Minutes:** *A motion was made by Mr. Meisenkothen, seconded by Mr. DiNatale to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2009 meeting as presented. The motion passed unanimously.*

**Public Session:** No one spoke at this time.

**Scotland Hardwoods, Selective Timber Harvesting, 140 Blue Hills Road:**

Rod Burgess discussed the parameters of the proposed selective timber harvest on the Danadio property on Blue Hills Road. He indicated that approximately 100,000 board feet of sawtimber would be removed during the winter of 2009/2010. Steam crossing would be made via portable bridges.

Ms. Dynia left the meeting at this time.

*A motion was made by Mr. DiNatale, seconded by Mr. Czarnecki, to approve the application with the provision that the applicant present a check for \$90 to the Land Use Office in additional fees. The motion passed unanimously.*

**Silenex Associates, LLC, Farm Road Widening, Higganum Road/ Nick Xenelis, Discussion of Activities along the Access Road going towards the old Gravel Pit, 186 Cherry Lane:**

Pat Benjamin P.E. presented plans to widen the access road from the brook towards the old gravel pit and explained that approximately half of the fill recently deposited in the wetland Durham Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency  
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would be removed and brought to the old gravel pit for disposal. The remaining filled area would not be disturbed. Mr. Xenelis explained the reasons for widening the farm road.

*A motion was made by Mr. DiNatale, seconded by Mr. Meisenkothen, to approve the application as presented which: (1) removes 4,000 cubic yards of fill and leaves 4,700 cubic yards of fill. Condition: A fee of \$120.00 be paid to the town and \$30.00 DEP fee. The motion passed unanimously.*

**Silenex Associates, LLC, Review of Activity within 100' of a Wetland for Barn Reconstruction Hellgate Road:**

Pat Benjamin P.E. presented plans to construct a barn on a existing foundation on the north side of Hellgate Road. Based on a review of old aerial photos the foundation never had a structure on it. Mr. Xenelis explained the barn would have two levels accessible by farm equipment.

*A motion was made by Mr. DiNatale, seconded by Mr. Meisenkothen, that there is no activity in the wetlands and to approve the construction of a barn on the existing foundation as part of a farming operation. No application is required. The motion passed unanimously.*

**Approval of 2010 Meeting Dates:** *A motion was made by Mr. Meisenkothen, seconded by Mr. DiNatale to approve the 2010 meeting dates were presented. The motion passed unanimously.*

**Wetlands Enforcement Officer's Report:** Mr. Colegrove reported on a number of pending activities.

**Payment of Bills:** None

**Miscellaneous:** No one spoke at this time.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

*G. L. Colegrove*

G. L. Colegrove, Town Planner