

**WESTPORT CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
ACTION MINUTES  
MARCH 16, 2011**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** W. Fergus Porter, Chair; Lanning Bryer; Jeffress Gouverneur; Patricia Shea; Jennifer Tooker; Marty Yellin

**STAFF PRESENT:** Alicia Mozian, Conservation Director; Lynne Krynicki, Conservation Analyst

**Work Session I: Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.**

**1. Receipt of Applications**

Ms. Mozian noted there were at least 3 applications for the April meeting thus far with the deadline being March 17, 2011 including two map amendments and one WPLO application. However, since no inland wetland applications have been submitted thus far, there are none to officially receive.

**2. Report by Colin Kelly, Conservation Compliance Officer on the status of existing enforcement activity. – NO NEW ACTIVITY. 61 MAPLE AVENUE SOUTH HAS NOT SUBMITTED A RESTORATION PLAN BUT STAFF INDICATED THAT IS UNDERSTANDABLE GIVEN THE WINTER WE HAVE HAD.**

**3. 35 Tamarac Road: Request by Greg Slowik to eliminate condition #9 of Permit #AA,WPL-7251-04 requiring a permeable driveway and allow a properly engineered asphalt driveway instead. – **STAFF REVIEWED LETTER FROM APPLICANT REQUESTING THE ELIMINATION OF CONDITION #9 WHICH REQUIRED A PERMEABLE DRIVEWAY AND ALLOW FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A PROPERLY ENGINEERED ASPHALT DRIVEWAY. THE COMMISSION DISCUSSED.****

Motion to deny the request to eliminate Condition #9 and recommend that the owner make a formal application to pave the driveway in which the Commission will require drainage and engineering plans.

**Motion: Gouverneur                      Second: Yellin**  
**Ayes: Gouverneur, Yellin, Bryer, Porter, Shea, Tooker**  
**Nayes: None                              Abstentions: None                      Vote: 6:0:0**

**4. Cockenoe Island Camping Permit Fee: Request by staff to raise the camping fee from \$10 to \$20 per campsite per night. – **MS. MOZIAN DISCUSSED RAISING THE CAMPING FEES AT COCKENOE ISLAND FROM \$10 TO \$20. THE FEES HAVE NOT CHANGED SINCE 2004 AND WOULD BE MORE IN LINE WITH THE CAMPING FEES OF OTHER COMMUNITIES.****

Motion to raise the Cockenoe Island Camping Permit Fee from \$10 to \$20 per campsite per night.

**Motion: Gouverneur                      Second: Bryer**  
**Ayes: Gouverneur, Bryer, Porter, Shea, Tooker, Yellin**  
**Nayes: None                              Abstentions: None                      Vote: 6:0:0**

**Public Hearing: Auditorium 7:30 p.m.**

1. **7 Grove Point Road:** Application #IWW/M-8757-11 by Barr Associates, LLC on behalf of Bryan & Christina Mellick to amend wetland boundary map #E6. – **APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS**

**Motion:** Shea                      **Second:** Porter  
**Ayes:** Shea, Porter, Bryer, Tooker, Yellin  
**Nayes:** None                      **Abstentions:** None                      **Vote:** 6:0:0

2. **29A Sturges Comms:** Application #IWW/M-8759-11 by Ana & Charles Rinaldi to amend wetland boundary map #G12. – **APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS**

**Motion:** Bryer                      **Second:** Yellin  
**Ayes:** Bryer, Yellin, Gouverneur, Porter, Shea, Tooker  
**Nayes:** None                      **Abstentions:** None                      **Vote:** 6:0:0

3. **21 Grove Point Road:** Application #IWW/M-8760-11 by Elizabeth & Sterling Daines to amend wetland boundary map #E06. - **APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS**

**Motion:** Bryer                      **Second:** Tooker  
**Ayes:** Bryer, Tooker, Gouverneur, Porter, Shea, Yellin  
**Nayes:** None                      **Abstentions:** None                      **Vote:** 6:0:0

Motion to amend the agenda so that **19 Otter Trail precedes 21 Grove Point Road.**

**Motion:** Porter                      **Second:** Bryer  
**Ayes:** Porter, Bryer, Gouverneur, Shea, Tooker, Yellin  
**Nayes:** None                      **Abstentions:** None                      **Vote:** 6:0:0

4. **19 Otter Trail:** Application #WPL-8770-11 by John Hilts on behalf of Robert Kligerman to construct a 1' by 4' timber landing and a 1' by 4' step, install a 3' by 30' aluminum ramp and a piling anchored 6' by 16' timber floating dock. Work is wholly within the 25 year floodplain of the Saugatuck River. – **APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS**

**Motion:** Gouverneur                      **Second:** Yellin  
**Ayes:** Gouverneur, Yellin, Bryer, Porter, Shea, Tooker  
**Nayes:** None                      **Abstentions:** None                      **Vote:** 6:0:0

5. **21 Grove Point Road:** Application #IWW,WPL-8769-11 by Peter Romano of Land-Tech Consultants, Inc. on behalf of Elizabeth & Sterling Daines to: remove the existing garage; renovate and add to the east and west of the existing dwelling; abandon the existing driveway and construct a new driveway to the new garage/house addition on the west side of the house; install a swimming pool; and, associated site improvements including drainage, grading and wetland enhancement. Portions of the work are within the upland review area setbacks and the WPLO area of the Sherwood Mill Pond. – **APPROVED IN PART AND DENIED IN PART THE POOL WAS DENIED.**

**Motion:** Gouverneur                      **Second:** Shea  
**Ayes:** Gouverneur, Shea, Bryer, Porter, Tooker, Yellin  
**Nayes:** None                      **Abstentions:** None                      **Vote:** 6:0:0

**Work Session II:**

1. Approval of February 16, 2011 meeting minutes. - **APPROVED AS SUBMITTED**

**Motion:** Gouverneur                      **Second:** Porter  
**Ayes:** Gouverneur, Porter, Bryer, Shea, Tooker, Yellin

**Nayes: None Abstentions: None Vote: 6:0:0**

2. Review of Education Topic responses. – **STAFF WAS INSTRUCTED TO PRIORITIZE THE TOPIC BASED ON ITS PERCEPTION OF WHERE THE COMMISSION IS LACKING.**
3. Other business.
  - a. **8 Hitchcock Road – Request for an Administrative Approval for a 2-story addition over an existing screened porch with no change in the footprint. – MS. KRYNICKI INDICATED THERE WOULD BE NO ADVERSE IMPACT FROM THIS PROPOSED PROJECT. THE COMMISSION ALLOWED STAFF TO ISSUE AN ADMINISTRATIVE APPROVAL.**
  - b. **15 Owenoke Park – Request for a Waterway Protection Line Exemption for alterations and additions to an existing residence. – THE COMMISSION AND STAFF REVIEWED THE REQUEST.**

Motion to deny the WPL/E request and require the applicant to file an application for a full review by the Conservation Commission.

**Motion: Shea Second: Porter  
Ayes: Shea, Porter, Bryer, Gouverneur, Tooker, Yellin  
Nayes: None Abstentions: None Vote: 6:0:0**

The March 16, 2011 meeting of the Westport Conservation Commission adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

**Motion: Bryer Second: Yellin  
Ayes: Bryer, Yellin, Gouverneur, Porter, Shea, Tooker  
Nayes: None Abstention: None Vote: 6:0:0**