

**DURHAM INLAND WETLANDS  
and  
WATERCOURSES AGENCY**

Special Meeting Minutes  
Monday, November 3, 2008

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

**Roll Call:** Members present: Bob Czarnecki, Pat DiNatale, Dick Eriksen, Joel LaBella, Chris Meisenkothen and Al Petrzal. Alternates Present: None. Staff: Trish Dynia and Geoff Colegrove. Others: Pat Benjamin for Farnum Neighborhood House.

**Seating of Alternates:** None.

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

**Approval of Minutes:** *A motion was made by Pat DiNatale, seconded by Al Petrzal, to approve the October 6, 2008 minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously.*

**Public Session:** None.

**Farnum Neighborhood House, Inc., Proposal to Widen Driveway to 20 feet, Johnson Lane:** Professional Engineer spoke for the applicant, who wishes to expand an existing pathway to 20 feet to create a new driveway for the property. Mr. Benjamin explained that for several years it was assumed that the driveway shared by this property and a neighboring property was on the Farnum property. A recent survey revealed that the shared drive is actually on the neighboring property, ergo, the need to create a new access.

*A motion was made by Bob Czarnecki, seconded by Pat DiNatale, that there is no activity in the wetlands. The motion passed unanimously.*

*A motion was made by Pat DiNatale, seconded by Bob Czarnecki, to approve the project as proposed. The motion passed unanimously.*

A motion was made by Pat DiNatale, seconded by Chris Meisenkothen, to waive the town fee. The motion passed unanimously.

**Wetlands Enforcement Officer's Report:** Geoff Colegrove informed the commission that the town has received through foreclosure several undeveloped properties containing wetlands. After a brief discussion the commission determined that this issue should be sent to the Conservation Commission for recommendations as to possible conservation easements.

**Payment of Bills:** *A motion was made by Chris Meisenkothen, seconded by Joel LaBella, to approve payment of the following bill: Middletown Press, Legal ad publication, \$161.64. The motion passed unanimously.*

**Miscellaneous:** The Commission noted with regret that at the October meeting it was reported that a letter should be sent to the owners of JC Farm regarding lack of compliance to the stipulations of the conservation easement. The Commission was not aware at the time that the owners had submitted the required paper work. This erroneous information was subsequently reported in the Town Times weekly edition. Commission regrets the error, which needlessly caused the owners public embarrassment.

**Adjournment:** Dick Eriksen adjourned the meeting at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Dynia  
Recording Secretary

Cc: Town Clerk, Midstate Regional Planning Agency

RECV'D: Office of the Town Clerk  
November 10, 2008 at 2:34pm