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TOWN OF SHARON  
Inland Wetland & Watercourse Commission  
PO Box 385, 63 Main Street, Sharon, CT 06069

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*Draft minutes until approved at next regular meeting*

January 9, 2024

The special meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Scott Schreiber at 6:30 PM with the following members in attendance: William Trowbridge, Mike Dudek, Larry Rand, Robin Zitter and Alt. Lynn Kearcher- seated for this meeting. Also present: Casey Flanagan, First Selectman and Tom Mariano. Site visits were made on January 6, as posted, by Krissel, Dudek, Zitter, Rand and Kearcher with no action taken.

2. The agenda was not able to be changed due to the Special meeting. It was taken in order.

3. Minutes of the December meeting stood approved as posted.

4. **Communications:** a) No Public Comment. b) The revised invasive brochure was printed with one line missing. The printer has offered to create labels with the missing sentence for distribution.

5. **Old Business:** a) Pesticide Sub-committee – no new information

6. **New Business:** a) **Town of Sharon – Five Year Maintenance Plan:** Casey Flanagan presented the application. Any sub-contractors hired by the town will be under the responsibility of Foreman Reid and notifications of work will be made by him to the office. He will also notify the office whenever the Town Crew is working in a regulated area. As the distances of right-of-ways in the town varies, and until codification of this is accepted by the Town, we will continue to use the previous standard of determining right-of-ways- 25' from the center of the road, unless it is specifically determined to be otherwise. Town work on private properties will require an application, signed by the owner, and a written agreement with the Town. Instances of work conducted previously were discussed and the Commission was assured that the above practice will be followed. A complete road map of the Town was given to all members – noting town roads, private roads and state roads. Motions to approve the 5-year maintenance plan as presented, was approved via motions of Dudek/Rand with all in favor. Mr. Flanagan explained the upcoming visit by Cardinal Engineering on River Road to conduct borings. Once a date is set, he will notify the office and Commission members will be notified.

**b) 175 Knibloe Hill Road:** Renewal of pond work including dry hydrant repair work. This was a site visit. Tom Mariano described the work proposed and noted that they will be able to replace the pipe so as not to de-water the pond. Specific erosion control in the form of double staked haybales will be used – and work will be conducted in the driest of weather. Motions of Kearcher/Rand approved this application as presented with all in favor.

**c. 2024-2025 Budget request:** The information provided to this Commission was given to all members for their review. Any questions should be directed to the Board of Selectmen. This will be acted on at the February meeting.

**d. Programs:** Robin Zitter outlined ideas for programs- She has spoken with various educators, land trust and stewards as well as the NWCD. One program idea in particular was of interest to all members – vernal pools, amphibian/migration topics which would be held in March. Funds from the Walter P. Turkiewicz grant will be used if costs are incurred. Motions of Kearcher/Rand authorized Ms. Zitter to continue to pursue various topics and programs. All were in favor.

**7. Applications to accept:** There are 3 applications to accept which are on file at the office: Lomask subdivision and building lot determination for West Woods Road #2; Building site at the Cseh property by Allied Engineering; and land work at 45 Joray Road by Ian Branson. All were accepted to be taken at the February meeting.

We adjourned at 7:08 via motions of Zitter/Kearcher with all in favor.

Respectfully,

*Jamie Casey*

Land Use Admin/Clerk

**Next meeting:** Tuesday, February 12, 2024, at 6:30 PM (Due to holiday) and site visits to be posted and conducted Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup> 8 AM at Sharon Town Hall.