

**THE CITY OF GROTON  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, February 3, 2009**

**Council Chambers  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
7:30 PM**

**I. ROLL CALL**

Meeting called to order at 7:31 p.m.

Present: A. Chirillo, L. Luck, R. Palmieri, A. Parrella (arrived at 7:35 p.m.),  
K. Valente, D. Rugh

Also present: Carlton Smith, Debbie Marshall-Baker, Nuria Stockman, Wes Greenleaf  
and Robert Russo

**II. MINUTES APPROVAL**

Approve minutes from the January 6, 2009, meeting.

Motion: A. Chirillo

Second: L. Luck

In favor: All

Opposed: None

Abstentions: None

**III. AS INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY**

**A. Public Hearing**

Applicant: Town of Groton, D.P.W., Engineering Division, with property located at Shennecossett Golf Course, on Plant Street, is seeking to replace existing filled culvert crossing with a 12' (twelve foot) long by 8' (eight foot) wide, wooden bridge to span wetland. Restore wetland in area of filled crossing. Chair R. Palmieri opened the public hearing.

D. Marshall-Baker presented updated application of proposed activity based on recommendations from C. Smith and CLA Engineers, City of Groton's third party review. These recommendations include installation of a debris catch net and reinforced concrete piers. The bridge is designed for pedestrian and cart traffic as well as mowers only. Project will also create a slight increase of wetlands on the site. Robert Russo, Certified Soil Scientist from CLA Engineers, had favorable comments about the proposed activity as project has proper sedimentation and erosion controls and minimal impact on the inland/wetlands.

**Motion:** L. Luck made a motion to close the Inland Wetland public hearing of Town of Groton Department of Public Works Engineering Division application request to replace existing culvert crossing with a 12' (twelve foot) long, 8' (eight foot) wide, wooden bridge to span the wetlands

Second: A. Parrella  
In Favor: All  
Opposed: None  
Abstentions: None

**Motion:** A. Parrella made a motion that to add Inland Wetland Application #09-02-01, Town of Groton Department of Public Works Engineering Division application request to replace existing culvert crossing with a 12' (twelve foot) long, 8' (eight foot) wide, wooden bridge to span the wetland, and to restore wetland in area of filled crossing at Shennecossett Golf Course received January 26, 2009, and marked with evidence marker 25 on property located at: 93 Plant Street to the agenda so as to discuss the application.

Second: A. Chirillo  
In Favor: All  
Opposed: None  
Abstentions: None

**Motion:** A. Parrella made a motion to approve Inland Wetland Application #09-02-01, Town of Groton Department of Public Works Engineering Division application request to replace existing culvert crossing with a 12' (twelve foot) long, 8' (eight foot) wide, wooden bridge to span the wetland, and to restore wetland in area of filled crossing at Shennecossett Golf Course received January 26, 2009, and marked with evidence marker 25 on property located at: 93 Plant Street and that a feasible and prudent alternative does not exist with the following modifications:

- 1) Standard condition of the Inland Wetlands Regulations
- 2) All technical items in the field will be addressed by staff
- 3) Letter with Soil Scientist's signature indicating inland/wetland flag markers

### **Application**

Town of Groton, c/o Groton Board of Education, property located at 250 Brandegee Avenue. Applicant is seeking to regrade baseball/soccer field, install underdrain, seed and install backstop and chain link fence. No activity will occur in the wetlands. N. Stockman presented updated plans showing that all fencing issues have been resolved. N. Stockman all stated that when work is completed area will be surveyed to ensure that proposed grade is met.

**Motion:** L. Luck made a motion to approve Inland Wetland Application #09-01-01, Town of Groton, c/o Groton Board of Education, on West Side Middle School re-grade of baseball/soccer field plan dated, received January 21, 2009, and marked with Job No. 06-101.01, with the following modifications:

- 1) Standard condition of the Inland Wetlands Regulations
- 2) All technical items in the field will be addressed by staff.

Second: A. Parrella  
In Favor: All  
Opposed: None  
Abstentions: None

**B. PERMIT EXTENSIONS/MODIFICATIONS**

None

**C. REPORT ON STATUS OF CITY WETLANDS**

None

**D. COMMUNICATIONS**

None

**E. MEETINGS**

None

**F. AIR MANAGEMENT**

None

**IV. AS CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**A. WATER QUALITY**

None

**B. AIR QUALITY**

None

**C. COMMUNICATIONS**

- A memorandum, dated: January 7, 2009, from: Raymond L. Valentini, Manager of Water Operations, contains an updated list indicating the existing buildings that are not presently connected to the City sewer system as of December 31, 2008. In 1 year, 5 properties have been connected to the City sewer system.
- L. Luck announced that she is running for City Council in May 2009. She will be required to resign from the Commission if she wins.

**D. OTHER ITEMS**

None

**V. ADJOURNMENT –**

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 p.m.

Motion: A. Parrella  
Second: K. Valente  
In Favor: All  
Opposed: None  
Abstentions: None

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**Lisa M. Luck**  
**Secretary**

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