

## Changes to the Conservation and Inland Wetlands Regulations

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Section 4.1.b. A residential home (A) for which a building permit was issued, or (B) on a subdivision lot, provided the permit was issued or the subdivision was approved by the Bridgewater Planning and Zoning commission as of July 1, 1974, and further provided no residential home shall be permitted as of right pursuant to this subdivision unless the permit was obtained on or before July 1, 1987.

c. Boat anchorage or mooring, not to include dredging or dock construction;

d. Uses incidental to the enjoyment or maintenance of residential property, such property defined as a parcel of land, or a designated portion of a parcel of land, containing a residence and having a size equal to or smaller than the largest minimum residential lot site permitted anywhere in the municipality. Such incidental uses shall include maintenance of existing structures and landscaping, but shall not include removal or deposition of significant amounts of material from or into a wetland or watercourse, or diversion or alteration of a watercourse.

e. Construction and operation by water companies, as defined by Section 16-1 of the Connecticut General Statutes (1997), as amended, or by municipal water supply systems as provided for in Chapter 102 of the Connecticut General Statutes (1997), as amended, of dams, reservoirs and other facilities necessary to the impounding, storage and withdrawal of water in connection with public water supplies except as provided in sections 22a-401 through 22a-410 of the Connecticut General Statutes. ~~(1997), as amended.~~

f. Maintenance relating to any drainage pipe that existed before July 1, 1974, provided such pipe is on property that is zoned as residential but does not contain hydrophilic vegetation. For purposes of this subdivision, "maintenance" means the removal of accumulated leaves, soil, and other debris, whether by hand or machine, while the pipe remains in place.

g. Withdrawals of water for fire emergency purposes.

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b. Outdoor recreation, including the use of play and sporting areas, field trials, nature study, hiking, horseback riding, swimming, camping, boating, water skiing, trapping, hunting, fishing, shellfishing and cross-country skiing where otherwise legally permitted and regulated

c. The installation of a dry hydrant by or under the authority of a municipal fire department, provided such dry hydrant is only used for firefighting purposes and there is no alternative access to a public water supply. For purposes of this section, "dry hydrant"

means a non-pressurized pipe system that: (A) Is readily accessible to fire department apparatus from a proximate public road, (B) provides for the withdrawal of water by suction to such fire department apparatus, and (C) is permanently installed into an existing lake, pond or stream that is a dependable source of water.

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~~8.5 — The date of receipt of any application shall be the earlier of (i) the day of the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Commission after the day of submission of the application, provided such meeting is no earlier than three business days after submission, or (ii) thirty five (35) days after submission of the application.~~

8.5 The date of receipt of any application shall be the earlier of (i) the day of the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Commission following the day of submission of the application or (ii) thirty-five (35) days after submission of the application.

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d. Comments from the ~~Litchfield County Soil and Water Conservation District, the Housatonic Valley Council of Elected Officials~~ Northwest Conservation District, Western Connecticut Council of Governments or other regional planning agencies or organizations, agencies in adjacent municipalities that may be affected by the proposed activity, or other technical agencies or organizations that may undertake additional studies or investigations.

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~~11.6 — Any permit issued by the Commission for the development of land for which a zoning or subdivision approval is required under Section 8-3, 8-25 or 8-26 of the Connecticut General Statutes shall be valid for five (5) years, provided the Commission may establish a specific time period within which any regulated activity shall be conducted. Any permit issued by the Commission for any other activity shall be valid for not less than two (2) years and not more than five (5) years. The Commission may extend (a) the time period of the original permit provided such period shall not extend beyond ten (10) years from the date such permit was granted, or (b) the time period within which an activity, once commenced, is required to be completed. Any permit that has not expired prior to May 9, 2011 may apply for time period extensions, not to exceed 14 years from the permit date.~~

11.6 a. Except as provided in subsection c, below, any permit issued for the development of property for which an approval is required under chapter 124, 124b, 126 or 126a of the Connecticut General Statutes shall be valid until the approval granted under such chapter expires or for ten years, whichever is earlier.

b. Any permit issued under this section for any activity for which an approval is not required under chapter 124, 124b, 126 or 126a of the Connecticut General Statutes shall be valid for not less than two years and not more than five years. Any such permit shall be renewed upon request of the permit holder unless the agency finds that there has been a substantial change in circumstances which requires a new permit application or an enforcement action has been undertaken with regard to the regulated activity for which the

permit was issued, provided that no permit may be valid for more than ten years except as further provided in subsection c, below.

- c. Any permit issued prior to July 1, 2011, that has not expired prior to May 9, 2011, shall expire not less than nine years after the date of such approval. Any such permit shall be renewed upon request of the permit holder unless the agency finds that there has been a substantial change in circumstances which requires a new permit application or an enforcement action has been undertaken with regard to the regulated activity for which the permit was issued, provided no permit may be valid for more than fourteen years.