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**INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION**  
**January 11, 2012 ~ 7:00 p.m.**  
**Town Hall Annex, 80 Doyle Rd., Bantam, CT**

**Call to Order:** Chairman Robert Blazek called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Members Present:** Robert Blazek, Barbara Brower, Dr. Frank Schildgen, Jack Hamill, Frederick Minck, Abby Conroy and Carol Williams. Also present were Inland Wetlands Agent Dennis Tobin, Ph.D, and Recording Secretary Ann Curtis.

**Members Absent:** Jeffrey Zullo

**1. Public Comment:** None

**2. Appointment of Alternates:** Chairman Blazek appointed Abby Conroy as a regular voting member.

**APPLICATION CONSIDERATIONS**

**3. Patchell/Litchfield Professional Trades – 141 Woodruff Street**

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*Drainage repair and upgrade; re-gravel driveway; additional concrete pad*

David Patchell, East Coast Sheet Metal Co., was present to explain that in order to alleviate water from pooling and coming into his building, he wants to replace the damaged pipe from the storm drain to the Tannery Brook. The catch basin will be removed and replaced with an area of riprap, and new piping will be installed to the brook through a grassy area. He will also plant more grass and add shrubs. This runoff is all clean water originating from the neighbor's roof and curtain drains. He would also like to add an additional concrete pad at the building in order to operate his tow motor, then regrade and re-gravel the driveway as general maintenance. He is willing to do all this work himself to improve the area and quality of water running into the brook. Barbara Brower questioned this sensitive area and noted the map was not complete. Mr. Blazek asked to add all items to be approved together.

**Motion:** Fred Minck moved to approve the application of Patchell/Litchfield Professional Trades, 141 Woodruff Street, for drainage repair and upgrade, re-graveling of driveway, and an additional concrete pad per map by ECSM dated 11/14/11 with oversight by the Land Use Administrator with assistance.

**Second:** Carol Williams

**Vote:** All voted aye except Barbara Brower, who voted nay, and the motion carried.

**APPLICATION RECEPTIONS**

**4. Town of Litchfield**

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*Relocation of Bantam River jambs*

Jack Healy explained that this is not an application, as all approvals come from the DEEP, but he wanted to advise the Commission on changes as a courtesy. The current jambs, a weir system to control water release from the Bantam Lake, are located on the Bantam River just east of High Bridge Road behind the Bantam River Park, the former BE Aerospace. In order to improve maintenance safety they have redesigned the jambs to be located just east of the current location at the old railroad abutment. The new jambs will be a hydraulic system with a mechanical plate to slow the river flow. There will also be a constant flow pipe to keep the water moving when the plate is raised. River life will be able to move back and forth. All controls will be accessed from a walkway over the river to improve safety. The Commission was very interested and thanked Mr. Healy for the information.

**Motion:** Carol Williams moved to add under Receptions, Item 4a) "Town of Litchfield – From the headwall located on the south side of East Street, install a pipe for approximately 120' in a southerly direction ending with a riprap retention area for water runoff."

**Second:** Dr. Frank Schildgen

**Vote:** All voted aye and the motion carried.

**4a) Town of Litchfield**

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*From the headwall located on the south side of East Street, install a pipe for approximately 120 ft. in a southerly direction ending with a riprap retention area for water runoff*

Jack Healy was present to explain that this application is an environmental and safety concern as well as an ongoing expense to the Town. All drains from East Hill enter this pipe at a swale in front of Bill Buckley's house. Under the swale is a very shallow sewer line that becomes exposed occasionally from runoff events. During Hurricane Irene the sewer line was ruptured and raw sewage escaped. The plan is to encase the sewer pipe in concrete to run over the swale. They will bolt a pipe at the headwall to go just past the sewer pipe. Bill Buckley will have an easement to create a riprap sedimentation pond to allow the water to continue down into the wetlands. All other necessary easements will be in place. FEMA funds will pay for this repair.

**Motion:** Dr. Frank Schildgen moved to approve the application reception of Town of Litchfield for installation of a 6" sewer pipe encased in concrete from the headwall located on the south side of East Street, running approximately 120 ft. in a southerly direction and ending with a riprap retention area for water runoff.

**Second:** Fred Minck

**Vote:** All voted aye and the motion carried.

**5. Approval of Minutes of December 14, 2011**

**Motion:** Dr. Frank Schildgen moved to approve the minutes of December 14, 2011.

**Second:** Barbara Brower

**Vote:** All voted aye and the motion carried.

**6. Correspondence:** Chairman Blazek read a letter dated 1/5/12 from Byrne & Byrne notifying commissions about workshops available on land use law. The cost is \$175 for commission members. Dr. Tobin will inquire about further details on the sessions.

**7. Adjournment**

**Motion:** Barbara Brower moved to adjourn at 7:56 p.m.

**Second:** Carol Williams

**Vote:** All voted aye and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Ann D. Curtis  
Recording Secretary