

Approved 2/11/14

**INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**January 8, 2014 – 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:** Chairman Robert Blazek, Dr. Frank Schildgen, Barbara Brower, Jack Hamill, Anthony Paradise, Carol Williams. Also present were Inland Wetlands Agent Dennis Tobin, Ph.D, and Recording Secretary Ann Combs.

**Members Absent:** Abby Conroy, Frederick Minck

**1. Public Comment:** None

**2. Appointment of Alternates:** Chairman Blazek appointed Barbara Brower to be seated as a regular member in Fred Minck's absence.

**CONSIDERATIONS**

**3. Town of Litchfield – Goodhouse Road** **1/8/14**

*Install three catch basins on Goodhouse Road into an existing pipe which drains into the brook*

Jack Healy said they will be adding three new catch basins to pick up draining water along Goodhouse Road. There is an existing pipe there that they will cut and connect the three catch basins to. Barbara Brower asked about mitigating measures for using sodium chloride on the roads. Mr. Healy said there is not much that can be done. He would like to start the work in the spring.

**Motion:** Jack Hamill moved to approve the application of Town of Litchfield for the installation of three catch basins on Goodhouse Road into an existing pipe which drains into the brook.

**Second:** Dr. Frank Schildgen

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

**4. Town of Litchfield – Mason Hill Road** **1/8/14**

*Reconstruct Mason Hill Road including adding drainage and extending drainage pipe*

Jack Healy said they plan to reconstruct the road and change elevations. They will need to extend a pipe into a wetland that will require an easement. The pipe is the stream.

**Motion:** Carol Williams moved to approve the application of Town of Litchfield to reconstruct Mason Hill Road including adding drainage and extending the drainage pipe per drawing by Berkshire Engineering and Surveying dated 11/5/13.

**Second:** Dr. Frank Schildgen

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

**5. Town of Litchfield – Wheeler Road** **1/8/14**

*Re-route drainage water from pond on Dave Johnson's property to Spruce Brook*

Mr. Healy explained that new drainage that has been put into Mr. Johnson's pond has become a concern to Mr. Johnson. He says it turns the water opaque and is concerned about the ducks and geese he keeps. Mr. Healy said he wants to extend piping from the catch basin down the side of the road and into a stormwater detention basin and then into Spruce Brook. This will be planned for the spring.

**Motion:** Dr. Frank Schildgen moved to approve the application of Town of Litchfield to re-route drainage water from the pond on Dave Johnson's property to Spruce Brook as per the map dated 1/8/14 signed by Jack Healy.

**Second:** Anthony Paradise

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

## PERMIT REVIEW

### **6. Copeland - 342 Bantam Road**

**1/8/14**

*After the fact application for removal of brush near intermittent watercourse and light brush removal throughout the property for walking pathways*

Gary Copeland said the flagging is complete but has not yet been delineated on the map. He will call the soil scientist to get it done. Chairman Blazek asked him to return next month with the completed map. Members reminded him that he overstepped the boundaries of his permit and asked him to work with them.

## APPLICATION RECEPTION

### **7. White Memorial Foundation – South Plains**

**1/8/14**

*Three acre As of Right timber harvest east of Route 63, west and south of Heron Pond bordering the Town of Morris*

Dr. Tobin said Keith Cudworth, Lucas Hyder and he walked the property. There are no stream crossings. He asked them to get an as of right timber harvest permit. They will do selective logging and thinning. Mr. Blazek read a 12/12/13 letter from Lucas Hyder of White Memorial Foundation explaining a timber harvest in 17 acres, 3 of which are in Litchfield. This is an experiment to create a resilient forest resistant to storms. The harvest will take place on the upland road and will not impact wetlands. Anthony Paradise referred to a website that lists forest practitioners with licenses. Mr. Hyder arrived and submitted the licenses of the Harvester, Roger Johnston and his own as the Forester. State of CT applications are in the file. He said there are wetlands to the north and Heron Pond to the east.

**Motion:** Barbara Brower moved to approve the application of White Memorial Foundation for a three-acre as of right timber harvest east of Route 63, west and south of Heron Pond bordering the Town of Morris per map titled White Memorial Foundation Timber Harvest, Winter 2013, dated 12/17/13.

**Second:** Anthony Paradise

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

### **8. Approval of Minutes of December 11, 2013**

**Motion:** Carol Williams moved to approve the minutes of 12/11/13.

**Second:** Jack Hamill

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

**9. Correspondence:** Mr. Blazek read the Northeast Utilities letter dated 12/23/13 informing them of scheduled maintenance on selected rights of way in Litchfield. They will apply selected vegetation control. It was signed by Daniel P. Burns, Transmission Arborist. The map showed the areas of the transmission lines but not where herbicides will be used.

#### **10. Possible Executive Session to Discuss Pending Litigation**

**Motion:** Carol Williams moved to go to into executive session at 7:56 p.m. with all commissioners attending.

**Second:** Anthony Paradise

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

They came out of executive session at 7:58 p.m. with no action taken.

#### **11. Adjournment**

**Motion:** Jack Hamill moved to adjourn at 7:59 p.m.

**Second:** Carol Williams

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ann D. Combs  
Recording Secretary