

INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
Regular Meeting Minutes
November 12, 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, Jack Hamill, Linnea Healy, Carol Williams, Abby Conroy, Anthony Paradise, Frederick Minck, and Dr. Frank Schildgen (7:05 p.m.) Also present were Inland Wetlands Agent Dennis Tobin, Ph.D. and Recording Secretary Ann Combs.

Members Absent: Barbara Brower

Public Comment: William Deering, 110 McBride Road, posed several questions about the activity at 58 McBride Road, the Stack residence. He and his wife own the abutting property to the north. His questions were then submitted to the Chairman with request that the answers be provided in writing.

Appointment of Alternates: All regular members were present.

Motion: Carol Williams moved to add to Application Receptions 1a, “Tom and Diane Knox, 30 Byrnes Avenue, septic upgrade.”

Second: Anthony Paradise

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

APPLICATION RECEPTIONS

1. Hickey – 258 Richards Road Ext.

11/12/14

Pond maintenance

Philip Hickey explained he has a small pond and wants to remove a sand bar and mud that has built up in the center. The deepest part is 18”. He will talk to his contractor about how deep he wants to dig. There is an old stone dam that is now just a pile of stones down from the outlet that R. Blazek said would require the DEEP to be contacted. He recommended Mr. Hickey contact Don Meisling at the DEEP on Harris Road for information on maintaining a pond.

1a. Tom and Diane Knox – 30 Byrnes Avenue

11/12/14

Septic upgrade

Tom Knox explained the 60-year old leach fields as the problem of this failed system. The pond is 52’ from the hay bales. They will replace the tank and leach fields. Because this is a health and safety concern, Mr. Blazek suggested the Commission both receive and consider the application.

Motion: Jack Hamill moved to approve the application of Tom and Diane Knox, 30 Byrnes Avenue, Map 221, Block 038, Lot 017, for septic system upgrade with replacement of tank and leach fields per map by Kenneth Hrica entitled Septic System Design and dated 9/26/14. The map was stamped and sealed.

Second: Anthony Paradise

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

AGENT DETERMINATIONS

2. Milton Forest, LLC – 53 Blue Swamp Road

11/12/14

Demolition of existing house and removal of debris and stones; fill in cellar hole; remove debris and stone at center of existing meadow; remove storage shed; restore area disturbed to contour

Tony Pangaro, member of Milton Forest, LLC, is deeding this front parcel to the Litchfield Land Trust in perpetuity. There is a house and shed that must be removed in order for the Land Trust to take possession. They will be demolished, taken away, and Towne and Aurell will fill to contour. Dr. Frank Schildgen was concerned that they not contaminate the stream and would rather this not be an agent determination. The work was discussed and members felt that if Dr. Tobin oversees the work and they use best management practices and proper controls, they would be in favor. Dr. Tobin agreed to be there when they demolish it. A. Paradise asked about the heating system and if there could be an oil tank buried. Dr. Tobin will check.

3. Approval of Minutes of October 8, 2014

Motion: Jack Hamill moved to approve the 10/8/14 meeting minutes.

Second: Linnea Healy

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

4. Adopt 2015 Meeting Dates

Motion: Carol Williams moved to adopt the 2015 meeting schedule as presented.

Second: Jack Hamill

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

5. Correspondence: None

6. Possible Executive Session to Discuss Pending Litigation: None

7. Adjournment

Motion: Anthony Paradise moved to adjourn at 7:46 p.m.

Second: Abby Conroy

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann D. Combs, Recording Secretary