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INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
February 8, 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 RECEPTIONS

3. Maddox – 95 & 105 Maple Street

2/8/12

Grading for pool installation, curtain drain installation, pond maintenance with spillway

Lauren Richardson, Landscape Designer, and Dennis McMorrow, Berkshire Engineering and Surveying, were present to explain the project. Ms Richardson explained that the first element of the project is a barn and pool house with pool to the west. It will be terraced with a step down to the pool and from the pool a 3:1 slope down to a meadow. They will plant low perennial grass and wildflowers on the slope with the meadow below. The second element involves the 40' X 80' man-made pond that is in the corner of the property and is choked with invasive vegetation around the perimeter. They want to clear it out so it is accessible as a wet meadow with a walking path around the pond. There will be no excavating in the pond. Water is seeping through the berm on the west side. They would like to dig out a section of the berm and fill it with impenetrable material, designing a stone spillway that will improve the quality of the pond. They will plant native trees and shrubs on the west side. Thirdly, they would like to selectively clear out dead trees and invasive plants along the west property line. They will pull out a lot of the vegetation by hand. Mr. McMorrow showed the proposed work on the map entitled "Site Layout and Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan." He will use a 3'-wide stone spillway and a curtain drain along the bottom of the meadow that will help add a fresh source of water for the pond to improve its quality. Most work will occur in the dry season with the plantings to follow in the fall. Mr. McMorrow will call the DEEP to ask about a dam permit.

4. Sivilla – 231 Norfolk Road

2/8/12

Septic repair

Matthew Sivilla was present with Dennis McMorrow to explain the property as a 100' X 400'-deep lot with odor emanating from the septic in front of the house. They propose a new system in the back and are testing with Torrington Area Health District. It will use 2 rows of 12" galleries all in the regulated area. They cannot make gravity, so they will set a new tank and a pump chamber to bring it back up. The grade flows from north to south with hardpan soils. They will crush the old tank.

Motion: Dr. Frank Schildgen moved to receive and approve the application for septic repair at 231 Norfolk Road as per map No. 2332 entitled "Septic System Repair Design" prepared by Berkshire Engineering and Surveying dated 1/31/12.

Second: Jack Hamill

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

5. Tapping Reeve Village Association

2/8/12

Roof and curtain drainage and creation of rain garden

Gary Giordano, Professional Engineer and Land Surveyor, represented Tapping Reeve, and Don Stull was also present from the Association. He showed a map entitled "Tapping Reeve Village Condos, Building D" dated 1/8/12 and explained the problem lies with the last building on the right, where a subterranean stream is causing a constant wet condition in one of the units. They plan to put in a curtain drain off all the decks in back of the building along the west side of the property running southerly with another pipe for run-off from the roof leaders. They cannot find the present leaders or any records of them. The pipes will discharge into a riprap structure into a level spreader (not a true rain garden), then to another riprap structure and finally into the aquifer zone of White Memorial. The projected volume of water will be calculated by Mr. Giordano, but Mr. Stull said a 6" pipe runs half-full continuously. Dr. Tobin asked that they discharge into their own property rather than into the aquifer area by shortening but widening the level spreader zone. Chairman Blazek asked for a bond of \$700 for an inspection by Sean Hayden of the Northwest Conservation District. There will be no involvement with the pond on the east side of the property.

Motion: Barbara Brower moved to request a \$700 bond and hire Sean Hayden to investigate.

Second: Carol Williams

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

6. Curtiss – 207 Newton Road

2/8/12

Two-lot subdivision

Gary Giordano, Professional Engineer and Land Surveyor, represented the Curtiss family and explained the plan is to cut out a second lot in the southeast corner, all out of the regulated area. The wetlands soils were delineated by George Malia and are along the westerly side of the property. Any improvements are in the future.

AFTER-THE-FACT APPLICATION

7. Bongiorno – 277 Goshen Road

2/8/12

Shed placement in regulated area

Mr. Bongiorno was present to explain he has placed a 10' X 18' utility shed 21' east of where a previous shed was located. Dr. Tobin had previously visited twice and told him that he needed a permit and had to issue a cease and desist order for failure to comply. Mr. Bongiorno said he did not know there were wetlands nearby and the shed arrived early so he had no time to submit the application. He will be storing a lawn mower and garden tools in it. Dr. Tobin questioned the location of a septic and he said the house is on water and septic lines. Mr. Blazek said this was a reception and he should return next month. He gave permission for the commissioners to inspect the property.

8. Approval of Minutes of January 11, 2012

Motion: Carol Williams moved to approve the minutes of January 11, 2012.

Second: Dr. Frank Schildgen

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

9. Correspondence

1. CT Federation of Planning and Zoning Agencies Quarterly Newsletter, Winter 2012

2. The Habitat, Winter 2011

3. Robert Blazek read a DEP permit application for use of pesticides in Bantam Lake for treatment of milfoil and pondweed.

Dr. Tobin announced Steve Byrne will attend the March meeting to do a workshop on wetlands legal action. It was decided to have the workshop at 6:00 p.m., followed by the regular meeting at 7:00 p.m .

Dr. Tobin then announced he finalized the Land Use budget at minus .2%, in compliance with the zero percent increase requested. He cut \$700 from Wetlands, with \$500 from legal and \$200 from advertising.

10. Adjournment

Motion: Fred Minck moved to adjourn at 8:12 p.m.

Second: Barbara Brower

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Ann D. Curtis
Recording Secretary