

Approved 5/9/12

INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 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: Barbara Brower, Dr. Frank Schildgen, Jack Hamill, Frederick Minck, Carol Williams and Alternate Abby Conroy. Also present were Inland Wetlands Agent Dennis Tobin, Ph.D, and Recording Secretary Ann Curtis.

Members Absent: Jeffrey Zullo

1. Public Comment: Dennis McMorrow, Berkshire Engineering and Surveying, showed a map of Lot 8 on Carriage Lane that was purchased by Tom Arnold. It was an open field on Falcon's Flight Farm and was always a wet meadow with drainage ditch and flagged as wetlands. Over the years the field has been overgrown with invasive plants that they would like to have brush-hogged out. They will not disturb the soils and will not use any chemicals. None of the commissioners had any concerns with this proposed action.

Motion: Barbara Brower moved to add to the agenda the following two receptions: 4a) Karmen Couret and Michael Lougheed, 87 Knox Road, addition to existing dwelling in regulated area; and 4b) Ken Sena, 66 Beecher Lane, regrade former pond, shape and stabilize; create outlet for storm water.

Second: Carol Williams

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

2. Appointment of Alternates: Mr. Blazek appointed Abby Conroy as a full voting member.

APPLICATION CONSIDERATIONS

3. Arethusa Farm – 556 South Street

4/11/12

Construct 40' X 65' exercise shed

Dennis McMorrow showed a map and explained that this would be an open pavilion with a concrete base sloped to center with a lip around the perimeter to contain shavings and waste. It would be used in the winter to exercise the cows.

Motion: Fred Minck moved to approve this application.

Second: Carol Williams

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

APPLICATION RECEPTIONS

4. Lyons – 40 Litchfield Hollow Road

4/11/12

20' X 40' in-ground pool

Both Dennis McMorrow and John Worthington, Building Official, have approved this application. Richard Mute, REM Building and Development, LLC was present to show the map of the former expired approval and amend it to show that the pool is being moved closer to the house and farther from the wetlands. This application is identical to what was approved on the former permit.

Motion: Barbara Brower moved to approve the application as presented with map updated 4/11/12.

Second: Carol Williams

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

4a) Karmen Couret and Michael Lougheed – 87 Knox Road

4/11/12

Addition to existing dwelling in regulated area

Dennis McMorro explained the applicant wants to take the existing garage down, which is 30.2 ft. from the wetlands. Then they want to build a new garage that will be 18 ft. from the wetlands. This application was received.

4b) Ken Sena – 66 Beecher Lane

4/11/12

Regrade former pond, regrade, shape and stabilize; create outlet for storm water

Ken Hrica, Professional Engineer and Licensed Land Surveyor, said they have removed the pond and would like to drop the embankment by 2 ft., regrade to lower the plateau elevation and stabilize the area. They also want to extend the storm drain pipe by 30 ft. and add a riprap apron flush with the grade at the outlet to prevent erosion to the field. The Commission determined this should be a reception for an application in lieu of a permit review.

PUBLIC HEARING

5. LaPlaca Oil & Propane – Torrington Rd. (Map 145, Block 021, Lot 10F)

4/11/12

Construction of 1800 sq. ft. office building, above-ground propane storage tanks, gravel driveway, parking and bio-filtration basin for storm water renovation

Chairman Robert Blazek recused himself from the public hearing and left at 7:30 p.m. Vice Chairman Barbara Brower took the chair and opened the public hearing at 7:33 p.m. She announced that Alternate Abby Conroy, although seated as a regular member, could not vote in the hearing. She could, however, participate in discussion. Mrs. Brower read the notice of public hearing and then said that there would be no decision at this meeting; the hearing would be continued. Ken Hrica was present representing LaPlaca, and Michael Kline, Soil and Wetland Scientist was also present. Mrs. Brower then asked for confirmation that the certified letters were mailed to abutting property owners. A Mr. Kevin Nelson, who identified himself as the Cattey family's realtor, said that the Cattey family, who is currently in Florida, said they received a call this afternoon from a neighbor informing them of this hearing. They did not receive notice of the hearing, and a return receipt from the Cattey family could not be found. Therefore, Mrs. Brower promptly called a halt to the proceedings at 7:45 p.m. She said the notices will be redone and the public hearing will resume at the May 9th meeting.

6. Approval of Minutes of March 14, 2012

Motion: Dr. Frank Schildgen moved to approve the minutes of March 14, 2012.

Second: Jack Hamill

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

7. Correspondence

1. Municipal Inland Wetlands Commissioners Training Program registration brochure

8. Adjournment

Motion: Carol Williams moved to adjourn at 7:52 p.m.

Second: Jack Hamill

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann D. Curtis, Recording Secretary