

**LITCHFIELD INLAND WETLAND COMMISSION**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**August 10, 2016 – 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, Frederick Minck, Jack Hamill, Jack Healy, Abby Conroy (7:03 p.m.), Anthony Paradise. Also present was Dennis Tobin, Ph.D, Wetlands Agent, and Ann Combs, Recording Secretary.

**Members Absent:** Barbara Brower

**Public Comment:** None

**Appointment of Alternates:** None available

**Motion:** Fred Minck moved to add to the agenda 8a “Rachel Rosa, 760 Bantam Road –Add 5 gravel parking spaces to existing parking area” and to add 8b “Pullman Investment Group, 38 Bantam Lake Road – Placement of riprap adjacent to west side of building to facilitate repairs to west wall.”

**Second:** Anthony Paradise

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

**APPLICATION CONSIDERATIONS**

**1. Pepper – Harris Road (Assessors Map 085/059/027) Builders Lot #49** **8/10/16**  
*Construct single family dwelling and driveway, 0.02 acres of wetland disturbance*

Dennis McMorrow, Berkshire Engineering and Surveying, presented his survey map showing the location of this lot. The property has water and sewer. He added conservation easement tags spaced 25 ft. apart to demarcate the limit of the activity. There are two existing sewer laterals so he just adjusted the proposed lines going into the house. Everything on this lot is in the regulated area as well as a small area of wetlands in the back that they need to fill.

**Motion:** J. Hamill moved to approve an application by Phil Pepper for a building lot on Harris Road to construct a single family home and driveway per map by Berkshire Engineering revised 8/10/16.

**Second:** A. Paradise

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

**2. Pepper – Harris Road (Assessors Map 085/059/028) Builders Lot #50** **8/10/16**  
*Construct single family dwelling and driveway in upland review area*

D. McMorrow said there is less regulated activity as this lot doesn't touch any of the wetlands. The sewer change is outside the regulated area so there have been no changes.

**Motion:** A. Conroy moved to approve the application of Phil Pepper for a building lot to construct a single family dwelling and driveway in the upland review area with no wetlands disturbance per plans by Berkshire Engineering revised 8/10/16.

**Second:** A. Paradise

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

**APPLICATION RECEPTIONS**

**3. Town of Litchfield – Beach Street**

**8/10/16**

*Roadway drainage improvements and resurfacing*

Raz Alexe, Public Works Director, said this project involves reclaiming the asphalt and repaving Beach Street from north of Butternut Road to the Goshen town line. In conjunction with the project they need to address some drainage issues. He explained they need a drainage easement at the Rick Plumb farm so they can replace a culvert. There are also two existing drainage spots that need to be repaired and brought to compliance. This project will be done next year during spring or summer.

**Motion:** Fred Minck moved to approve the application of Town of Litchfield for roadway drainage improvement and resurfacing per map by Hrica Associates dated 8/8/16.

**Second:** Jack Healy

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

**4. Town of Litchfield – 213 Cathole Road (Assessors Map 101/072/014)**

**8/10/16**

*Create drainage discharge system for runoff from ROW*

Mr. Alexe said this project involves milling and overlay of asphalt, and water needs to be discharged into the wetlands upon approval of the property owners. Peter Litwin gave the easement that allows for drainage.

**Motion:** J. Healy moved to approve the application of the Town of Litchfield for a drainage discharge system for runoff from the right of way across from 213 Cathole Road for precluding water from draining on private property to convey it appropriately per topographic survey prepared by Berkshire Engineering dated 1/13/14, sheet 4 of 4.

**Second:** A. Conroy

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

**5. Town of Litchfield – 285 Cathole Road**

**8/10/16**

*Create drainage pool discharge for storm water runoff from ROW*

Raz Alexe explained this location at and around the Gilbert/Riiska home. This is a safety condition that is flooding several properties. Mr. Gilbert has agreed to the drainage easement. There is no impact to the wetlands. The work will be done in conjunction with the milling and overlay project.

**Motion:** A. Paradise moved to approve the application of the Town of Litchfield for Gilbert/Riiska, 285 Cathole Road and surrounding area, to create a drainage pool discharge for storm water runoff from the right of way.

**Second:** J. Healy

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

**6. Schibi – 103 Litchfield Pond Road**

**8/10/16**

*Agent determination for extension (12'x10') to existing rear deck*

Dennis Tobin explained work at the last condo at the end, where they dug two holes in the ground to support an elevated deck. They hauled the soil away. Dr. Tobin gave them an agent determination approval.

**7. Laurel Ridge Realty, LLC – Wigwam Road (Assessors Map 006/032/003)**

**8/10/16**

*Timber harvest on 34 acres with one stream crossing*

John Morosani, Manager of Laurel Ridge Realty LLC, said they are planning a timber harvest of 34 acres. Part is south of an intermittent stream created from the draining of the pond. David Beers of Conwood Foresters, Inc. will open the bidding for the harvest and the stream crossing. The harvest will include about 30% of the standing timber to let the canopy open up. Red oak, scarlet oak and others will be taken. He presented a survey. One stream that is dry now needs to be crossed using oak planks. A. Paradise asked for the name of the harvester be reported when they begin.

**Motion:** J. Hamill moved to approve the application of John Morosani, Laurel Ridge Realty, LLC, for a timber harvest on 34 acres with one stream crossing per topographical map.

**Second:** A. Conroy

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

**8. Howland – 21 Clark Road**

**8/10/16**

*Replace existing septic system in regulated area*

Jeremy Oskandy of Arthur H. Howland & Associates, Civil Engineers & Land Surveying, explained that they want to replace a failing septic system within the regulated area. They also need to remove 18” to 48” of fill to get to grade. They will create a temporary stockpile just up-gradient with use of silt fence. He has an approval letter from Torrington Area Health District.

**Motion:** A. Conroy moved to approve an application by Arthur H. Howland & Associates for property owned by Gail Spearow May at 221 Clark Road, (109/21A/2), to replace existing septic system located in the regulated area as seen on map by AHH&A dated 7/6/16, revised 7/22/16 and stamped.

**Second:** J. Hamill

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

**8a. Rachel Rosa – 760 Bantam Road**

**8/10/16**

*Add 5 gravel parking spaces to existing parking area*

Dominic Rosa explained he wants to add 5 additional parking spaces to the existing lot. The stream is dry most of the year and is 65 ft. to the work at the closest point. This property is next to Bantam Pizza and is David T. Wilson’s property.

**Motion:** Fred Minck moved to approve the application of Rachel Rosa, 760 Bantam Road, to add 5 gravel parking spaces to the existing parking lot, with less than 1/16 of an acre affected.

**Second:** Anthony Paradise

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

**8b. Pullman Investment Group – 38 Bantam Lake Road**

**8/10/16**

*Placement of riprap adjacent to the west side of building to facilitate repairs to west wall*

Jack Nelson and Roger Bulhan were present from Pullman Investment Group. Mr. Nelson explained how they would place riprap along the west side of the building so they can put up scaffolding to repair the building. Access is from the north end. Masonry debris will be removed once a day and taken out in

drums. J. Healy asked about working in the stream and if there had been contact with DEEP for a possible stream encroachment permit. They will call Hartford. Paint removed will be treated as lead waste but will not be tested. The inquiry to DEEP is made a condition of approval.

**Motion:** A. Paradise moved to approve an application by Pullman Investment Group, 38 Bantam Lake Road, for placement of riprap on the west side of the building to facilitate repairs to the west wall, with 0.03 acres of affected area, with the condition that Hartford DEEP be contacted to be sure there is no stream encroachment.

**Second:** J. Hamill

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

**9. Stop & Shop Construction Update #5 – IW Permit #CC00001073:** Dr. Tobin reported no PCB's found after testing. He was really impressed as they turned off pumps during the hard rain to let the basin fill and settle before they turned on the pumps. Discharge water was then clear. Soil with waste oil has been hauled out.

#### **10. Approval of Minutes of July 13, 2016**

**Motion:** J. Hamill moved to approve the meeting minutes of July 13, 2016.

**Second:** A. Conroy

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

#### **11. Correspondence**

1. Letter dated 7/25/16 from Raz Alexe on notification of four bridge rehabilitation projects with construction slated for 2017 or 2018.

2. 7/25/16 Letter from Raz Alexe with preliminary notification of the Beach St. pavement project

3. Aquatic pesticide applications for Elliot Pond, 86 West Morris Road, Bantam

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

**Motion:** A. Paradise moved to go into executive session regarding pending litigation at 8:00 p.m. with all commissioners and Dennis Tobin present. Ann Combs left as well as Commissioner Abby Conroy.

**Second:** J. Hamill

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

The group came out of executive session at 8:06 p.m. with no action taken.

#### **13. Adjournment**

**Motion:** J. Hamill moved to adjourn at 8:07 pm.

**Second:** A. Paradise

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

Respectfully submitted,



Ann D. Combs, Recording Secretary