

**INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**December 11, 2013 – 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, Anthony Paradise, Abby Conroy, Carol Williams. Also present were Inland Wetlands Agent Dennis Tobin, Ph.D, and Recording Secretary Ann Combs.

**Members Absent:** Dr. Frank Schildgen, Barbara Brower

**1. Public Comment:** None

**2. Appointment of Alternates:** None available

**CONSIDERATIONS**

**3. Eisenhaure – 20 Goodhouse Road**

**12/11/13**

*After the fact application for grading near stream bed*

Mr. Eisenhaure said he had an excavator pull out invasive bushes. Then they leveled out ruts that were made by the excavator in order to plant grass. Dr. Tobin explained he had investigated further and suggested, because of flood plain information, that he remove the invasive bushes but leave all trees in place. They should leave ten feet alone between the lawn and stream. Jon Tarrant, neighbor, said the whole area used to be all lawn years ago but the bushes have grown in since then.

**Motion:** A. Conroy moved to approve the application of Eisenhaure, 20 Goodhouse Road, for the after the fact application for grading near a stream bed and reseeding with native plants, leaving a 10 ft. buffer and leaving all trees in place.

**Second:** A. Paradise

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

**4. Bertrand – Torrington Road (Map 145, Block 021, Lot 062)**

**12/11/13**

*Construct single family dwelling in regulated area and driveway crossing in wetland*

Steve Latour, Berkshire Engineering & Surveying, said the applicant is seeking a permit to build a single family home. It is a 22.6-acre parcel that once was an approved 9-lot subdivision 24 years ago. It has been vacant since then and now the Bertrands have bought it and want to build a house. It is served by Litchfield sewers. The driveway will have a wetlands crossing and the house will be up in back on a natural plateau. They will put in 24-inch pipe with riprap. Water will be picked up in swale and then filter through the riprap pad, then go into the culvert. Dr. Tobin asked him to let them know when they begin. A. Paradise questioned the acreage of the sheet flow heading down to the swale and drain pipe to determine if the 24-inch pipe is adequate. Dennis McMorrow will send a letter answering his question with confirmation of the pipe size needed.

**Motion:** A. Paradise moved to approve the application of Bertrand, Torrington Road, for construction of a single family dwelling in a regulated area and driveway crossing in a wetland with the condition that the engineer of record determine in a letter if the sheet flow on the property can be handled by the 24" pipe.

**Second:** Carol Williams

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

PERMIT REVIEW

**5. Copeland - 342 Bantam Road**

12/11/13

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

R. Blazek read a letter from Heather Perrault of Lockaby & Perreault, LLC, legal counsel to Gary Copeland. It said the wetlands survey has been completed, but a full wetlands report will not be ready for a couple weeks and therefore asked for a postponement.

**Motion:** J. Hamill moved to grant an extension for Mr. Copeland until the next meeting.

**Second:** A. Paradise

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

**6. Brierwood Nurseries – 815 Bantam Road**

12/11/13

*Retention wall and shed addition to plan*

Jack Hamill recused himself from this application. Daniel Masopust presented his site plan including drywall backfilled with crushed stone extending 25 ft. into the regulated area and with an 8' X 12' shed on the approved dumpster site and placed on wood piers. He will need a permit review in order to build the retention wall and will need an agent determination to do the shed.

**Motion:** C. Williams moved to approve the permit review for Brierwood Nurseries to 1) construct a retention wall per map revised 11/14/13 and 2) for an agent determination on the shed addition.

**Second:** A. Conroy

**Vote:** All voted aye and the motion carried. J. Hamill returned to the room.

APPLICATION RECEPTIONS

**7. Town of Litchfield – Goodhouse Road**

12/11/13

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

Public Works Director Jack Healy explained he prefers to put pipes in rather than swales because swales will need more maintenance. There is an existing pipe there that they will cut and install three catch basins. He would like to do this job in April.

**8. Town of Litchfield – Potash Road**

12/11/13

*Install drainage pipe to eliminate drainage ditch on the north side of the road*

Mr. Healy said that installing a pipe in the trench that has already been created would improve the environment. He would like to be able to start this project soon as the trench is deep and unsafe.

**Motion:** J. Hamill moved to approve work on Potash Road to install a drainage pipe as a safety improvement to eliminate a drainage ditch on the north side of the road.

**Second:** A. Conroy

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

**9. Town of Litchfield – Mason Hill Road**

12/11/13

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

J. Healy showed a Hairpin curve area on the map where they will take out the nobbs to level, widen the road and repave. There is a 36-inch pipe that needs to be extended in the wetlands area.

**10. Town of Litchfield – Wheeler Road**

12/11/13

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

New drainage that has been put in drains into Mr. Johnson's pond, and he says it turns the water opaque. Mr. Healy said he wants to put a catch basin in with an 18-inch pipe down the side of road, a catch basin near the driveway and sedimentation basin. This will be planned for the spring.

**11. a) Approval of Minutes of September 11, 2013**

**Motion:** J. Hamill moved to approve the minutes of September 11, 2013.

**Second:** A. Paradise

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

**b) Approval of Minutes of November 13, 2013**

**Motion:** A. Conroy moved to approve the minutes of November 13, 2013

**Second:** J. Hamill

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

**12. Correspondence:** A, Paradise submitted a copy of his DEEP 2013 Municipal Inland Wetlands Agency Comprehensive Training Program certificate. He also now has his license from the CT Professional Timber Producers and relayed that a timber harvest form must be filled out in advance of a timber harvest. It includes all legal records with licenses and plot plans on it. Mr. Paradise also gave information on the emerald ash borer problem and the need for a self issued certificate of origin for firewood transportation.

**13. Possible Executive Session to Discuss Pending Litigation**

**Motion:** C. Williams moved to go into executive session at 8:26 p.m. to discuss pending litigation with all members present and Dr. Tobin.

**Second:** A. Conroy

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

They came out of executive session at 8:29 with no action taken.

**14. Adjournment**

**Motion:** J. Hamill moved to adjourn at 8:30 p.m.

**Second:** A. Conroy

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

Respectfully submitted,



Ann D. Combs  
Recording Secretary