

**LITCHFIELD INLAND WETLAND COMMISSION**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**January 11, 2017 – 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, Barbara Brower, Frederick Minck, Anthony Paradise. Also present were Dennis Tobin, Ph.D, Wetlands Agent, and Ann Combs, Recording Secretary.

**Members Absent:** Jack Healy, Jack Hamill

**Public Comment:** None

**Appointment of Alternates:** None available

**1. Stop & Shop Construction Update #10 – IW Permit #CC00001073:** Three representatives were in attendance: Steve Pustola and Jacob Blaskewicz of Pustola Associates, and John Hesslon, Consultant for Stop & Shop. Steve Pustola passed out a drawing entitled Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan dated 1/11/17 along with photos of the property.

After inspection by the Northwest Conservation District on 12/27/16, and in response to trouble with erosion and sediment-laden frost melt that was exiting in two places and impacting two streams, Jacob Blaskewicz reported on 12/29/16 that they had cleaned up the necessary melt from the piles, installed silt fence around the piles where needed, installed silt fence on the bank on the east side, cleaned up not needed piles, covered the topsoil pile, and stopped pumping until they could install a silt sack and change the pumping method. The areas of concern were the outlet of the large detention basin below the retaining wall and on the east side near the outlet into the adjacent stream and the northeast corner of the new Stop & Shop building (area #3 on map).

Another inspection today by NCD found the site in need of repair due to snow, rain and warm temperatures. They are recommending better stockpile management (covers had blown off) and better oversight of managing failing silt fence. Silt fence repairs are needed near the southeast corner of the project, as sediment is flowing freely under the fence into the adjacent stream (area #3 on the map).

The response by Pustola indicated they will re-fence and build a temporary berm on the east side. They will consolidate piles into a corner and protect them with silt fencing and coverings to protect the area. They will grade away from the trouble area to force water to the watering system. John Hesslon has been in contact with White Memorial and has checked on all erosion control measures. They had previously bypassed detention and pumped water into the retaining wall area, and that error was corrected. They will try to be more proactive than preventive. Steve Pustola said he would have a point of contact on site to monitor. A. Paradise asked about the underground drainage pipe that was not shown on the map. It was shown on the approved plan and shown to him. He then asked about the temporary dewatering pit and Mr. Hesslon showed him on the approved plan. These are the final mylars approved by Inland Wetlands and P&Z. This showed the drain pipes and that they all return to the east side forebay and large basin. A. Paradise asked about volume of the basin, which was confirmed as 70 cu. yds. per CT Stormwater standards. Sediment will continually be removed from the basin during construction. Berms, spacing (multiple levels of defense) and tarping are actions to be taken per A. Paradise. Fred Minck said they should stop reacting – get a tarp of heavier material and do it right, rather than the lighter tarp that blew off.

Dr. Tobin then said they are running out of bond money for the inspections. Once they finish the site and silt fence is removed he will ask to release the bond. They have \$3,600 remaining on the Phase I bond. With inspections to come, they will need an additional \$6,090 Phase II request.

**Motion:** Barbara Brower moved to approve the amount of \$6,090 for an inspection bond entitled "Stop & Shop Phase II Inspection Bond" for future payment to Northwest Conservation District.

**Second:** Anthony Paradise

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

## **2. Forman School Performing Arts Center & Fab Lab Construction Update #1 – IW Permit #CC00001219**

Robert Scodari, Forman School, and Steve Latour, Berkshire Engineering and Surveying, were present. Dr. Tobin explained the history of the area in question at the detention basin with unknown clay inlet/outlet pipe discharging to an unknown location and causing the basin to not work. Towne & Aurell put a plug in to stop the flow immediately per Bob Scodari. He thought the subcontractor broke through a clay pipe and did not notify anyone. Steve Latour reviewed items in a memo dated 1/27/17. After T&A snaked out the plugged area, water came down the hill and they found the outlet. They said they could repipe and direct to the outlet structure through riprap, or plug the pipe so water drains into soil above the wetlands. They talked about what method to use, and they decided to crush the clay pipe between the basin and the wetlands and plug the end with hydraulic cement. They recommended doing it now, using riprap at the end. Bob Scodari said an outside service (Phoenix) tested the water and issued a report showing it not drinkable with traces of e-coli and fecal coliform, which is not uncommon in stormwater systems according to Sean Hayden. No sewer lines are in that area. Dr. Tobin then summarized his 1/5/17 memo where he indicated a need for an additional Phase II inspection bond, as he would like inspections to continue through the end of July, 2017.

**Motion:** Barbara Brower moved to approve the amount of \$1,950 for an inspection bond entitled "Forman Phase II Inspection Bond" for future payment to Northwest Conservation District. Payment is payable to the Town of Litchfield and submitted to the Land Use office by March 1, 2017. All money not utilized shall be refunded to the permittee.

**Second:** Anthony Paradise

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

## **3. Approval of Minutes of December 14, 2016**

**Motion:** Barbara Brower moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of December 14, 2016.

**Second:** Anthony Paradise

**Discussion:** It was determined that there was not a quorum of members present at the 12/14/16 meeting to vote, so the motion and second were withdrawn and the approval was postponed until next month.

## **4. Correspondence: None**

**5. Possible Executive Session to Discuss Pending Litigation:** Barbara Brower recused herself from this item, leaving no quorum to go into executive session

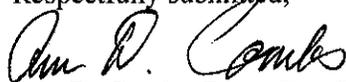
## **6. Adjournment**

**Motion:** Fred Minck moved to adjourn at 8:25 p.m.

**Second:** Barbara Brower

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

Respectfully submitted,



Ann D. Combs, Recording Secretary