

LITCHFIELD INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
Regular Meeting Minutes
January 14, 2015 – 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, Linnea Healy, Abby Conroy (7:04 p.m.), Anthony Paradise, Frederick Minck, and Dr. Frank Schildgen. Also present were Dennis Tobin, Ph.D. Wetlands Agent, and Ann Combs, Recording Secretary.

Members Absent: Jack Hamill, Carol Williams, Barbara Brower

Public Comment: None

Appointment of Alternates: Chairman Blazek appointed Linnea Healy as a regular member.

APPLICATION CONSIDERATIONS

1. Hickey – 258 Richards Road Ext. **1/14/15**
Pond maintenance (WITHDRAWN)

Chairman Blazek read the 1/2/15 letter from Philip Hickey confirming the withdrawal of his application.

2. Lanthier – 418 Torrington Rd. (Map 127, 021, 121) **1/14/15**
Construct single family dwelling, driveway and well in upland review area

Aaron Lanthier and Dennis McMorrow, Berkshire Engineering and Surveying, were present. Mr. McMorrow gave an overview of the project and reported on the soils. He said there are three hardpan soil types, but chances are slim that there will be ledge. It is fairly clear cut where the driveway must be sited, and he saw no potential problems.

Motion: A. Paradise moved to approve the application of Aaron Lanthier for 418 Torrington Road to construct a single family dwelling, driveway and well in the upland review area, with no direct wetland disturbance per 12/2/14 map by Berkshire Engineering, signed and sealed.

Second: Fred Minck

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

3. Miskin – 73 Milton Rd. **1/14/15**
Driveway, curtain drain, septic tank relocation and portion of new garage in upland review area

Fran Miskin and Kenneth Hrica, Professional Engineer and Licensed Land Surveyor, were present. Mr. Hrica explained the proposed attached garage and driveway. They will remove the bituminous from the existing driveway on the northern side of the lot and plant grass. All activity is in the lawn area with wooded buffer between the lawn and brook. A curtain drain is proposed

on the uphill side of the driveway for the installation of a possible reserve septic leaching area. The garage will be used for storage. The soil type is a stony woodbridge style, confirmed with a deep pit test. A. Paradise asked about the two maintenance sheds that are outside the regulated area but over the property line, and Mr. Hrica said it is labeled on the map that they will be relocated and Ms Miskin will contact her neighbor to explain the work.

Motion: A. Conroy moved to approve the application of Fran Miskin at 73 Milton Road for driveway, curtain drain, septic tank relocation and portion of new garage in upland review area per map dated 12/4/14, revised 1/6/15, by Hrica Associates.

Second: Anthony Paradise

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

APPLICATION RECEPTIONS

4. Daikus – Marsh Rd.

1/14/15

Portion of septic in regulated area

Chip Hoben represented the seller, his son, Elliott Hoben, and John Daikus, the proposed buyer. The property is located at the corner of Marsh and Newton Roads and is primarily ledge and swale. Sam Bertaccini did the survey and Mike Temple did the wetlands. It is encumbered by two easements by Northeast Utilities. There is an existing high tension line right of way. Just the corner of the septic field is in regulated area. He will submit the approval letter from Torrington Area Health. F. Schildgen said this is another example of a difficult site to work with, as there is no wiggle room. A. Paradise said machinery will have to go outside the lines to work, so an approval should be conditioned on silt fencing.

Motion: A. Paradise moved to approve the application of Elliott Hoben, Marsh Road, and John Daikus, 99 Alice Street, New Haven, CT, map 72/4/4, and John Daikus, per map by Berkshire Engineering dated 7/8/09, for portion of septic system in a regulated area with the following conditions: prudent use of restraint, best management practices around the septic system area to mitigate material getting outside the area.

Second: Dr. Frank Schildgen

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

D. Tobin asked him to contact the office when they start.

5. Greenwoods Land Management (Hanon) – 181 Beach St.

1/14/15

Invasive brush clearing using low impact track forestry mulch mower

Scott Personatti, Greenwoods Land Management, was present for Hanon to restore the wetlands that have been taken over by invasive species. He said there is mostly multiflora rose but also barberry, honeysuckle, autumn olive and buckthorn. He will cut and pulverize the stems with this low impact track forestry mulch mower so the plants do not readily grow back. Then they will treat with herbicide. Larry Weaner Landscape Associates will replant the area by sowing native wild flowers.

Motion: Linnea Healy moved to approve the application of Greenwoods Land Management, P. O. Box 569, Litchfield, for Hanon, 181 Beach Street, per map 123/54/16H, to remove invasive brush clearing of multiflora rose, barberry, honeysuckle, autumn olive and buckthorn, using a low impact track forestry much mower.

Second: Anthony Paradise

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

6. Approval of Minutes of December 10, 2014

Motion: A. Conroy moved to approve the meeting minutes of December 10, 2014.

Second: Anthony Paradise

Vote: All voted aye except Dr. Frank Schildgen and Fred Minck, who abstained because of absence, and the motion carried.

7. Correspondence

- DEEP letter on aquatic pesticide program
- Larry Weaner Landscape Associates letter
- R. Blazek noted brochure on engineering firm named Benesch out of Glastonbury that does all kinds of engineering and environmental services, complete with hourly rates. The group thought it was something worth looking into.

8. Possible Executive Session to Discuss Pending Litigation: None

9. Adjournment

Motion: Dr. Frank Schildgen moved to adjourn at 7:59 p.m.

Second: Abby Conroy

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Ann D. Combs, Recording Secretary