

LITCHFIELD INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION

June 10, 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 7:04 p.m.

Members Present: Chairman Robert Blazek, Linnea Healy, Anthony Paradise, Jack Hamill, Barbara Brower, Carol Williams, and Dr. Frank Schildgen. Also present were Dennis Tobin, Ph.D., Wetlands Agent and Ann Combs, Recording Secretary

Members Absent: Frederick Minck, Abby Conroy

Public Comment: None

Appointment of Alternates: Chairman Blazek appointed Barbara Brower to vote in place of Fred Minck.

APPLICATION CONSIDERATIONS

1. Dillon (Bernard) – 116 Headquarters Road

6/10/15

Receive application to remove asphalt portion of driveway and replace with gravel, remove trees for repair of garden path and repair asphalt apron at driveway entrance

David Dillon and Mr. Bernard were present and reviewed previous actions. The next work to be done is the removal of about 20 trees that have been marked. Closest tree to the river is 115', and they are all 8" or less in diameter except for a larger one that is rotten. There are three against the back of the house. They also want to reposition some of the stones in the garden pathways to level. They don't plan to do the asphalt apron at this time. Commissioners had no questions or comments.

Motion: Anthony Paradise moved to approve the application of Phillip and Antonia Bernard, 116 Headquarters Road, Map 119/179/07b, per plan dated 5/13/15 and signed by David Dillon, General Contractor, to remove asphalt portion of driveway and replace with gravel, remove about 20 trees, repair garden path, and repair asphalt entrance to driveway.

Second: Carol Williams

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

AFTER-THE FACT APPLICATION

2. Murphy – 209 Wheeler Road

6/10/15

Re-grading and surfacing driveway with gravel and processed stone

Kevin Murphy said he was using gravel to fill in potholes in his driveway and eliminate the muddy condition and did not realize he needed a permit. He submitted a drawn map. There is a 20 X 45 pond that was originally dug for a swimming pool. He added other items onto the application for the future and initialed.

Motion: Dr. Schildgen moved to approve the after-the-fact application of Murphy, 209 Wheeler Road, for re-grading and surfacing the driveway with processed stone as well as extension of existing 30 ft. field wall an additional 15 ft. to minimize erosion in the area and to plant several more arborvitae.

Second: Barbara Brower

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

APPLICATION RECEPTIONS

3. Waterhouse – 29 Moosehorn Road

6/10/15

Construct 12' X 26' open deck attached to house and 12' X 24' free-standing pergola

Tom Waterhouse said Torrington Area Health District should be approving this week. He explained the deck will be off the back of the house, with closest part 75 ft. from Turner Brook. There will be 12" tubes filled with concrete to support the 2 X 12 pressure-treated lumber enclosed in Asak composite material, which will also be used for the deck. He is planning to plant wisteria on the pergola, which will be next to the garage as per his drawing. It will have a brick or stone patio floor and will be 100 ft. from the brook.

Motion: Jack Hamill moved to approve the application of Waterhouse, 29 Moosehorn Road, Map 256/33/7a, for construction of a 12' X 26' open deck attached to the house and a 12' X 24' free-standing pergola near the garage with brick or paving stones beneath.

Second: Barbara Brower

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

4. Gallagher – 71 North Lake Street

6/10/15

Construct garage/deck addition in upland review area

Steve Latour with Berkshire Engineering and Surveying and Michael Gallagher were present. Mr. Gallagher wants to add a 26' X 27' garage in the regulated area and a deck, 20' X 16'. The driveway will be extended to meet the proposed garage and a turn-around added. This driveway work was added to the application. The topography is fairly flat on the other side of the garage and to the north as well. Snow will be pushed to the north and to a slightly lower elevation. The site plan was prepared 6/4/15 for Michael Gallagher and dated.

Motion: Barbara Brower moved to approve the application for Michael Gallagher for 71 North Lake Street, Map 06/48/4, to construct a garage/deck addition in the upland review area and to extend the driveway with a turn-around as shown on Site Plan Prepared for Michael Gallagher, dated 6/4/15.

Second: Dr. Frank Schildgen

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

5. Rollins – 19 Tallmadge Ave.

6/10/15

Install drainage system, construct new pool house, rebuild existing garage, construct patios on existing buildings, bury 1000-gal. propane tank and construct new pool shed

Steve Latour was present from Berkshire Engineering and Surveying to explain they want to install drainage, proposing two lawn drains in the front of the house and an underdrain on the back side, roof leaders to the drainage, and a sump pump into the drainage system. Has been working with DOT and Jack Healy. Pool house will be behind the pool with $\frac{3}{4}$ bath with water and sewer hookup. They propose three patios made of stone or brick. They will take down the existing garage and move it closer to the street and raise it up to get the flow out of the garage and down the driveway. He also wants to remove two above-ground propane tanks in wetlands and bury a propane tank with service lines to pool utilities, dwelling and garage. B. Brower asked why they can still bury propane tanks and not oil tanks. Steve will get more information for the next meeting. Only impact on wetlands is the shed for pool utilities, which will be on piers. Dr. Schildgen said there are a lot of ground disturbances with electrical and propane lines all underground. R. Blazek asked for review fee of \$2,000 from the applicant to get Sean Hayden of Northwest Conservation District to help with advice, as this is a complex application and also for

something in writing from DPW and DOT that says this activity is okay. A. Paradise suggested the possibility of grouping lines together to avoid spider lines.

6. Approval of Minutes of 5/13/15

Motion: Dr. Frank Schildgen moved to adopt the regular minutes of 5/13/15.

Second: Anthony Paradise

Vote: All voted aye except C. Williams, who abstained because of absence, and the motion carried.

7. Correspondence

Request for Natural Diversity Data Base (NDDB) State Listed Species Review

DEEP Permit Application for the Use of Pesticides in State Waters for Arethusa Farm

Dr. Tobin updated the commission on the Stop & Shop project.

8. Possible Executive Session to Discuss Pending Litigation: None

9. Adjournment

Motion: Barbara Brower moved to adjourn at 8:00 p.m.

Second: Carol Williams

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann D. Combs, Recording Secretary