

INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 12, 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, Abby Conroy, Dr. Frank Schildgen, and Carol Williams. Barbara Brower arrived at 8:00 p.m.

Members Absent: Jack Hamill, Frederick Minck

Also present were Recording Secretary Ann Combs and Inland Wetlands Agent Dennis Tobin, Ph.D.

1. Public Comment: None

2. Appointment of Alternates: None

PUBLIC HEARING

3. Amendments to Litchfield Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations and Adopt Revised 1994 Wetlands and Watercourses Map to June 2013 Version.

Mr. Blazek opened the public hearing at 7:02 p.m. and read the legal notice that was published 5/29 and 6/7 in the Republican-American. He read and explained the proposed amendment to the Inland Wetlands Regulations and Map. The adoption of this amendment will update the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations. Dr. Tobin explained the map that has been used and the changes to the new map. Mr. Blazek read the letter dated 6/10/13 from the Northwest Conservation District recommending this update be adopted. There were no comments from the public or Commissioners.

Motion: C. Williams moved to close the public hearing at 7:08 p.m.

Second: Abby Conroy

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

Motion: Dr. Frank Schildgen moved to accept the “Inland Wetlands and Watercourses – Litchfield Connecticut” map dated June, 2013 as the official wetlands map for Litchfield as devised by the Northwest Conservation District.

Second: Abby Conroy

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

Mr. Blazek signed and dated the map. D. Tobin will have the new regulations printed and copies made of the map.

Motion: Dr. Frank Schildgen moved to adopt all amendments as noted on several pages submitted with this motion.

Second: Abby Conroy

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

Motion: Dr. Frank Schildgen moved to add to the agenda 14a) Town of Litchfield - 101 Russell Street, 085/059/001, for activity at 14 Plumb Hill Road for removal of invasive honeysuckle.

Second: Carol Williams

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

APPLICATION CONSIDERATIONS

4. Haulenbeek- 338 Richards Road Ext.

6/12/13

Add 336 sq. ft. to existing deck, work to consist of four 10" hand-dug Sonotube footings

Mr. Haulenbeek reminded the Commission that the application was amended to 8 Sonotubes. He explained the application. No wetlands impact could be seen.

Motion: Abby Conroy moved to approve the application of Haulenbeek, 338 Richards Road Ext. for a 336 sq. ft. deck addition to the residence, within 150' of wetlands, the work to consist of eight 10" Sonotube footings, hand dug per map 53/16a/29.

Second: Carol Williams

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

5. Forman School – 12 Norfolk Road

6/12/13

Fine grade existing football field; no direct wetland impact

Dennis McMorrow, Berkshire Engineering & Surveying, and Attorney Robert A. D'Andrea were present. Mr. D'Andrea explained the football field and said it is uneven and not safe for football. The safest method is to excavate out 8" and stockpile and screen. The rocks will be taken away. There will be no runoff into the river. The screened material will be replaced and the field sodded.

Motion: Carol Williams moved to approve the application of Forman School, 12 Norfolk Road, to fine grade the existing football field, no direct impacts, as delineated on map dated 4/30/13 by Berkshire Engineering and Surveying.

Second: Dr. Frank Schildgen

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

APPLICATION RECEPTIONS

6. Arethusa Farm Dairy, LLC – 40 Vanderpoel Avenue

6/12/13

Wetlands crossing to construct storage building and parking area

Dennis McMorrow was present as well as Tom Breakell, Arethusa Farm. They showed the existing condition plan and want to use the area of the current greenhouse site on Vanderpoel Avenue for a new 100' X 100' building for dry and cold storage. The wetlands have been flagged. The greenhouse will come down, leaving the office. They will also create more parking. There will be a water quality basin on the south side of the proposed building that will receive runoff and improve water quality. Water will run through pipes across Vanderpoel Avenue and down the hill. There will be a reduction in impervious surface. They will fill 2600 sq. ft. of wetland.

Motion: Dr. Frank Schildgen moved to hold a public hearing July 10th at 7:00 p.m.

Second: Carol Williams

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried. They asked for a bond for \$2,000 so Sean Hayden can start working on it.

7. Halkiotis – 303 Torrington Rd.

6/12/13

Relocate existing state drainage pipe and construct building addition

Dennis McMorrow explained this is a one-acre property on Route 202 on the left going up Tollgate Hill. There is a proposed addition for a new entry way and garage. The State DOT pipe must be removed and will be rerouted using riprap. RB asked for a document in writing that says the DOT is agreeable to moving the easement for the pipe. This will give space for the addition.

8. Town of Litchfield – North Shore Road (Town Beach)

6/12/13

1) Install rip rap in drainage swale, 2) replace fence 3) replace concrete wall, 4) install 4' x 6' concrete pad for garbage container, 5) close and remove existing well

Jack Healy, Litchfield Public Works Director, explained that the STEAP grant money earmarked for this project needs to be used before November. He would like to place rip rap in the drainage swale, replace the old phone poles with a rail fence, replace the 18 concrete blocks down by the ramp (this part to be done in fall when water recedes), and install a concrete pad for garbage container that currently sits on the ground. He knows the procedure to close the old well and would like to get that done. *[Barbara Brower arrived here.]* Commissioner agreed to approve this application for safety reasons.

Motion: Barbara Brower moved to approve the application of Town of Litchfield at the Town Beach on North Shore Road to accomplish tasks as listed above per map prepared for Litchfield Hills Rowing Club, 244 North Shore Road, Litchfield, CT dated 11/3/04. This application is approved now due to safety issues.

Second: Carol Williams

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

9. Bosco – 105 McBride Road

6/12/13

Construct new 30' x 30' barn

No one was present for this reception. It was received and will be consider at the next meeting. The office should call and remind them to be there.

10. Demers – 99 North Shore Road

6/12/13

Demo and rebuild 15' x 12' deck next to lake

Edward Demers was present to explain. White Memorial has given permission for this work. He said he would like to rebuild the deck the same dimension as the old deck. The stairs bolt to the docks and can be removed. He will use pressure treated lumber for supports and Trux-like material for the deck. He knows he's restricted from working between June 15th and Labor Day. He gave permission for the Commissioners to inspect.

11. Quigley – 177 Buell Road

6/12/13

Construction of new single-family dwelling, driveway with crossings, septic and well in regulated area

Wesley Quigley III and Gary Giordano presented a topographic survey from 1935. They did septic testing, have talked to Torrington Area Health District and will submit an application in a couple days. It will require septic fill. The wetlands are flagged. The entire property is regulated. Mr. Quigley wants to use a 200' square area for construction and will preserve the wetlands with a pipe crossing. They are also trying to use wood roads that exist. He showed a viable and prudent alternative, but it is still crossing intermittent watercourses. Mr. Giordano will not be here for the next meeting.

12. Quintard – 362 Torrington Road

6/12/13

Excavate to locate and repair drain pipe from house

Peter Quintard said the basement drain is broken, so heavy rain goes into the basement. He wants to dig it up and repair the pipe. Dr. Schildgen thought an immediate approval was appropriate so they could start on the repair.

Motion: Dr. Frank Schildgen moved to approve the application of Quintard at 362 Torrington Road to excavate in order to locate and repair a drain pipe from the house.

Second: Abby Conroy

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

13. Litchfield Housing Trust, Inc. – Torrington Road

6/12/13

Eight-unit affordable housing development

Barbara Brower recused herself for this reception. A letter from Hrica Associates LLC dated 6/7/13 was read by Mr. Blazek saying the Housing Trust wants to withdraw its application. Ms Brower re-entered the meeting.

14. Birge – 23 Hidden Pond Lane

6/12/13

Construct dock and path to dock

Barrie and Chuck Birge would like to put in a dock to use the pond. There are two neighbors on the pond as well, and there is an association that says everyone is allowed to have a dock maximum of 16' out. They showed a drawing of the proposed dock on the shoreline. They

will use pipes and eco-friendly material. Permission was given for the Commissioners to visit. They will access the area by a small path with gravel added.

14a. Town of Litchfield - 101 Russell Street 085/059/001

6/12/13

Removal of invasive honeysuckle at 14 Plumb Hill Road

J. Healy said they want to remove honeysuckle in the same area as the black locust. They want to eventually create a wild flower area with paths. Much of this work will be as an Eagle Scout project to remove non-native invasive plants. R. Blazek asked for him to check to see if the DEEP would consider working in tandem to remove phragmites as well.

Motion: Barbara Brower moved to approve the application of Town of Litchfield for 14 Plumb Hill Road, for removal of invasive honeysuckle, bittersweet vine, and multiflora rose from the LHS campus in a woodlot understory, with 1.5 acres of understory being affected along Constitution Way. Native trees and shrubs will be planted in place of these invasive shrubs.

Second: Dr. Frank Schildgen

Vote: All voted aye except Carol Williams, who voted nay because process is not being followed, and the motion carried.

AFTER-THE-FACT APPLICATIONS

15. Farmer – 220 East Street

6/12/13

After-the-fact application for removal of in-ground pool, demo and rebuild of 12' x 28' deck and grading

Austin Farmer was present on behalf of Shepaug Realty, LLC. He said he didn't realize he was working in a regulated area and apologized. He presented a map showing that he removed a partial in-ground pool that was right on the river. He said he did use silt fence.

16. Copeland – 342 Bantam Road

6/12/13

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

Mr. Copeland explained he has cleaned garbage out and made the area better. There are 7 acres from which he wants to clear out invasive species. He wants to lightly clear the area so they can walk through. He has a contract to buy the property. R. Blazek asked for a letter of permission from the owner to do this work to be sent to the Land Use office. Commissioners will inspect the area.

17. Yanavics – 84 Goodhouse Road

6/12/13

After-the-fact application for placement of 10' x 20' shed in regulated area

Joe Yanavics explained how he built the pre-fab shed. He was told to fill out the permit and submit it in the Land Use office.

18. New Business: None

19. Approval of Minutes of May 8, 2013

Motion: Barbara Brower moved to adopt the minutes of 5/8/13.

Second: Abby Conroy

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

20. Correspondence

DEEP training for Wetlands agencies. Dr. Tobin will check on access for DEEP DVD's for training.

The Town of Thomaston is holding a public hearing to update its proposed Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Map to accept the boundary map.

DEEP aquatic weed control in east cemetery pond.

DEEP Northeast Tree and Pond Service is applying for a pesticides permit.

July & Aug copper sulfate application in Bantam Lake

DEEP pesticides application at Hidden Pond – D. Tobin will notify Ms Birge.

21. Adjournment

Motion: Barbara Brower moved to adjourn at 9:12 p.m.

Second: Abby Conroy

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Ann D. Combs, Recording Secretary