

INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 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, Jack Hamill, Carol Williams, Barbara Brower, Anthony Paradise

Members Absent: Abby Conroy, Dr. Frank Schildgen, Frederick Minck

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

1. Public Comment: None

2. Appointment of Alternates: R. Blazek said Barbara Brower had recently been appointed as an alternate member and he seated her as a regular member for the meeting. He then welcomed Anthony Paradise back to the Commission as a regular member.

APPLICATION CONSIDERATIONS

3. Goldsmith – 59 Clark Road
Pond maintenance

9/11/13

No one was present for this application.

Motion: A. Paradise moved to approve the application of Goldsmith, 59 Clark Road, for pond maintenance, referencing a map dated 12/8/99 by D. R. Wilson PE, including all notes as shown on the map.

Second: B. Brower

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

4. Demers – 99 North Shore Road

9/11/13

Demo and rebuild cottage. Abandon existing leaching pit, install new sewage holding tank and curtain drains, relocate exterior steps and rebuild retaining wall for parking

Ken Hrica, PE and Professional Land Surveyor, and Mr. Demers were present to explain the old cottage will be replaced with a new structure a little larger. The property is not suitable for a septic system and has a failing leaching pit in the back. They are proposing a holding tank in the front that can be pumped out. They will also create a single parking space near the road to accommodate one car by relocating a concrete stairway. He submitted the DEEP general permit that is issued to White Memorial Foundation as the land owner. The resident follows guidelines issued by White Memorial. They plan a 1500-gallon tank which is sized for a 5-bedroom house. It will have a float alarm that will go off when the tank liquid reaches half full. Then they will pump it as well as again at the end of the season. The parking space will have a 6" gravel base. The leaching pit has been abandoned already, and pipes will be taken out upon demolition of the cottage.

Motion: Barbara Brower moved to approve the application of Ed Demers, Jr. to demolish and rebuild the cottage, abandon the existing leaching pit, install a new sewage holding tank and curtain drains, relocate

exterior steps and rebuild a retaining wall for parking per map dated 7/19/13 with the conditions outlined on the map, especially that the tank should be pumped at 750 gallons and also at the end of the season.

Second: C. Williams

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

Motion: B. Brower moved to add to the agenda as 10a) “Mary Ellen Lesniewski – 180 Maple Street, septic system repair in regulated area with zero acres of wetlands disturbed.”

Second: C. Williams

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

Motion: B. Brower moved to add to the agenda as 10b) “Town of Litchfield – Ken Sena, 63 Beecher Lane, Map 206/036/032, modify and extend town drainage pipe.”

Second: C. Williams

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

5. Town of Litchfield (Zwick) - 39 Andre Drive

9/11/13

Install new catch basin and drainage pipe to carry storm water to riprap apron

Jack Healy explained the turn-around at the end of Andre Drive with ongoing drainage issues. The Town was supposed to obtain a right to drain which didn't happen. The drainage goes onto Zwick's property, then to Spruce Brook and then to the Naugatuck River. He proposes to remove the catch basin, pipe the water through a swale on their property and into the woods at the back of their property. The Town would obtain an easement from the Zwicks for the discharge and to maintain the pipe. Wetlands impacts are wetlands soils on their property. Ken Hrica is the engineer.

Motion: J. Hamill moved to approve the application by Town of Litchfield to conduct work at the end of Andre Drive to install drainage to a spreading basin with 18" pipe per map titled Roadway Repair Plan by Hrica Associates, dated 7/12/13.

Second: B. Brower

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

APPLICATION RECEPTIONS

6. Town of Litchfield – 14 Plumb Hill Road, Litchfield High School

9/11/13

Install drainage system under baseball infield

Jack Healy said they are proposing to put in a drainage system under the infield, which is soggy in the spring. The pipes use a panel drain at 10-ft. intervals packed with sand and with turf over top. The water will discharge to a storm water basin and plummet to a manhole and then into Moulthrop Brook. A. Paradise asked about modifications to the basin to make it larger.

7. Town of Litchfield – Hemlock Hill Road

9/11/13

Install/upgrade road. Extend drainage pipe at west end of road. Install drainage culverts and catch basin

Ken Hrica, PE and Professional Land Surveyor, presented the map titled “Roadway Plan, Hemlock Hill Road.” Jack Healy explained the history of this work. Goshen improved their end of the road to the Litchfield line. Litchfield will improve its end of the road, remaining as a dirt road. Rock outcroppings will be blasted. The road has been closed in the winter and it doesn't meet any of the standards as is.

8. Methot – Old Mt. Tom Road (Map 040/088/048)

9/11/13

Construct house and septic in regulated area

Steve Latour, Berkshire Engineering and Surveying, was present to explain this reception on the corner of Old Mt. Tom Road and Avalon Lane, 5.1 acres, Lot 20, a single family dwelling. The wetlands have been flagged. The lot is thick with brush and invasive plants. There is a detention basin to the stream. They proposed a driveway off Old Mt. Tom Road and proposed septic system. They have not yet submitted to Torrington Area Health District. A. Paradise was concerned with the orientation of the house and septic. He asked for a larger view to relate to the small maps.

9. Lopane – Marsh Road (Map 091/003/034)

9/11/13

Construct house, driveway and septic in regulated area

Steve Latour, Berkshire Engineering and Surveying, showed a map titled “Septic System Design” for this property at the intersection of Old Newton Road Ext. and Marsh Road. There are two watercourses, and the wetlands have been flagged. Grading is needed for the driveway and turn-arounds. There is 73 ft. to the watercourse from the septic system. A. Paradise was concerned with the proximity of the septic to the watercourses.

10. Bramley – 74 Sawmill Road

9/11/13

Replace collapsed pipe under driveway

Carol Bramley was present to explain the pipe is not collapsed but is full of rock, caused by rains. The south side is eroding from water rising up over the driveway.

Motion: C. Williams moved to approve the application of Carol Bramley to replace/repair the pipe under her driveway which is filled with debris.

Second: B. Brower

Discussion: A. Paradise said there was a lot of force to move the rocks and advised she walk upstream to investigate and find the channel that caused it because the pipe is not large enough.

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

10a: Mary Ellen Lesniewski – 180 Maple Street

9/11/13

Septic system repair in regulated area with zero acres of wetlands disturbed

Ken Hrica said the septic fields have failed. There are suitable soils adjacent to old system on the top of the embankment. She is within the regulated area of wetlands and beaver pond. There is a culvert that dumps out into their lawn. The Town will install a manhole and pipe the water to the second manhole to dry up their lawn. It will then flow back toward her property. J. Healy will try to work out an easement with the homeowner. A. Paradise asked for a sweep instead of a right angle pipe, and Mr. Hrica said it will have a circular manhole on the corner.

Motion: J. Hamill moved to approve the application of Mary Ellen Lesniewski, 180 Maple Street, Map 83/67/21, to install drainage within the Town right-of-way, bring it down to the edge of the property and install a new septic system within the regulated area.

Second: A. Paradise

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

10b: Town of Litchfield – Ken Sena, 63 Beecher Lane, 206/036/032

9/11/13

Modify and extend town drainage pipe

Ken Hrica was present for this application. J. Healy explained the Town is discharging water into the property. They are proposing to remove the last 20-ft. section of pipe to keep the easement mostly on 63 Beecher, not 66. They will install an apron fanned out with outlet protection. Water will trickle into the stone wall that will act as a curtain drain. The Town will install another section of pipe to straighten existing pipe and have one easement on one property. Dr. Tobin asked Mr. Hrica to come back with a revised plan.

11. Approval of Minutes of August 14, 2013: There was not a quorum present of those who attended this meeting, so no vote was taken.

12. Correspondence

-Letter from T. Dennie Williams informing the Town that DEEP will be doing herbicide work on Constance Ripley Trust land. R. Blazek said no letter was received from the DEEP defining the project. Dr. Tobin will call Darcy Winters at the DEEP in Hartford to inquire.

-The Habitat, Summer 2013

13. Possible Executive Session to Discuss Pending Litigation

Motion: C. Williams moved to go into executive session at 8:34 p.m. to discuss pending litigation, with commissioners and Dr. Tobin present.

Second: B. Brower

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

The commissioners came out of executive session at 8:36 with no action taken.

14. Adjournment

Motion: B. Brower moved to adjourn at 8:36 p.m.

Second: A. Paradise

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Ann D. Combs

Recording Secretary