

**Approved/Amended MINUTES**  
**BROOKFIELD INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION**  
**Monday, November 25, 2013 – 7:00 p.m.**  
**Town Hall, Room 133 – 100 Pocono Road**

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**1. Convene Meeting**

Chairman Vulcano convened the meeting at 7:02 p.m. and established a quorum of members.

**2. Roll Call and Designation of Officers**

**Present:** Chairman J. Vulcano, Vice Chairman L. Miller (arrived at 7:08 p.m.), Secretary S. Fox, Alternate and Voting Member A. Finelli

**Absent:** None.

**Also Present:** Wetlands Enforcement Officer K. Daniel, Recording Secretary D. Cioffi

**3. Wetlands Enforcement**

**a. Enforcement Officer's Report**

**18 North Lake Shore Drive #201300318** – This matter will be discussed under New Business.

**64 North Lake Shore Drive #201300317** – WEO Daniel has not had a response to the Citations, which were confirmed as received by the property owner. Currently there is not an erosion control problem at the site. WEO Daniel will continue to issue Citations.

**20 Deerfield Road #201301082: Notice of Violation** – This is a new violation, prompted by a similar violation issued by First Light. *George Saul and Theresa Davis Saul were present.*

*Vice Chairman Miller arrived at 7:08 p.m.*

Photographs of the site were reviewed. Mr. Saul discussed an ongoing problem with milfoil. In the past, the issue was treated with chemicals, but it was not this year. Mr. Saul wrote to First Light, Lillinonah Lake Authority and the Friends of the Lake, and he stated that the only response was from the LLA, indicating it did not have the funds to do it this year. After researching various methods of remediation, he is proposing to utilize a Benthic Barrier, to cover the bottom of the lake around the dock to prevent the growth of milfoil. He indicated that the mat is moveable.

There was discussion regarding the flow of water and the drawdown of the lake which has brought the lake to a very low level.

Vice Chairman Miller inquired if Mr. Wood of First Light was hopeful that the barrier would work, and Mr. Saul replied that Mr. Wood was “skeptical” and told him it would likely have to be removed. Mr. Saul advised that the police boat ramp is weed-free but contains large amount of fill.

There was discussion regarding how milfoil reproduces. The size of the problem area is approximately 2000 square feet. Mr. Wood shared with Mr. Saul that he was concerned regarding multiple layers of the barrier. Mr. Saul did not share that concern because of the annual drawdown, which he believes will allow the barrier to be cleaned off. Secretary Fox inquired regarding the durability of the material. Mr. Saul responded that because the barrier is weakened by exposure to sunlight, and due to it being buried, this is not a concern. The Commissioners expressed their concern regarding organisms that could propagate on the material. WEO Daniel suggested that the Commission should follow First Light's suggestions. There was discussion regarding biological controls.

The discussion then turned to the second part of the violation; related to unpermitted construction of steps to the water. Mr. Saul noted that it was part of a shoreline stabilization project due to massive erosion. Additional photographs were reviewed. It was stated that Mr. Wood may have been unaware that this work was permitted to correct a safety issue.

A copy of a letter dated 1/22/13 from Mr. Saul to WEO Daniel, and an email to Brian Wood from G. Saul dated 11/19/13, were submitted for record.

Chairman Vulcano inquired how much sand would cover the material, and Mr. Saul indicated it was 4 to 5 inches. Mr. Wood has suggested that one inch would be a better solution.

WEO Daniel indicated it was unclear how residents would control the milfoil if First Light is not going to treat the lake.

Mrs. Saul suggested that there be a cleaning station at the boat launch.

It was noted that the Violation will remain until there is a response from First Light; and the Saul's will be in contact with the Land Use Office.

Mr. Saul advised that he has removed two ash trees. WEO Daniel indicated that action would fall under a jurisdictional ruling. The stumps were leveled, and plantings were added.

**b. Site Inspection Reports – No discussion/no motions.**

**4. Old Business: None.**

**5. New Business:**

- a. 18 North Lake Shore Drive #201301091: Long Form for Corrective Action – Re-build wall, clear cut trees, re-establish slope, shoreline retaining wall, sand, shrub and plant growth to secure slope (Violation Information listed above as agenda item 3.a.)**
- 1. GIS Map showing proposed work at 18 North Lake Shore Drive received in the Land Use Office on 11/19/13**
  - 2. Email correspondence between Anthony Biasetti, Lauren Richardson,**

*A. Biasetti, 18 North Lakeshore Dr., was present.* He advised that pursuant to the request of First Light, a map has been drawn up for replanting. He reviewed how natural rocks were reconfigured to build a retaining wall. Mr. Biasetti indicated that a third stage of plan was submitted last week. First Light has recommended that a natural swale be installed in front of a slope. Mr. Biasetti indicated that he is awaiting approval of an email he sent to First Light last week with a drawing addressing the most recent concerns. He reviewed that the existing wall was removed, and pointed out where the fish dock was being held by a boulder rock. He indicated that the sand was not sufficient to retain the rocks that needed to be retained.

WEO Daniel advised that this matter came about when there were issues with storm water management during Hurricane Sandy. The Commission is anxious to work with First Light to get this matter resolved.

Mr. Biasetti advised that the excavation work can be done when the lake is drawn down. The Commissioners will inspect the site prior to the next meeting. They requested that when Mr. Biasetti gets the letter of consent from First Light, that he forward it to them.

WEO Daniel advised that the citations were for lack of permit application. She indicated that the date the permit application was submitted is the date that the citation stops. The citations are no longer accumulating.

**Vice Chairman Vulcano moved to continue 18 North Lake Shore Drive, #201301091, to the next regularly scheduled meeting with the understanding that the Commissioners will inspect the site prior to the next meeting. Secretary Fox seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.**

- b. 57 Laurel Hill Road #201301098: Modification to Existing Permit #201200552 to revise construction sequence**
- 1. Sheet C2 – Grading and Drainage Plan prepared by CCA, LLC dated 06/06/12; revised through 11/19/13**

*N. Levesque, CCA, 40 Old New Milford Rd., was present.* She pointed out the two catch basins (Item 12) on the plans.

**Vice Chairman Miller moved to approve the site plan modification for 57 Laurel Hill Road, #201301098, in accordance with the site plan received by the Commission, ACAD #12158SP, with a last revision date of 11/19/2013. Secretary Fox seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.**

- c. 127 Pocono Road #201301102: Jurisdictional Ruling – Removal of Two Trees**
- 1. Town of Brookfield, CT GIS Map showing trees at 127 Pocono Road received in the Land Use Office on 11/22/13**

WEO Daniel advised that here are clump of trees (willow trees) that needs to be taken down. She inquired of the Commission if a permit would be needed, and the Commission indicated that the work is a jurisdictional ruling. The property owner will not drop trees in the stream, and will remove the wood.

**Secretary Fox moved to accept the work to remove trees at 127 Pocono Road, #201301102, as a jurisdictional ruling that does not require a short form. Commissioner Finelli seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.**

**Secretary Fox moved to add an Agenda Item as 5.d., the matter of the December 23, 2013 meeting. Vice Chairman Miller seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.**

- d. December 23, 2013 Meeting – Secretary Fox moved to cancel the December 23, 2013 meeting. Vice Chairman Miller seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.**

**6. Tabled Items:**

**a. 2014 Draft Commission Meeting Calendar – Commissioner Finelli noted a conflict with an April meeting date and the eve of Passover. Secretary Fox moved to accept the 2014 Land Use Commission Regular Meeting Schedule, with the exception of April 14, 2014; and the Commission will only have one meeting in April, on April 28, 2014. Vice Chairman Miller seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.**

**7. Correspondence:**

- a. Minutes of Other Boards & Commissions: 11/14/13 Zoning**
- b. Letter from Cheryl Reedy, HRRRA Director to Transfer Station Operators dated 11/18/13 Re: FYI – Disposal Options for Invasive Plants**
  - Letter from Robert Isner of the CT DEEP to Glenn Lockhart and Cheryl Reedy dated 11/12/13 Re: Special Waste Disposal Authorization Terrestrial Invasive Plants**

**or Species and Non-hazardous Regulated Medical Marijuana Plant Waste  
Application No. 201305138**

**No discussion/no motions.**

**8. Review Minutes of Previous Meetings: 11/18/13 – Secretary Fox moved to approve the Meeting Minutes of November 18, 2013. Vice Chairman Miller seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.**

**9. Informal Discussion: None.**

**10. Adjourn: Vice Chairman Miller moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 p.m. Secretary Fox seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.**

**\*\*\*Next regular meeting scheduled for December 9, 2013\*\*\***