

LITCHFIELD INLAND WETLAND COMMISSION
Regular Meeting Minutes
January 10, 2018 – 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, Barbara Brower, Jack Hamill, Frederick Minck, Anthony Paradise. Also present were Dennis Tobin, Ph.D, Wetlands Agent, and Ann Combs, Recording Secretary.

Members Absent: Jack Healy

Public Comment: None

Appointment of Alternates: None available

Motion: B. Brower moved to add to the agenda Item 1a. “After-the-Fact Application for Parsons (agent for Bantam Cemetery Assoc.)”

Second: A. Paradise

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

APPLICATION CONSIDERATION

1. Parsons (agent for Bantam Cemetery Assoc.) – Bantam Road **1/10/18**
Selective tree cutting on ¼ acre of land

See below.

1a. After-the-Fact Application for Parsons (agent for Bantam Cemetery Assoc.) **1/10/18**
After-the-fact application for selective tree cutting on ¼ acre of land

Mr. Parsons said he was present for an after-the-fact application, with the same work done as was on the original application. There were no ruts, disturbances in the regulated area. The forester he named as Rick did the work on a handshake in his window of opportunity and paid the Bantam Cemetery Association for the timber. A. Paradise asked for a contract and a map of the work done to come from the forester. He said this presents a problem without this paperwork, because there is no record for future concerns. In order to move forward, A. Paradise asked Mr. Parsons for a crude map of the activity, with number of board feet, cords and chips of wood that were generated, along with the forester’s name. He must have the information to be in compliance. Mr. Parsons said he would get the information for the continuation at the next meeting on February 14th. Chairman Blazek will call Darcy Winters at the State to discuss.

2. Pope – 320 Norfolk Road **1/10/18**
Construct pool in upland review area

Dennis McMorrow, Berkshire Engineering and Surveying, presented the topo map. The pool is on the side of the wetlands, and nothing can run into the wetlands, which is an intermittent stream.

Motion: A. Paradise moved to approve a pool construction in the upland review area for Pope, 320 Norfolk Road, Map 160, Block 36, Lot 9D.

Second: F. Minck

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

3. Forman School – 12 Norfolk Road

1/10/18

Construct faculty housing with 12 parking spaces with associated utilities in upland review area

Dennis McMorrow, Berkshire Engineering and Surveying, said Forman is proposing six units in the building with lower level including walkout basement and parking area for each unit. Regarding cuts and fill, they will have 500 cu. yds of fill that will be reused. They raised the area 12” which requires fill, so they should be able to use the 500 cu. yds. as a balanced site. The slope on the downhill side will have an erosion control blanket and be planted with grass, and the level area will be paved. There will also be silt fence and hay bales on the downhill side where a 4-inch pipe will empty. There will be a level spreader and riprap on the uphill side. They labeled the equipment storage area, stockpile area and staked the area as requested.

Motion: J. Hamill moved to approve the application by Forman School, 12 Norfolk Road, for construction of faculty housing with 12 parking spaces with associated utilities in the upland review area per Site Map dated 12/6/17, revised 1/8/18.

Second: A. Paradise

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

APPLICATION RECEPTIONS

4. Hull Forest Products (Agent for Ryle) – 555 Torrington Road

1/10/18

Selective timber harvest with two seasonal stream crossings

Brennan Sheahan, Licensed Forester with Hull Forest Products, said he is working with Mr. Ed Ryle. It is primarily a hardwood forest, and he will be harvesting 65,000 board ft. on 55 acres of his 222-acre property. They will harvest the older story trees so the lower story can grow for a future harvest. Forwarder trucks will access an old farm road off Route 202 to the log landing. There will be no skidding on the skid trail with the forwarder that picks up the logs. There are two stream crossings. Portable bridge sections will be placed on the banks with log corduroy and hay bales following best management practices per the State of CT. Crossings will be checked weekly. No stumps will be disturbed. Mr. Sheahan hires licensed forest products harvesters as subcontractors for the work, and he supervises. If they miss the winter opportunity to start work, they will wait until the dry summer to begin.

Motion: A. Paradise moved to approve the application of Hull Forest Products at 555 Torrington Road for a selective timber harvest with two stream crossings.

Second: B. Brower

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

TIMBER HARVEST NOTIFICATION

5. Sheahan (Agent for Bradbury) – Whiskers Lane

1/10/18

Notification of timber harvest; no wetlands activities

Brennan Sheahan explained the property of the Bradburys. The property includes shallow soils and ledge and is high in elevation. There are no crossings. There is a wetlands area on one end. They will stay well

outside the wetland areas. They will use existing trails and the same landings. They will harvest 65,000 board ft. This is not an application, just a notification, but Commissioners preferred to vote.

Motion: B. Brower moved to receive the notification.

Second: J. Hamill

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried. A. Paradise noted the notification form was all filled out with all necessary information.

6. Approval of December 13, 2017 Minutes: It was noted that the motion in “Considerations 1” should be amended to read: “B. Brower moved to continue this to the next meeting with Mr. Parsons bringing the logger’s documentation and plan to compare against what they see at the site. He will also have to submit an after-the-fact application.”

Motion: B. Brower moved to approve the 12/13/17 meeting minutes as amended.

Second: J. Hamill

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

7. Correspondence

- Milone & MacBroom - construction of new animal control facility on the Harwinton town line
- Eversource work on right of way vegetation management and tree cutting
- Memo from Raz Alexe informing that the State has postponed work for a bridge replacement on Torrington Road (Route 202) over the Bantam River near Amerigas.

8. Possible Executive Session to Discuss Pending Litigation: None

9. Adjournment

Motion: F. Minck moved to adjourn at 8:05 p.m.

Second: B. Brower

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann D. Combs, Recording Secretary