

INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
Regular Meeting Minutes
December 10, 2014 – 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, Linnea Healy, Carol Williams, Abby Conroy, Anthony Paradise. Also present were Inland Wetlands Agent Dennis Tobin, Ph.D. and Recording Secretary Ann Combs.

Members Absent: Barbara Brower, Frederick Minck, Dr. Frank Schildgen

Public Comment: William Deering, 110 McBride Road, asked about response to his questions and Mr. Blazek said they do not respond in writing and he could view the files during business hours in the Land Use office. He then asked four more questions. Mr. Blazek again directed him to the Land Use office and the Public Works Department. He read a letter but did not submit it for the file.

Appointment of Alternates: Chairman Blazek appointed Linnea Healy as a regular member.

Motion: C. Williams moved to add to the agenda under 2a, “Fran Miskin, 73 Milton Road: Proposed driveway, curtain drain, septic tank relocation and portion of new garage addition within 150’ watercourse upland review area”.

Second: A. Conroy

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

APPLICATION CONSIDERATIONS

1. Hickey – 258 Richards Road Ext.

12/10/14

Pond maintenance

Philip Hickey explained he has a small pond and wants to remove a sand bar and mud that has built up in the center and clean up the sides. He wants to go 8’ deep and will use a backhoe excavator. He is not enlarging the pond, and will use hay bales and silt fencing. He will spread the spoils in his woodland yard and plant grass. R. Blazek suggested he go to Northwest Conservation District for advice on plants to put in to hold the soil in place on the banks. Mr. Hickey said there is a pile of boulders but no dam, as the water flows through. Mr. Blazek advised he talk to the DEEP about the rocks. A. Paradise said his concern is what is downstream when water flows into the pond and out at a higher rate. Blazek indicated that this application is adjacent to the area that may be designated a Federal watershed area and Mr. Hickey should provide more information. A. Paradise said someone with knowledge needs to review this. R. Blazek said the DEEP in Hartford needs to look at this and he needs to get some engineering done. He felt the application should be denied without prejudice, and suggested Mr. Hickey contact Don Meisling at DEEP Fisheries on Harris Road for advice.

Motion: C. Williams moved to continue this application to next month’s meeting.

Second: A. Conroy

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

APPLICATION RECEPTIONS

2. Lanthier – 418 Torrington Road (Map 127, 021, 121)

12/10/14

Construct single-family dwelling, driveway and well in upland review area

Aaron Lanthier said he wants to build a ranch home. It has an existing driveway and is all within the regulated area. Flagging has been done by Berkshire Engineering. There is a stream 81' from the house. R. Blazek would like to know what's below the soil surface and asked to have Dennis McMorrogh attend the meeting next month.

2a. Fran Miskin – 73 Milton Road

12/10/14

Proposed driveway, curtain drain, septic tank relocation and portion of new garage addition within 150' watercourse upland review area

Fran Miskin explained they want to put in a garage and a breezeway. They will need to move the septic tank because it is where the garage would sit. They would like to take out the old black top and plant grass and put in a driveway to the east instead. Ken Hricka will attend next month. They are within 150' of the regulated area. A. Paradise was concerned about the two sheds that are outside the property line by a few inches. Ms Miskin said they were aware of it and will move them back appropriately in the same area. Mr. Blazek referenced and read Inland Wetlands Regulations Section 11.9b, and asked them to be careful with activity regarding adjacent land owners. The Miskins gave permission for the Commissioners to view the property.

3. Approval of Minutes of November 12, 2014

Motion: A. Conroy moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of November 12, 2014.

Second: J. Hamill

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

4. Correspondence: Chairman Blazek explained that someone contacted the Federal government, and as a result, the Army Corps of Engineers came to inspect the property at 58 McBride Road. A copy of the 11/18/14 letter from the Army Corps sent to Mr. Stack, the property owner, was sent to the Inland Wetlands Commission. Mr. Blazek read the letter with requested material and explained that they have furnished the Army Corps with the permits that were issued by Inland Wetlands for the property. He read the applicable Section 18.1 from the Inland Wetlands Regulations.

5. Possible Executive Session to Discuss Pending Litigation: None

6. Adjournment

Motion: C. Williams moved to adjourn at 8:25 p.m.

Second: A. Paradise

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Ann D. Combs, Recording Secretary