

INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 11, 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, Dr. Frank Schildgen, Jack Hamill, Abby Conroy, Anthony Paradise, Carol Williams. Also present was Inland Wetlands Agent Dennis Tobin, Ph.D. Recording Secretary Ann Combs was absent.

Members Absent: Barbara Brower, Frederick Minck

1. Public Comment: None

2. Appointment of Alternates: There were no alternates present.

Motion: A. Paradise moved to add 8A to the agenda for a permit extension for Indian Knolls LLC, High Bridge Road, Bantam, Map 187, Block 68, Lot 21A.

Second: J. Hamill

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

PERMIT REVIEW

3. Copeland – 342 Bantam Road **2/11/14**

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

Gary Copeland said soil scientist Michael Kline did some mapping, and he presented a larger version of the incomplete map already on file. He said Mr. Kline will return in the spring to complete the mapping and an environmental study. He had flagged the wetlands and did 50 borings but could not complete the job. Mr. Copeland indicated that no work would be done until the spring. He said another engineer will be coming in to look at the drainage under a new permit. Chairman Blazek told him that nothing can be done until he submits a full report or a new application.

APPLICATION RECEPTIONS

4. Towne & Aurell, Inc. – 465 Maple Street **2/11/14**

After-the-fact application to remove debris from blocked driveway culvert; fill eroded driveway

Kyle Towne said they had done repairs in heavy rain early on January 14th without a permit because the property owners were away and had called the previous evening to say the tenant could not leave the home because the driveway was impassable. He showed photos that illustrated the condition and the work they did to remove the debris. A. Paradise asked about the beaver problem and the flow rate through the 18” pipe. He wanted the grate to be defined and a maintenance plan in writing. Mr. Towne said the high flow rate was due to lack of maintenance

and water backing up in the upland area due to the clog. R. Blazek reiterated the need to obtain a permit before doing any work.

Motion: A. Paradise moved to approve the after-the-fact application of Towne & Aurell for 465 Maple Street with conditions that a grate be defined and properly located and a maintenance plan be implemented.

Second: A. Conroy

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

5. HRP Associates – 38 Bantam Lake Road

2/11/14

Excavation and offsite disposal of impacted soils in two locations on site

Mr. Tom Battles, Director of Civil Engineering for HRP Associates and is representing the property owner, Pullman Investment Group. He brought a signed map showing two areas where remediated soils are being hauled offsite to approved refuse areas under the direction of the State DEEP. They are asking for permission to excavate the soils under a slab and close to the river, digging down as far as possible to ground water level. Mr. Battles said he would send a copy of the approved plan once it is done. They also need DOT approval for encroachment and should be able to start in 3-4 weeks.

Motion: Dr. Frank Schildgen moved to approve the application of HRP Associates for 38 Bantam Lake Road for excavation and offsite disposal of impacted soils in two location on site designated on map for HRP Associates dated 1/27/14.

Second: C. Williams

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

6. Connwood Foresters – Branch Road off Route 109

2/11/14

130-acre timber harvest with two stream crossings

Jessica Weicoll of Connwood Foresters, acting as an agent for the City of Waterbury, said this involves 130 acres with three log landings and dirt road access off Route 109 with two streams at the north end they need to cross. They are at narrow parts of the stream on flat ground with corduroy crossings, removing logs at the end. All the streams and wetlands are flagged in pink and no more than 1/3 of the trees will be cut within 100 ft. of any of the streams or wetlands. They use a selection process in deciding which trees to remove and which to leave. They could start as early as this summer, and it could take one year to complete. The work will be bid out to a logger, and she would oversee the work. A. Paradise asked her to submit a copy of the form that will be in the package and signed with the harvester before he grants approval. She was also asked to submit copies of her credentials, including State license card. Mr. Blazek asked the Commissioners if they should have Sean Hayden review, and it was decided no. doesn't look at logging. They have permission to walk the area, and Jessica said she would take them. A. Paradise asked about restrictions in logging ash and she said they may be able to truck them to a mill in the quarantine area or truck the ash products in the winter. She will return for the next meeting.

7. MGRE c/o Mark Greenberg - 6645 Federal Square Realty LLC et als.

2/11/14

Remove discarded and partially buried solid waste along stream bank and in stream bed on east side of property; backfill void with riprap.

Paul Connelly, CCA, presented a drawing and explained they want to remove large steel corrugated pipes from the stream bed with an excavator and some buried car parts that were from a former private dump. He will replace the void area on the stream bank with large stone. The Commissioners will take a look and Mr. Connelly will return next month.

8. Town of Litchfield Public Works – 101 Russell Street

2/11/14

Install drainage and sediment pond; remove existing salt sheds and install new salt storage area with cover; redo paving; install vehicle wash station; construct addition to building; replace UST fuel tanks with above ground tanks with new pumps; and relocate storage pile.

Jack Healy, Public Works Director, showed a site plan and explained each item separately. The drainage can be improved by installing a double catch basin and run a new pipe underground to the same catch basin. The salt sheds are in bad shape and should be removed and replaced with a cloth dome on concrete blocks that keeps the salt dry. Adjacent to the salt shed he proposed a steel frame to store the plows under. Asphalt repaving will improve stormwater runoff and allow them to maintain the area better. They will reuse the old asphalt for road millings. They would like to put in a vehicle wash station in the back of the site where water is pretreated and discharged into the sewers instead of the wetlands. Then they would like to build an addition onto the building with a concrete floor in order to store materials for the Building and Grounds workers. New fuel tanks will replace the old ones and have new pumps. The pile of material along the road will be moved further into the site enclosed in concrete block bins so the stream will be protected from water runoff. Commissioners are welcome to inspect the area, and Mr. Healy will return next month.

8a. Indian Knolls LLC - High Bridge Road, Bantam (187/68/21A)

2/11/14

Permit extension

Atty. Peter Herbst was present to represent Indian Knolls and Bill Zampaglione, Project Manager of Indian Knolls LLC, which is owned by the principles of PAC Group. R. Herbst explained that in 2004 the Inland Wetlands permit was issued for 18 condo units. A five-year extension was granted in 2009, extending it to 5/12/14. Inland Wetlands Statute Sec. 7.10 allows it to be extended no more than 14 years. There has been no change of activity and work is progressing with the new owners, so in accordance with 7.10 he is asking for a motion to approve the 4-year permit extension to 5/12/18.

Motion: J. Hamill moved to grant a 4-year renewal to Indian Knolls LLC as an extension of the original permit made in 2004, extended in 2009 to 5/12/14, and now as allowed under Inland Wetlands Statute Sec. 7.10, to extend it four years to 5/12/18. There has been no substantial change and no enforcement action taken.

Second: A. Paradise

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

9. Approval of Minutes of January 8, 2014

Motion: Carol Williams moved to approve the minutes of 1/8/14.

Second: A. Paradise

Vote: All voted aye except A. Conroy who abstained because of absence, and the motion carried.

10. Correspondence: Mr. Blazek read correspondence from the file.

10. Possible Executive Session to Discuss Pending Litigation

Motion: Carol Williams moved to go to into executive session at 8:42 p.m. with all commissioners and Dr. Tobin attending.

Second: Anthony Paradise

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

They came out of executive session at 8:48 p.m. with no action taken.

11. Adjournment

Motion: C. Williams moved to adjourn at 8:48 p.m.

Second: A. Conroy

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann D. Combs
Recording Secretary