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MINUTES
LITCHFIELD INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
June 8, 2011 – 7:00 p.m.
Town Hall Annex, 80 Doyle Road, Bantam, CT

Call to Order: Chairman Robert Blazek called the regular meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Members Present: Frederick Minck, Barbara Brower, Carol Williams, Jeffrey Zullo, Jack Hamill and Chairman Robert Blazek. Dr. Frank Schildgen arrived at 7:10 p.m. Inland Wetlands Agent Dennis Tobin, Ph.D, was absent.

Members Absent: None

Recording Secretary: Ann Curtis

1. Public Comment: None

2. Appointment of Alternates: Alternate Jeffrey Zullo was appointed as a voting member by Chairman Blazek.

Motion: Barbara Brower moved the following changes to the agenda: move Item 4 to 6a and move Item 5 to 7a.

Second: Jack Hamill

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

PERMIT REVIEW

3. Ziehl/Osowiecki – 590 Milton Road
Request to change approved pond depth

6/8/11

Richard Rosiello, Licensed Landscape Designer, of Rosiello Designs, LLC referred to Inland Wetlands Permit #CC0000827 dated 8/12/07. He submitted a letter and drawing dated 6/8/11 requesting modifications to the permit. He questioned having to haul material from the pond bottom off site before drying it. He would like to pile it 35 ft. away from the pond and let it dry for three weeks before hauling it off site. It would be a staked pile about 8 ft. high, 35' X 40'. He would use silt fence and hay bales. He will revise his drawing to show these changes. Next, he would like to restore the pond depth to its original depth of only 6 – 8 feet. *[Dr. Schildgen arrived at this point at 7:10 p.m.]* He would also like to remediate flooding that has impacted the deck and house foundation by increasing the buffer along the western pond edge using material from the site. He is also proposing pond edge plantings to increase erosion controls. Finally, he asked to be able to install drainage along the wood line, exiting into the existing stream that acts as the pond outlet.

Motion: Jeffrey Zullo moved to approved all revisions to the permit for Ziehl/Osowiecki, 590 Milton Road, except No. 5 in the letter (installing drainage along wood line).

Second: Barbara Brower

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

AFTER-THE-FACT APPLICATIONS

6. Cosgrove – 332 E. Litchfield Road

6/8/11

Wetlands crossing with drainage pipe and gravel path

Jim Cosgrove was present and explained that he installed a pipe for stream water in a seasonal drainage ditch and backfilled the stream so he could drive over it. This is a very small stream that eventually empties into the Spruce Brook. He was asked to place 3” stone at the discharge to prevent erosion, and he agreed.

Motion: Barbara Brower moved to approve this after-the-fact application for Cosgrove of 332 East Litchfield Road for a wetlands crossing with drainage pipe and gravel path, with the request to install 3” stone at the discharge to protect the flow.

Second: Jeffrey Zullo

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

6a. Hartnett – 21 Camp Dutton Road

6/8/11

Septic repair with illicit discharge into the Bantam River

Ken Hrica, Professional Engineer and Licensed Land Surveyor of Hrica Associates LLC, was present on behalf of Mr. Hartnett, whose entire property is in the flood plain of the Bantam River. Mr. Hartnett noticed an open pipe on the property was discharging foul material into the river and asked Mr. Hrica to design a septic system on the knoll above the river. The tank will be placed away from the river to a plateau which will be about 6 – 7 ft. higher, and piping will be laid to the septic field on the plateau. The old system will be disbanded and the old tank crushed and backfilled.

Motion: Carol Williams moved to approve the after-the-fact application of Hartnett of 21 Camp Dutton Road for septic repair with illicit discharge into the Bantam River as proposed by Ken Hrica of Hrica Associates LLC per map dated 6/3/11.

Second: Barbara Brower

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

APPLICATION RECEPTIONS

7. Litchfield on the Green, Inc. – 432 Bantam Road

6/8/11

Paving of existing parking areas, creation of walking paths with landscaping and construction of a tennis court

Ken Hrica, Professional Engineer and Licensed Land Surveyor of Hrica Associates LLC, was present on behalf of Litchfield on the Green, Inc.

The tennis court plan has shifted so that it is located over an existing pad in the back and is now 10 ft. away from the regulated area. They are also planning a small addition to the Inn with a pool and spa, which will not be located in the regulated area. A rain garden will be added to the swale to catch runoff before going to the swale. All dirt parking lots are proposed to be paved. The walking path will be in the back and follow the rear elevation overlooking the landscaping. There will be more rain gardens and swales along the north side of the parking lots. Cisterns will be used to recycle runoff by pumping the water for irrigation. Mr. Hrica said he would inquire about winter salt use. Chairman Blazek indicated he would like to have Sean Hayden look at this application because there is so much involved. All maps were submitted.

7a. Litchfield Housing Trust – Torrington Road (Map/Block/Lot 145 020 005) 6/8/11
Well drilling for potable water. Fee waiver request.

Jeffrey Zullo and Barbara Brower recused themselves from this discussion and left the room, as they are members of the Litchfield Housing Trust. Ken Hrica read the letter sent to the Commission by Robert Petricone of the Housing Trust. He is requesting a fee waiver to drill a test well to be sure the water is potable. They would like to move along with this application.

Motion: Fred Minck moved to receive and approve the application of the Litchfield Housing Trust to drill a test well and waive fees per map dated 5/23/11.

Second: Jack Hamill

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

Jeffrey Zullo and Barbara Brower returned to the group from recusal.

8. Hartnett – 21 Camp Dutton Road 6/8/11
Stone driveway with walkway construction

Ken Hrica explained that while the excavation company was coming to work on the septic issue, the Hartnett's wanted to tear up the asphalt driveway and replace it with peastone. They will excavate away from the garage to prevent water from draining toward it, and will stabilize the embankment with plantings.

9. Voluckas – 282 Mason Hill Road 6/8/11
Construction of single family dwelling with septic and well

Dennis McMorrow of Berkshire Engineering and Surveying was present with owner Mark Voluckas and explained that Mr. Voluckas would like to build a new single-family dwelling on the 12-acre parcel where his parents' house had been removed 15 years ago. He would like to build it further back from the old house and away from the power line right of way. There is an old farm road access to the field behind that would become his driveway with parking area added. There will be a new septic tank to the existing system with gravity-run fields, approved by Torrington Area Health District. The well radius is not in the septic. The house will be 57.9 feet from the wetlands and 10-12 feet from the watercourse, a small unnamed stream. The house site is relatively flat with low impact.

10. Town of Litchfield – Public Works Projects 6/8/11

Public Works Director Jack Healy explained that all these projects were in the budget and began summarizing each one. The first six involved mostly drainage work, pipes, cross culvert and rip rap swale. The rest were normal road work. Chairman Blazek asked for applications on only the large significant wetland-related jobs in the future.

Motion: Dr. Frank Schildgen moved to receive and approve the multiple applications for Town of Litchfield Public Works Department work as explained by Mr. Healy and listed as follows:

McBride Road: repave with drainage

Wigwam Road: drainage

Howe Road: erosion of dirt bank causing mudslide; install pipe to plunge pool

Wheeler Road: silt in Johnson's pond drain; install rip rap swale

Old Northfield Road: replace cross culvert

Milton & Kubish Road area: install drainage pipe under the road

Second: Fred Minck

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

Dr. Schildgen relayed that he had been advised that a pipe has collapsed on the east side of Tapping Reeve toward the Moulthrop Brook and water is seeping into the condominium basements. Jack Healy will look into the matter.

11. Approval of Minutes of May 11, 2011

Motion: Carol Williams moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of May 11, 2011 as presented.

Second: Fred Minck

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

12. Election of Officers and Review of Bylaws: completed previously

a. Aquatic Pesticide Control Technology, Inc. memo dated 5/9/11 regarding aquatic pesticide permit applications

b. Connecticut Federation of Planning and Zoning Agencies Quarterly Newsletter, Spring 2011

14. Adjournment

Motion: Jeff Zullo moved to adjourn at 9:00 p.m.

Second: Jack Hamill

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann D. Curtis
Recording Secretary