

LITCHFIELD INLAND WETLAND COMMISSION
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 12, 2017 – 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 (7:05 p.m.), 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: Barbara Brower moved to add as 10a “George Taylor - 265 Chestnut Hill Road, clear cutting and removal of invasive species.”

Second: Anthony Paradise

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

APPLICATION CONSIDERATIONS

1. Northland Commercial Group (O’Toole) – Palmer Place (Map 175/072/33 & 35) 4/12/17
Construct house and driveway (received for 3/8/17 meeting not held)

Stephen Zappone for Northland explained this lot as having been a dumping area at Palmer Place. He would like to build a single family dwelling, slab on grade, to face Palmer Place on a flat lot 48’X36’. It has city sewer and water. Wetlands were flagged but commissioners want the survey to show the proximity to the river and where the sewer line goes. They will use silt fence and a tracking pad. R. Blazek asked about what may be in the soils. Mr. Zappone said he had a title search done with no red flags. Mr. Blazek was still concerned. The Commission considered asking for a pit to be dug and soils tested, or to have borings done. A. Paradise was concerned about the sanitary sewer manhole at the entrance to the proposed construction ramp and driveway, so Mr. Zappone was advised to talk to Public Works about the driveway permit ahead of time. Mr. Blazek asked Mr. Zappone to dig a 6 ft. pit in two separate areas, but he was advised they would need someone with a certification to test and put results on the map. They would also need a permit to dig in a regulated area. Commissioners will visit the area. Dr. Tobin asked them to add silt fencing and hay bales to be wrapped around and show them on the map. Mr. Blazek asked him to speak to the DOT in detail about drainage and bring a letter from them to the next meeting.

2. Pustola & Assoc. – Agent for Greenberg/Stop & Shop – Village Green Drive 4/12/17
Agent determination for location of electrical transformer pad (received for 3/8/17 meeting not held)

Dr. Tobin said Stop & Shop removed a transformer from the approved plan, but decided to put it back where it was, so he did an agent determination. The line services Building A, and they have not run any extra lines from that transformer to Stop & Shop.

3. Litchfield Hollow Assn. – Litchfield Hollow Drive

4/12/17

Pave existing gravel driveway (received for 3/8/17 meeting not held)

Dennis McMorrow, Berkshire Engineering & Surveying, presented a map showing the gravel common driveway as 18 ft. wide. The homeowners association will upgrade the road by paving, and he has done drainage calculations. There will be a .9 runoff coefficient with the upgrade, no significant change. Dr. Tobin has the original approval and suggested having Public Works take a look at the engineer comments on the original approval before the next meeting.

4. Rohn – Mt. Tom State Park Road

4/12/17

Extension of permit #C0000857 approved 2/8/08. Permit extended to 2/8/22 (received for 3/8/17 meeting not held)

Mr. Blazek read the letter from Frederick and Dana Rohn withdrawing the application for a wetlands permit for 9 Mt. Tom State Park Road.

APPLICATION RECEPTIONS

5. Horgan – 68 Prospect Mt. Road

4/12/17

Receive after-the-fact application for filling of a wetlands

Karen Horgan spoke of a 60 ft. trench dug over 20 years ago and said they have started filling it in because of problems with mud. The trench has been filled in over the years with dirt, rocks, leaves, etc. She has stopped allowing people to dump last year. Sean Hayden reported 4/12/17 after a site inspection on April 7th that filling activities are affecting a wetlands system on the property and construction debris is cascading down fill slopes into wetland soils. Fill materials should be removed and all fill slopes should be cut back to 3:1. All exposed soils should be seeded and mulched. Livestock should be restricted from the wetland areas with fencing. She will have to reverse the slope and stabilize, crush the large materials, add some soil, and fencing.

Motion: A. Paradise moved to approve the after-the-fact application of Karen Horgan, 68 Prospect Mt. Road, to finish leveling off the hill in back of the barn with conditions of slope held to 3:1 or shallower, keeping away from the regulated areas, leave decent area of thickness of material that is suitable for fencing and travel of a herd of cattle on the upslope. No more dumping should occur, and finish with grass planting and bushes to stabilize the soil.

Second: Fred Minck

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

6. Steiner (agent for Ravin) – 283 Chestnut Hill Road

4/12/17

Receive application for clearing of trees and brush for installation of ground mount solar array

Lee Steiner presented a map (not certified) showing two rows of solar arrays they would like to install to offset the cost of the geothermal heating system run by electricity. There are about 15-18 trees to be cut down, or .43 acre. There will be minimal disturbance of the soil to install the panels by helical coils. A. Paradise wants trench information (300 ft. long), the array size against the area cut and distance from the back property line. The commissioners will visit the property. Mr. Steiner will flag out the area of clearing, area of panels and the trench and will return next month.

**7. Forman School – Norfolk Road – Performing Arts Center & Fab Lab
Construction Update #2 – IW Permit #CC00001219**

4/12/17

Motion: Barbara Brower moved to approve construction update #2 for work at the Forman School Performing Arts Center and Fab Lab, IW Permit #CC00001219.

Second: Anthony Paradise

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

8. Forman School – 12 Norfolk Road

4/12/17

After-the-fact application for discharge of sediment into stream

Bob Scodari, CFO of Forman and AJ Towne, Towne & Aurell, site contractor, were present. They found sediment coming out of a pipe after trucks were moving outside the tracking pad in a heavy rain. They rectified by adding hay bales, a silt sack in the basin, and collecting runoff in trap rock and directing it to the curtain drain.

Motion: Barbara Brower moved to approve the after-the-fact application of Forman School for discharge of sediment into the stream with all data supplied by Towne & Aurell.

Second: Anthony Paradise

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

Motion: Barbara Brower made a motion to move Item 10a to Item 8a.

Second: Jack Hamill

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

8a. George Taylor – 265 Chestnut Hill Road

4/12/17

Clear cutting and removal of invasive species

Mr. Taylor said they have done clearing of trees (30) in about ½ acre to have access to the property. There is a stream that flows away from the work. Commissioners will take a look at the site. He will return next month.

9. Stop & Shop Bond Modification – IW Permit #CC00001073: (withdrawn) Dr. Tobin read the letter dated 4/6/17 from Mark Greenberg withdrawing the bond modification.

10. Stop & Shop Construction Update #13 – IW Permit #CC00001073: Dr. Tobin said all is going well and Keith Cudworth is happy with the water quality.

11. Approval of Minutes of February 8, 2017

Motion: Fred Minck moved to adopt the meeting minutes of February 8, 2017.

Second: Barbara Brower

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

12. Correspondence

- DEEP pesticide/algicide application on Goodhouse Road
- Aquarion diversion permit to carry water from Bantam to Litchfield

13. Possible Executive Session to Discuss Pending Litigation: Barbara Brower recused herself from this item.

Motion: A. Paradise moved to go into executive session at 8:50 p.m. with remaining commission members present to discuss pending litigation.

Second: J. Hamill

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

Commissioners came out of executive session at 9:21 p.m. with no action taken.

14. Adjournment

Motion: Jack Hamill moved to adjourn at 9:21 p.m.

Second: Anthony Paradise

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ann D. Combs".

Ann D. Combs, Recording Secretary