

LITCHFIELD INLAND WETLAND COMMISSION
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 9, 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, Anthony Paradise, Barbara Brower, Frederick Minck. Also present were Ann Combs, Recording Secretary, and Dennis Tobin, Ph.D., Inland Wetlands Agent

Members Absent: Jack Hamill, Jack Healy

Public Comment: None

Appointment of Alternates: None available

APPLICATION RECEPTIONS

1. Stop & Shop Bond Modification and Release – IW Permit #CC00001073: Attorney Chris Dupont was present to represent Mr. Greenberg in asking for the release of the performance bond in the amount of \$170,000. Chairman Blazek read the letter from Byrne & Byrne dated 7/21/17 suggesting the Commission can release the performance bond. He also read a letter dated 6/8/15 from Byrne & Byrne also advising on release of bonds per CT General Statutes. Dr. Tobin said this performance bond to be released totals \$155,000 per Finance Dept. memo dated 8/11/17. The difference of \$15,000 was spent on work done by Northwest Conservation District. There also remains a maintenance bond in the original amount of \$120,000 to be held and reduced as appropriate.

Motion: Anthony Paradise moved to approve the change of the \$170,000 request to \$155,000 because of the \$15,000 expenditure to NWCC for soil erosion and sediment control inspection. This will release the \$155,000 cash performance bond to Mark Greenberg.

Second: Barbara Brower

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

2. Nicol – 534 Smith Road

8/9/17

Placement of pre-fab 3-stall equine shed row barn on stone process pad (4" deep) and removal of invasive Japanese bamboo along wetlands area

Jenna Nicol showed photos and said the shed with size of 30' X 12' would not be used to house horses, but it will be built according to the equine management plan. She has to board her horses elsewhere because she only has 1.74 acres. She would like to remove Japanese knotwood plants as well. Dr. Tobin described an interesting non-vernal pool where runoff collects, about 142 ft. from the structure.

Motion: Fred Minck moved to approve the application of Nicol, 534 Smith Road, for placement of a 30' X 12' pre-fab 3-stall equine shed row barn on a stone process pad (4" deep) on her property and for removal of invasive Japanese knotwood.

Second: Barbara Brower

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

3. Weik (The Parish of Trinity Church) – 536 Milton Road

8/9/17

Relocate Handicap ramp

No one was present for this application. They would like to relocate the ramp closer to the church, with no acreage affected. Since there were questions, the application will be continued to the next month.

4. Approve Minutes of July 12, 2017: This approval was deferred until next month.

5. Correspondence: Pesticide application notice by DEEP at Taping Reeve Pond

Motion: F. Minck moved to add to the agenda as Item 5a a letter from Byrne & Byrne Re Litchfield Housing Trust.

Second: B. Brower

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

5a. Byrne & Byrne Letter Re Litchfield Housing Trust: Mr. Blazek read a letter from Byrne & Byrne dated 7/10/17 announcing the end of the appeal process, so the case has reached a successful conclusion.

6. Possible Executive Session to Discuss Pending Litigation: None

7. Adjournment

Motion: B. Brower moved to adjourn at 7:42 p.m.

Second: F. Minck

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Ann D. Combs, Recording Secretary