

LITCHFIELD INLAND WETLAND COMMISSION
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 8, 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, 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 2a, “Litchfield Community Center, Inc. – 421 Bantam Road”

Second: Anthony Paradise

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

APPLICATION RECEPTIONS

1. Warner – 58 Byrnes Avenue

2/8/17

Pond maintenance 2/3 acre with 1/3 acre removal of invasive species and 1/3 acre removal of sediment at pond inlet

Mr. Warner brought a map showing the pond area. From the edge of the pond to his property line he would like to clear out the invasives and do some dredging to remove sedimentation. The pond is about 8 ft. in the deepest part. He will use an excavator after dropping the water level 2 ft. There is an earth dam at the end. He will need a couple loads of fill. Mr. Blazek said they don't usually fill wetlands, but Dr. Tobin thought it would be good for the dam area. He will leave all the trees and possibly plant more after. He will dry out the spoils near the barn.

Motion: Barbara Brower moved to approve the application of Robert Warner at 58 Byrnes Avenue for pond maintenance on 2/3 acre with 1/3 acre removal of invasive species and 1/3 acre removal of sediment at the pond inlet as per discussion.

Second: Anthony Paradise

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

2. Gromet – 70 Newton Road (Parcel B)

2/8/17

Construct septic in upland review area

Dennis McMorrow, Berkshire Engineering and Surveying, showed a vicinity map locating the new lot after the fourth house south of Fenn Road on Newton Road. There is a brook, and the wetlands have been flagged by G. Malia. The Gromets are going to build a new home and plan to sell their other one. The house, driveway and proposed well are outside of the regulated area. The closest area of disturbance is 69 ft. from the brook. They have an erosion and sedimentation control plan with original stone wall acting as additional silt protection. Mr. McMorrow said this application is fairly straight forward with a gently sloping lot.

Motion: J. Hamell moved to approve the application of Gromet, 70 Newton Road, Parcel B, for construction of a septic system in the upland review area.

Second: A. Paradise

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

2a. Litchfield Community Center, Inc. – 421 Bantam Road

2/8/17

Construction of a 10' X 14' storage shed

Dr. Tobin said this is an addition to their existing garden shed. There will be no land disturbance, as it will be constructed on blocks. Wetlands are 150 ft. away.

Motion: A. Paradise moved to approve the application of Litchfield Community Center, Inc., 421 Bantam Road, for construction of a 10 ft. X 14 ft. storage shed.

Second: B. Brower

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

3. Stop & Shop Bond Modification – IW Permit #CC00001073: Mr. Blazek read a letter dated 2/2/17 to Dr. Tobin from Federal Square Realty, LLC asking the Commission to replace the cash bond with a surety bond in the amount of \$275,000 issued by Travelers Insurance. It would include a performance allocation of \$155,000 and a maintenance allocation of \$120,000. Mark Greenberg said he needs to free up cash due to cost overruns and this would help him. The Town would hold the surety bond. Dr. Tobin said he will need an application review fee of \$500 for Attorney Steve Byrne, the bond from Mr. Greenberg, and then the Commission can move on this at the next meeting.

Motion: B. Brower moved to accept a \$500 check from Mark Greenberg for application review of the surety bond by Attorney Byrne.

Second: A. Paradise

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

4. Stop & Shop Construction Update #11 – IW Permit #CC00001073: Dr. Tobin said he has had good reports from Michael Morin. Mulch has been sprayed over the piles. Northwest Conservation District is also happy with the progress.

5. Approval of Minutes of January 11, 2017

Motion: B. Brower moved to accept the meeting minutes of 1/11/17.

Second: A. Paradise

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

Motion: B. Brower moved to add the minutes of 12/14/16 to the agenda for approval as Item 5b.

Second: A. Paradise

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

5b. Approval of Minutes of December 14, 2016

Motion: B. Brower moved to accept the meeting minutes of 12/14/16.

Second: A. Paradise

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

6. Correspondence

- CT Pond Services aquatic pest application on Floren Pond and 86 West Morris Road
- Solitude Lake Management aquatic pest application on Bantam River and Little Pond, and Bantam Lake
- Eversource letter of 12/21/16 for maintenance on rights of way, including wetlands with DEEP approval

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

Motion: A. Paradise moved to go into executive session with remaining commissioners and Dr. Tobin at 7:50 p.m. to discuss pending litigation.

Second: F. Minck

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

They came out of executive session at 7:53 p.m. with no action taken.

8. Adjournment

Motion: F. Minck moved to adjourn at 7:53 p.m.

Second: J. Hamill

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Ann D. Combs, Recording Secretary