

**LITCHFIELD INLAND WETLAND COMMISSION**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**July 13, 2016 – 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, Jack Hamill, Abby Conroy, Barbara Brower, Anthony Paradise. Also present was Dennis Tobin, Ph.D, Wetlands Agent. Ann Combs, Recording Secretary, was absent.

**Members Absent:** Frederick Minck, Jack Healy

**Public Comment:** None

**Appointment of Alternates:** None available

**Motion:** Barbara Brower moved to add to Receptions 6a, "Litchfield Historical Society – 82 South Street."

**Second:** Abby Conroy

**Vote:** All voted aye and the motion carried.

**Motion:** Barbara Brower moved to add to Receptions 6b, "Arethusa Dairy LLC – 822 Bantam Road."

**Second:** Anthony Paradise

**Vote:** All voted aye and the motion carried.

**Motion:** Barbara Brower moved to add to Receptions 6c, "William Nicholson, Livingston Ripley Waterfowl Conservancy – 55 Duck Pond Road."

**Second:** Anthony Paradise

**Vote:** All voted aye and the motion carried.

**APPLICATION RECEPTIONS**

**1. Town of Litchfield – White Woods Rd. Bridge over Bantam River**

**7/13/16**

*Replacement of existing span bridge with new 84 ft. clear span pre-stressed concrete bridge founded on piles*

Raz Alexe, Public Works Director, explained the project with scouring so bad the 1963 bridge needs to be replaced. He explained the timetable and said work may begin as early as June, 2017. Local I/W permit is required in order for the State to consider their design. There will be less impact of the pylons in the water, even though the single-span, precast bridge is 20 ft. longer than the current. A. Paradise questioned where the designated area will be for the equipment, and Mr. Alexe said White Memorial will work with him on that.

**Motion:** Barbara Brower moved to approve the application of the Town of Litchfield to replace the existing span bridge with a new 84 ft. clear span pre-stressed concrete bridge found on piles on White Woods Road over the Bantam River.

**Second:** Abby Conroy

**Vote:** All voted aye and the motion carried.

## **2. Town of Litchfield – Jefferson Hill Rd. South**

7/13/16

*Install drainage, reclaim and repave road on first 900 ft. from Rt. 254*

Mr. Alexe said the first 900 ft. are in real need of drainage with a wetland abutting the area. In order to pave the road, they have to fix the drainage, which creates safety issues. With an underdrain and catch basins, they can address the long overdue problems.

**Motion:** Abby Conroy moved to approve the application by Town of Litchfield to install drainage, with associated safety issues, reclaim and repave Jefferson Hill Road South on the first 900 ft. from Route 254.

**Second:** Anthony Paradise

**Vote:** All voted aye and the motion carried.

## **3. Town of Litchfield – West Morris Road between Stoddard and Looking Glass**

7/13/16

*Drainage improvements and regrade road surface*

Raz Alexe explained that this work is almost finalized. There is a small area of wetland that they will not impact too much. There is much water infiltration in the 1000 ft. portion and the road is suffering.

**Motion:** Jack Hamill moved to approve the application of Town of Litchfield for drainage improvements and to regrade the road surface on West Morris Road between Stoddard and Looking Glass.

**Second:** Barbara Brower

**Vote:** All voted aye and the motion carried.

## **4. Rabinowitz (Nathan) – 11 Collins Road**

7/13/16

*Maintenance on existing pond*

Cynthia Rabinowitz, Professional Soil Scientist representing Robert Nathan, said they want to clean out invasives 12' out one side of the pond, which is 4 ft. to 4-1/2 ft. in depth. They will fill sink holes near the pond and clear sediment near the pond. It is a man-made pond with a berm around it and a small wetland that comes uphill from the edge of the pond on the east side into a meadow. They want to remove both the cat tails and pseudacorus iris, an invasive, that are on the north side of the pond. There is also an inlet pipe perpendicular to the road that does not do anything that Public Works will look into discontinuing. She said there may also be a dam that may have to be addressed once the cat tails are cleared, and Mr. Blazek advised her to contact the Army Corps of Engineers. The spoils will be stockpiled on the southeast corner to dewater, and then may be spread on the hay field or taken off site. A. Paradise gave some history of that area and the old roads and drainage that had been completely changed and encouraged her to work with Raz in Public Works and check the land records.

**Motion:** A. Paradise moved to approve the application of Robert Nathan, 11 Collins Rd, for pond maintenance including cleaning invasive plants out of one side of the pond 12' out, and deepening on the other side to about 8 ft., filling sink holes and removing sediment from pond top end, using silt fence.

**Second:** J. Hamill

**Vote:** All voted aye and the motion carried.

## **5. Pepper – Harris Road (Map 085/059)**

7/13/16

*Construct single family dwelling and driveway in upland review area*

Dennis McMorow, Berkshire Engineering and Surveying, pointed out two vacant flat lots adjacent to each other on Harris Road. A modest house will be built on a slab on Lot 49. There will be a slight impact to the back wetlands. They will put a rock slope as a permanent marker to prevent creep into the wetlands.

There is a water main and sewer for them to tie into. All work is a regulated activity. Dennis will modify the plan to show conservation tags.

**6. Pepper – Harris Road (Map 085/059)**

7/13/16

*Construct single family dwelling and driveway in upland review area*

Dennis McMorow said this is Lot 50, same size as the other lot (49), with less wetlands.

**6a. Litchfield Historical Society – 82 South Street**

7/13/16

*Restoration of orchards, lawn and gardens; addition of 14'x20' pavilion and grape arbor*

Rod Oneglia, Burlington Construction, explained the work at the Tapping Reeve Law School. They want to add a pavilion behind the barn and a garden and to restore the property to how it used to be, including the addition of an orchard. The wetlands line past the barn has been delineated. They are also proposing other tree plantings.

**Motion:** Jack Hamill moved to approve the application of Litchfield Historical Society, 82 South Street, for a 14' x 20' pavilion, grape arbor and gardens, orchard and removal of existing dead trees.

**Second:** Barbara Brower

**Vote:** All voted aye and the motion carried.

**6b. Arethusa Dairy LLC – 822 Bantam Road**

7/13/16

*Utility trench from building to pump chamber 15 ft. in regulated area*

Dennis McMorow explained that the last 15 ft. of the trench is in the regulated area. There will be conduits in the trench, aerator and automatic doses of caustic material to adjust the PH to avoid sending slugs of effluent to the sewer plant. Dave Sortie has designed this system so the pump station will pump into a tank in the building, receive other treatments in the tank, and then connect to the sewer line. They will continuously pump, dosing and testing, to avoid the problems for the plant. This procedure is required by the State DEEP and WPCA.

**Motion:** Abby Conroy moved to approve the application by Arethusa Dairy LLC, 822 Bantam Road, for a utility trench from the building to the pump chamber, with 15 ft. in the regulated area in order to resolve the effluent issue and was deemed a safety issue.

**Second:** Barbara Brower

**Vote:** All voted aye and the motion carried.

**6c. William Nicholson, Livingston Ripley Waterfowl Conservancy – 55 Duck Pond Road**

7/13/16

*Enlarge pond and install aviary landscaping*

Nick Tiberio from Livingston Ripley and Matt Blasavage were present. They want to dig a pond next to the existing pond and connect the two with a channel. They want to go 8 ft. deep and stockpile on site. They will enlarge the aviary nets and secure with sonotubes. They will use a 135 excavator. It was agreed this is a safety issue to protect the rare birds on the property.

**Motion:** Barbara Brower moved to approve the application of Livingston Ripley Waterfowl Conservancy, 55 Duck Pond Road, to enlarge a pond and install aviary landscaping on 1/3 acre.

**Second:** Anthony Paradise

**Vote:** All voted aye and the motion carried.

**7. Stop & Shop Construction Update #4 – IW Permit #CC00001073:** Mark Greenberg, 184 Fern Avenue, explained they have excavated 15,000 cubic yards of fill unsuitable for use, and it has been moved to his house on Fern Avenue and dumped in his back yard on a slope in order to make more flat yard. He will grade, then dress with topsoil and stabilize with seed. There will be wood chips on the sides.

**8. Approval of Minutes of June 8, 2016**

**Motion:** Barbara Brower moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of June 8, 2016.

**Second:** Jack Hamill

**Vote:** All voted aye and the motion carried.

**9. Correspondence:** None

**10. Possible Executive Session to Discuss Pending Litigation**

**Motion:** Anthony Paradise moved to go into executive session at 8:16 p.m. to discuss pending litigation with Commissioners Blazek, Hamill, and Paradise attending, as well as Dr. Tobin. Barbara Brower and Abby Conroy recused themselves and left.

**Second:** Jack Hamill

**Vote:** All voted aye and the motion carried.

They came out of executive session at 8:29 p.m. with no action taken.

**11. Adjournment**

**Motion:** Jack Hamill moved to adjourn at 8:29 p.m.

**Second:** Anthony Paradise

**Vote:** All voted aye and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Ann D. Combs, Recording Secretary