

LITCHFIELD INLAND WETLAND COMMISSION
Regular Meeting Minutes
July 8, 2015 – 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

Members Present: Chairman Robert Blazek, Linnea Healy, Anthony Paradise, Jack Hamill, Frederick Minck, and Dr. Frank Schildgen. Also present were Dennis Tobin, Ph.D., Wetlands Agent and Ann Combs, Recording Secretary

Members Absent: Abby Conroy, Barbara Brower, Carol Williams

Public Comment: None

Appointment of Alternates: Chairman Blazek appointed Linnea Healy as a regular voting member.

Motion: Dr. Frank Schildgen moved to add to the agenda under Receptions 1a, “The Pullman Company – Edward Fedorovich (FEDCO, Inc.) – 45 Bantam Lake Road, Remediation of impaired soils. Removing soil contaminated with metal chips/shavings, replacing with clean soil, and stabilizing the area, approximately 0.23 acres.”

Second: Jack Hamill

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

Motion: Dr. Frank Schildgen moved to add to the agenda under Receptions 1b, “Ryan Schmitz - Litchfield Hollow Drive, Pave existing gravel driveway; zero wetland impact.”

Second: Frederick Minck

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

Motion: Dr. Frank Schildgen moved to add to the agenda under Receptions 1c, “James Katzin (Estate of Benjamin Katzin) - 62 Perkins Road, Septic system repair and house relocation in upland review area; zero acres of wetland affected.”

Second: Linnea Healy

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

APPLICATION CONSIDERATIONS

1. Rollins – 19 Tallmadge Lane

7/8/15

Install drainage system, construct new pool house, rebuild existing garage, construct patios on existing buildings, bury 1000 gal. propane tank and construct new pool shed.

Dennis McMorow, Berkshire Engineering and Surveying, was present to explain that he drastically scaled back the project, and he issued four copies of a revised site plan. He has a drainage problem, so he’s leaving in the drainage system and two above-ground propane cylinders instead of the buried propane tank, and changing to a wooden deck instead of the proposed patio. A shed will be built over the existing pool utilities using four sonitubes. The other patio was removed from the application as well as the pool house, utilities to the pool house, water and sewer connection, and proposed garage. Sean Hayden, Northwest Conservation District, has not been contacted and Dr. Frank Schildgen felt he might not be needed now. Fred Minck and Linnea Healy felt the same. Mr. McMorow estimated that ¼ acre of soil out of 1.47 would be disturbed. All commissioners were comfortable with the changes.

Motion: Dr. Frank Schildgen moved to approve the application of Rollins, 19 Tallmadge Lane. It is noted in the approval today that major modifications have been made on the prior site plan. Eliminations include burying a 1,000-gallon propane tank, construction of a new pool house and utilities, rebuilding existing garage, and revised patio construction. The four activities that have been approved are installing a drainage system, 2 above-ground propane cylinders, construction of a shed over the pool utilities, and deck construction instead of the patios as per site plan dated 6/4/15 and revised 6/26/15.

Second: Jack Hamill

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

APPLICATION RECEPTIONS

1a. Pullman Company – 45 Bantam Lake Road

7/8/15

Remediation of impaired soils. Removing soil contaminated with metal chips/shavings, replacing with clean soil and stabilizing the area, approximately 0.23 acres

Cheryl Leith and Gwen Williams were present from HRP Associates. G. Williams spoke and said this property is under order by CT DEEP to remediate the soils. Pullman Co. sold to FEDCO Inc. but was still obligated to remediate the site. They need to excavate out soil to get rid of contamination, stabilize the slope (sandy soils), and replace with clean soil. The area is adjacent to the Bantam River, so they will use a 6-ft. tall cofferdam made of large burlap sacks filled with 2-inch stone. They will pump material into a weir tank to filter wood chips and metal shavings, then discharge water back into the river. They did borings at the site, average 4 ft. deep, with drawing showing sections. They would like to do the work in September, estimating 2 – 4 weeks. Dr. Schildgen asked to increase the height of the cofferdam to 9 ft., and they will look into the cost. An excavator will take scoops and dewater within the cofferdam, then transfer to a skidsteer to deposit at the spoils pile, which will be surrounded by hay bales. They can use silt fence and hay bales on the back side of the asphalt, but Dr. Tobin wanted it at the top of the slope. An environmental professional will be observing what is recovered. A. Paradise noted the distance from work to spoils area at 300 ft. With the many trips back and forth, he was concerned with how they would keep the metal chips from being swept into the pavement cracks. He asked that they check into this and report back. He asked for and will read the whole report. He suggested they dig deeper where the test hole showed material at the bottom, feeling there would be more below. Ms Williams will consult with the environmental professional.

1b. Ryan Schmitz – Litchfield Hollow Drive

7/8/15

Pave existing gravel driveway; zero wetland impact

Dennis McMorro, Berkshire Engineering and Surveying, has questions and wants to table this item because technically Mr. Schmitz does not own the drive, as it is an association. There are six lots, four houses on the common drive. The four property owners want to pave the 1800 ft. drive, but he's not sure the developer, who owns the two empty lots, wants to pave. He had available the old subdivision map but wants to clean up the housekeeping points before proceeding. He has already sent a certified letter to Torrington, so things are moving. There will be time later for a public hearing. This application will continue next month.

1c. James Katzin (Estate of Benjamin Katzin) – 62 Perkins Road

7/8/15

Septic system repair and house relocation in upland review area, demo existing house, and remove underground oil tank. Zero acres wetlands affected

Jim Katzin explained he wants to replace the house, septic and well. He will tear down the house and relocate it 15 ft. to the south, and the septic will be abandoned and a new system moved out of the wetlands area. They will abandon the well and put in a new one west of the house. The existing underground oil tank will be removed and should be added to the application. Mr. Katzin was directed to ask Torrington Area Health District what should be done with the old septic tank, and he will have the information for the next meeting.

2. Approval of Minutes of June 10, 2015

Motion: Dr Frank Schildgen moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of June 10, 2015.

Second: Anthony Paradise

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

3. Correspondence: DEEP Training Schedule for Municipal Inland Wetland Agencies for 2015 – Dr. Schildgen again asked for a CD to listen to.

4. Possible Executive Session to Discuss Pending Litigation: None

5. Adjournment

Motion: Fred Minck moved to adjourn at 8:08 p.m.

Second: Jack Hamill

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Ann D. Combs, Recording Secretary