

LITCHFIELD INLAND WETLAND COMMISSION
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 11, 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, Anthony Paradise. Also present were Dennis Tobin, Ph.D, Wetlands Agent, and Ann Combs, Recording Secretary.

Members Absent: Jack Healy, Frederick Minck

Public Comment: None

Appointment of Alternates: None available

APPLICATION RECEPTIONS

1. Scotland Hardwoods (Agent for Peterson) – 25 Spruce Drive

10/11/17

Selective timber harvest on approximately 8 acres

Rod Burgess, State Certified Forester employed by Scotland Hardwood, is submitting an application for a selective timber harvest. He reviewed his plan for activity at 25 Spruce Drive, Assessor's Map 129/1A/11E, submitted as Exhibit "A". They will use a log skidder to transport the logs to one main yarding area along a skid row shown in a red dotted line on the map. From there a tri-axle log truck will take them off the property via the owners' driveway. All trees are marked to be harvested, about 75%, and will be cut to 5 ft. of ground level. He would like to start very shortly if possible. The activity is within 100 ft. of Spruce Brook. They will install water bars on the main skid trail. Upon question about material going downhill to the brook, he assured them they are not working near the brook, so there are no issues. Any tops that come down will be slashed, driven over with a skidder to be below 5 ft. so nothing can find its way into the brook. A. Paradise asked to have the person on record who will be doing the cutting.

Motion: A. Paradise moved to approve the application by Scotland Hardwoods, agent for Peterson, at 25 Spruce Drive, for selective timber harvest on approximately 8 acres with addition of the harvester's license recorded on the application before he starts working on the site.

Second: B. Brower

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

2. Litchfield Housing Authority – Wells Run

10/11/17

Remove 20 trees in regulated area behind Building G

Jim Simoncelli, Executive Director of the Litchfield Housing Authority, showed a map indicating where there are moisture issues in Bldg. G, and he wants to get some sun on that building. It's the only part of the property in the regulated area. Sepples Tree Service will take out the trees. It's all moss in the back yard area. They tried to add drainage, but it didn't work. Lift equipment will come in from the far side where there is more room, about 80 ft. from the Bantam River. They will drop trees toward the building and load into a truck, or chip.

Motion: B. Brower moved to approve an application from the Litchfield Housing Authority for Wells Run to remove 20 trees in the regulated area behind Bldg. G, affecting acreage of 200 ft. across the tree line of the property.

Second: A. Paradise

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

3. Armus – 36 Newton Road

10/11/17

Pond maintenance – dredge approximately 15' into existing pond on three sides to remove sediment

Kevin Green was present to represent Armus. The pond has filled in over the years and he estimates the deepest part at 5-1/2 ft. He will access from the top of the pond, go out about 15 ft. into the pond on three sides and dig down 2-1/2 ft. to remove about 150 cubic feet of material. The spoils will be stockpiled and dewatered in the field, or they will back up the berm with some of the spoils. They wanted him to include in the application to put a mat over the area where the spoils will be spread.

Motion: A. Paradise moved to approve the application of Armus, 36 Newton Road, for pond maintenance, dredging approximately 15 ft. into the existing pond on three sides to remove sediment, and with the condition of adding straw mats to the top of the fines to be put back on the berm to keep the site stabilized, dewatering as necessary and watching the weather.

Second: J. Hamill

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

4. O'Mara – 294 Norfolk Road

10/11/17

Agent determination for driveway and house construction in regulated area

Dr. Tobin explained that Rachel from Rachel's Consignment bought a lot at the Doyle subdivision. She wanted to transfer the wetlands permit. Dr. Tobin is giving her a new separate permit for her one lot, saying that it will be built to the specifications. The two driveway crossings were built separately which will help. If they do not build according to the plan, they will come back for a permit. A. Paradise warned against a transfer of permits in case the measurements are not the same as on the documents.

5. Review and Approve Inland Wetlands Commission 2018 Meeting Dates

Motion: B. Brower moved to adopt the 2018 meeting schedule as presented.

Second: J. Hamill

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

6. Approval of Minutes

a) **August 9, 2017:** Postponed until a quorum of those who attended are present to vote

b) **September 13, 2017**

Motion: B. Brower moved to adopt the meeting minutes of September 13, 2017.

Second: J. Hamill

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

7. Correspondence: B. Brower pointed out an interesting article in the Habitat regarding pesticides in ponds. Dr. Tobin will call Darcy to ask about having someone come out to explain the treatments or talk to Margaret Miner of Rivers Alliance.

8. Possible Executive Session to Discuss Pending Litigation: None

9. Adjournment

Motion: B. Brower moved to adjourn at 7:52 p.m.

Second: A. 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