

INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 9, 2013 – 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, Anthony Paradise, Dr. Frank Schildgen, Frederick Minck, Abby Conroy. Also present were Inland Wetlands Agent Dennis Tobin, Ph.D, and Recording Secretary Ann Combs.

Members Absent: Barbara Brower, Carol Williams

1. Public Comment: None

2. Appointment of Alternates: None available

APPLICATION CONSIDERATIONS

3. Town of Litchfield – 14 Plumb Hill Road, Litchfield High School

10/9/13

Install drainage system under baseball infield

Public Works Director Jack Healy presented detail on the site. He had drawings for the school during the construction project that showed drainage structures. The plan is for the new drainage system under the infield to tie in with the existing catch basin that goes to the stilling pond, then flows through a 4” corrugated pipe and eventually into Moulthrop Brook. A. Paradise asked to increase the size of the basin as he felt the 4” pipe could not handle the volume coming in. Mr. Healy felt the stone wall below the 4” pipe would break up the water flow. A. Paradise suggested removing the 4” pipe and allowing the water feature to do what it was designed for, with a concrete weir for overflow.

Motion: A. Paradise moved to approve the application of Town of Litchfield, 14 Plumb Hill Road, to install a drainage system under the baseball infield, with the condition that the 4” overflow pipe which was discovered be removed.

Second: A. Conroy

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

4. Town of Litchfield – Hemlock Hill Road

10/9/13

Install/upgrade road. Extend drainage pipe at west end of road. Install drainage culverts and catch basin

J. Healy said that Town needs to upgrade its end of the road to 18’ wide, remaining as a dirt road. The rock outcroppings will be blasted. The road has been closed in the winter and it doesn’t meet any of the standards as is. There is a cross culvert under the road near Hemlock Hill camp ground that they propose extending to a pond, cleaning out the plunge pool. Mr. Paradise asked that the road be closed and Mr. Healy said it would be.

Motion: Abby Conroy moved to approve the application of Town of Litchfield for Hemlock Hill Road for an install and upgrade of the road, extending a drainage pipe at the west end of the road, and installing drainage culverts and a catch basin.

Second: F. Minck

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

5. Town of Litchfield – 63 Beecher Lane, 206/036/032

10/9/13

Modify and extend town drainage pipe

J. Healy explained the Town is discharging water into the property. They are proposing to remove the last 20-ft. section of pipe to keep the easement mostly on 63 Beecher, not 66. They will install an apron fanned out with outlet protection. Water will trickle into the stone wall that will act as a curtain drain. The Town will install another section of pipe to straighten the existing pipe and have one easement on one property.

Motion: Dr. Frank Schildgen moved to approve the application of Town of Litchfield, 63 Beecher Lane, to modify and extend the town drainage pipe per map submitted, with condition of approval to document modifications into the drawing and with copy of as-built drawings included in the record.

Second: A. Conroy

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

Motion: Dr. F. Schildgen moved to add under 10a, “Approval of 8/14/13 Minutes”

Second: J. Hamill

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

6. Methot – Old Mt. Tom Road (Map 040/088/048)

10/9/13

Construct house and septic in regulated area

Dennis McMorrow, Berkshire Engineering and Surveying, presented plans showing the original Avalon Farms map that showed this lot #20 was approved and not in the list of excluded lots. A copy of the subdivision map shows lots not approved, with lot 20 clearly free of this designation. He has adjusted the regulated area line as he first drew it very conservatively, but the house did not move. The septic area could not move from 57’ off the wetlands area. He also submitted an approval letter from Torrington area Health District. A. Paradise asked about the plunge pool and where the water drains.

Motion: J. Hamill moved to approve the application of Methot, Old Mt. Tom Road, to construct a house and septic in a regulated area without wetland disturbance.

Second: Dr. F. Schildgen

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

7. Lopane – Marsh Road (Map 091/003/034)

10/9/13

Construct house, driveway and septic in regulated area

Dennis McMorrow, Berkshire Engineering, was present to explain the two-acre lot at the intersection of Old Newton Road Ext. and Marsh Road on a map titled “Septic System Design”. The soils are excellent sandy gravel soils. There is no direct wetland impact to the site. There are two watercourses, and the wetlands have been flagged. Grading is needed for the driveway and turn-arounds. There is 73 ft. to the watercourse from the septic system.

Motion: F. Minck moved to approve the application of Lopane, Marsh Road, to construct a house, driveway and septic in a regulated area with no direct wetland impact per map dated 10/9/13.

Second: Dr. F. Schildgen

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

APPLICATION RECEPTIONS

8. Pullman Investment Group – 38 Bantam Lake Road

10/9/13

Underground utilities and parking lot construction

Jack Nelson was present from Pullman Investment Group. They would like to hook up water, sewer and electrical all underground, and they have obtained approval from the WPCA for the sewer connection. They would like to remove the concrete slab from the demolition in the parking area, but will not do that before coming back to Inland Wetlands.

Motion: Dr. F. Schildgen moved to approve the application of Pullman Investment Group, 38 Bantam Lake Road, for underground utilities only as per map dated 9/21/05.

Second: J. Hamill

Vote: All voted aye except Mr. Paradise who voted nay, and the motion carried.

APPLICATION PROPOSALS

9. Submission of Technical Information Concerning Proposal to Construct a New Wireless Telecommunications Facility at 469 Bantam Road in the Town of Litchfield, Connecticut

R. Blazek read the letter from White Memorial Foundation dated 9/22/13. White Memorial has reviewed the proposal and states there is a deed restriction saying they must give their approval as abutting property owner, and they do not. Mr. Blazek then read the letter from Byrne & Byrne LLC to Dr. Tobin dated 10/3/13 saying the CT Siting Council has jurisdiction but Town agencies may participate. Mr. Blazek asked that Sean Hayden, certified soil scientist, look at the site and submit a written report as to the soils involved. Dr. Tobin recommended this be included on the agenda as a rolling item to keep up to date with P&Z progress in this matter.

10. Approval of Minutes of 9/11/13

Motion: Dr. Schildgen moved to postpone the approval of these minutes until a quorum is present that attended the meeting.

Second: Abby Conroy

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

10a. Approval of Minutes of 8/14/13

Motion: Dr. Schildgen moved to approve the meeting minutes of 8/14/13.

Second: Abby Conroy

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

11. Correspondence: None

12. Adopt 2014 Commission Meeting Schedule

Motion: F. Minck moved to adopt the 2014 Inland Wetlands meeting schedule.

Second: Abby Conroy

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

13. Possible Executive Session to Discuss Pending Litigation

Motion: F. Minck moved to go into executive session at 8:24 p.m. will all members attending on the subject of pending litigation.

Second: Abby Conroy

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

The group came out of executive session at 8:30 p.m. with no action taken.

14. Adjournment

Motion: Dr. F. Schildgen moved to adjourn at 8:32 p.m.

Second: F. Minck

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann D. Combs
Recording Secretary