

LITCHFIELD INLAND WETLAND COMMISSION

Regular Meeting Minutes

September 13, 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 7:03 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 CONSIDERATIONS

1. Weik (the Parish of Trinity Church) – 536 Milton Road **9/13/17**
Relocate handicap ramp

Cal Curtiss, representing Weik, was present to explain they want to remove the ramp, stairs and landing on the east side of the church and build a new 18'x 5' ramp and 5'x12' deck, four new piers, and all framing will be 2"x10" pressure treated lumber and the deck will be a composite. They will fasten with cement piers. They will brick in a window and add fill against the building into the corner so it no longer pitches toward the building. They will also add footing drains. There was no flashing to prevent water splashing in from the ramp. Kenneth Hrica, P.E. and Licensed Land Surveyor, explained the Topo Base Map he drew.

Motion: A. Paradise moved to approve an addition change to access of the Parish of Trinity Church, 536 Milton Road, Map 154/69/2 dated 7/7/17, by Hrica Associates.

Second: B. Brower

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

APPLICATION RECEPTIONS

2. Volukas – 352 Mason Hill Road **9/13/17**
Construction of 14'x30' maple sugarhouse in regulated area

Mark Volukas explained the sugarhouse per map by Berkshire Engineering and Surveying dated 6/1/11. He will only be boiling sap from maple trees.

Motion: B. Brower moved to approve the application of Mark Volukas, 352 Mason Hill Rd, for construction of a 14'x30' maple sugarhouse in the regulated area.

Second: A. Paradise

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

3. Lafferty Enterprises Inc. (Agent for Briggs) – 138 Clark Road **9/13/17**
Replace existing 24" pipe under driveway with new 24" ADS

Brent Lafferty said he will drain water out slowly to get down to the pipe and replace the old pipe with the new. It will drain to a waterway on the other side of the driveway. ADS is a plastic corrugated pipe, and is a manufacturer's name standing for "advanced drainage system."

Motion: J. Hamill moved to approve the application by Lafferty Enterprises Inc., 138 Clark Road, to replace the existing 24" pipe under the driveway with a new 24" ADS pipe.

Second: B. Brower

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

4. Litchfield Housing Trust – 15 Tannery Brook Road

9/13/17

Drainage improvement – install riprap swale, 18" drain basin, French drain and 12" pipe in upland review area. 12" pipe to outlet at existing brook

Kenneth Hrica of Hrica Associates and Jill Musselman from the Housing Trust explained there is an ancient 12" clay pipe in back of the house which collects water and it comes out in back of the house. Runoff from the hill behind also runs to the back of the house. The drain the owner has devised is not working. There are basement flooding and mold issues. They plan to take out the plastic pipe, leave the clay pipe and do a riprap swale to direct the water to a basin. They will also connect the sump pump drain to the basin. A 12" pipe will be run from there over to the brook. They will also lift the grade against the house.

Motion: A. Paradise moved to approve the application of the Litchfield Housing Trust for 15 Tannery Brook for drainage improvements to alleviate basement flooding and a mold issue which includes installing a riprap swale, 18" drain basin, French drain and 12" pipe in the upland review area. There will also be a 12" pipe to the outlet at the existing brook per Map 06/6/5 dated 8/15/2017 by Hrica Associates.

Second: B. Brower

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

5. CT Junior Republic – 550 Goshen Road

9/13/17

Replace existing culvert at pond inlet and add riprap outlet channel

Steve Latour, Berkshire Engineering and Surveying, explained the map titled Pond Repair Plan dated 9/7/17. They want to replace the 12" existing corrugated metal culvert pipe with the same diameter ADS pipe. The pipe is failing and causing the bank to erode. They will use sand bags and a dirt bag, lower the pond about 2 feet or enough to do the work on the culvert.

Motion: J. Hamill moved to approve the application by CT Junior Republic, 550 Goshen Road, to replace the existing culvert at the pond inlet and add a riprap outlet channel as marked on the map titled Pond Repair Plan by Berkshire Engineering dated 9/7/17, sheet 1 of 1.

Second: A. Paradise

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

6. Arethusa Farm – 15 Webster Road

9/13/17

Widen driveway on Webster Road to access upper farm. Work in upland review area only. No direct wetland impact.

Steve Latour, Berkshire Engineering, represented Arethusa Farm. He explained the map titled Driveway Widening Plan, dated 9/5/17. He explained the reason for widening is so the trucks can access the driveway easier. The upper driveway is heavily eroded, so they will also cut the grass berms down and crown the driveway to encourage sheet flow off the driveway. All is in the upland review area.

Motion: A. Paradise moved to approve the application of Arethusa Farm, 15 Webster Road, to widen the driveway on Webster Road to access the upper farm and to improve the drive to cut down runoff in the upland review area per map titled Driveway Widening Plan dated 9/5/17.

Second: J. Hamill

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

7. Pregno – 4 Newton Road

9/13/17

Agent determination for construction of new driveway within regulated area

Chairman Blazek read the legal notice published in the newspaper 9/1/17. Dr. Tobin said they will protect the area with silt fence and hay bales.

8. Approval of Minutes of August 9, 2017: This approval was postponed.

9. Correspondence

- DEEP Notice of Shepaug Reservoir Dam to repair/modify the existing dam
- Notice from CACIWC for dues reminder and annual meeting on 11/18/17 in Cromwell

10. Possible Executive Session to Discuss Pending Litigation: None

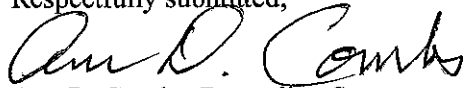
11. Adjournment

Motion: J. Hamill moved to adjourn at 8:03 p.m.

Second: B. Brower

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Ann D. Combs, Recording Secretary