

**LITCHFIELD INLAND WETLAND COMMISSION**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**September 9, 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 7:00 p.m.

**Members Present:** Chairman Robert Blazek, Carol Williams, Jack Hamill, Linnea Healy, Abby Conroy and Dr. Frank Schildgen. Also present were Dennis Tobin, Ph.D., Wetlands Agent and Ann Combs, Recording Secretary

**Members Absent:** Barbara Brower, Anthony Paradise, Frederick Minck

**Public Comment:** None

**Appointment of Alternates:** Chairman Blazek appointed Linnea Healy to be a voting member.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**1. Litchfield Housing Trust – Torrington Road (Map 145, Block 020, Lot 005)**

**9/9/15**

*Eight-unit affordable housing development (WITHDRAWN)*

Mr. Blazek read the letter from Attorney Peter Herbst withdrawing the application due to the project engineer not being available on Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> for the public hearing. They intend to re-apply soon. Mr. Blazek said there had been no fee charged for this application at that time. There was a discussion about fees, and Dr Schildgen said they must maintain uniformity in charging to avoid problems.

**Motion:** Dr. Frank Schildgen moved to not charge for the withdrawn application based on discussion with Town personnel.

**Second:** Abby Conroy

**Vote:** All voted aye except C. Williams and L. Healy, who abstained because of absence, and the motion carried.

**Motion:** Dr. Frank Schildgen moved to withdraw setting aside funding for approved fees of \$5,000 for engineering and \$3,000 for legal representation for this application.

**Second:** Abby Conroy

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

**Motion:** Dr. Frank Schildgen moved to add to the agenda as Receptions, Item 4a, Kukla and Swope, 277 Goshen Road, 194/044/003, install drainage system to help with existing drainage problems on property, 10 sq. ft. of IW disturbance.

**Second:** C. Williams

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

## APPLICATION CONSIDERATIONS

### **2. Reihl (Divine Light Fellowship) – Pitch Road (Map 048, Block 041, Lot 038)**

9/9/15

*Single family home construction with portion of driveway, underground utilities and septic system in regulated area*

Gary Giordano, Engineer and Surveyor, represented the applicant who would like to put a single family home on the property. There will be a 600 ft. driveway through a regulated area with no wetlands disturbance. Terrain is mostly high rocky overlook. Septic is located on the only spot that tested well for a system and is partially in the regulated area. Underground utilities will run along the driveway, with a total of ½ acre of disturbance. They will do blasting for the cellar foundation and will bring in septic fill. They may do a paved driveway, and if so, rain will shed off and refilter into the ground.

**Motion:** Jack Hamill moved to approve the application of Reihl, Pitch Road, for a single family home construction with portion of driveway, underground utilities and septic system in the regulated area and running conduit in for wires and septic system to be approved by Torrington Area Health District.

**Second:** Dr. Frank Schildgen

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

### **3. Rocco Gugliotti – 16 North Forty Road (Map 05, Block 030, Lot 05F)**

9/9/15

*After the fact application for pond enlargement, .5 acre on stream*

Chairman Blazek read into the record:

1 -- Letter to Dennis Tobin from Northwest Conservation District, Sean Hayden, dated 9/2/15. He reinforced recommendations detailed by the Army Corps of Engineers in an email dated 8/14/15.  
2 – Email dated 8/14/15 from Michael Narcisi, Army Corps, for dredging of pond with no horizontal expansion allowed. Disposal of sediments is to occur in the upland, and work should be completed as soon as possible. Activities also required a water quality certification from the DEEP. The plan is to restore the pond to its existing contour. Their advice was to let them finish and stockpile the sediment near the house. R. Blazek advised getting this done soon. They have 90% of the material taken away already.

**Motion:** Dr. Frank Schildgen moved to approve the after the fact application of Gugliotti, 16 North Forty Road, for pond dredging with no horizontal enlargement, .5 acre on stream. The sediment will be moved up by the house so high water won't flush it down the stream per Army Corps, and Sean Hayden will inspect.

**Second:** Abby Conroy

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

### **4. Arethusa Farm – 15 Webster Road**

9/9/15

*Modification to Permit #CC00001166 for barn addition - expand existing milk barn (previous connector barn) with no wetlands disturbance.*

Dennis McMorrow, Berkshire Engineering and Surveying, was present with map showing two barns with connector between them. That project has been scrapped. The new plan calls for two smaller barns added on either end of the existing barn with driveway around. They are decreasing regulated activity. There will be a flat grass area down to the pond.

**Motion:** Abby Conroy moved to approve Arethusa Farm's modification to Permit #CC00001166 by expanding the milk barn, (previous connector barn), with no wetlands disturbance.

**Second:** Jack Hamill

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

### RECEPTIONS

**4a. Kukla and Swope – 277 Goshen Road (Map 194, Block 044, Lot 003)**

9/9/15

*Install drainage system to help with existing drainage problems on property, 10 sq. ft. of IW disturbance*

Dennis McMorrow, Berkshire Engineering and Surveying, explained that George Malia flagged the wetlands. The lot is flat with a high water table and many water puddles on the property, with a gentle slope to the wetlands. It is too flat to grade. There was an existing trench. He plans to core bore into the catch basin and run a pipe from the basin and bore under a stone wall. He will use an 8" pipe with minimal flow. He will get DOT permission to work in the right of way and tap the basin. They are putting in lawn drains and have noted sump pump locations. They will also try to tie in the roof drainage where possible. There will be no negative impact to the wetlands.

**5. Approval of Minutes of August 12, 2015**

**Motion:** Dr. Frank Schildgen moved to adopt the 8/12/15 meeting minutes.

**Second:** Abby Conroy

**Vote:** All voted aye except L. Healy and C. Williams, who abstained because of absence, and the motion carried.

**6. Correspondence:** None

**7. Possible Executive Session to Discuss Pending Litigation:** None

**8. Adjournment**

**Motion:** Dr. Frank Schildgen moved to adjourn at 7:56 p.m.

**Second:** Carol Williams

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

Respectfully submitted,



Ann D. Combs, Recording Secretary