



TOWN OF ROXBURY CONNECTICUT

Inland Wetlands Commission

29 North Street • P.O. Box 203 • Roxbury, CT 06783-0203

ROXBURY INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 26, 2016

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Dirienzo called the meeting to order at 7:39 PM.

Members Present: Mr. Dirienzo, Mr. Smoliga, Sue Fitch and Andy Engel

Others Present: WEO John Cody, Andrew Wood, Daniella Pappas, Elliot Davis, Brian Neff, Lisa Smith, Paul Szymanski, David Shaw and First Selectman Barbara Henry

SEATING OF MEMBERS

Chairman Dirienzo seated members Smoliga, Fitch, Engel, and Dirienzo.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting, December 15, 2015

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the 12/15/15 Regular meeting. By Engel, seconded by Smoliga and carried unanimously 3-0-1. Fitch abstained

COMMUNICATION WITH THE PUBLIC

N/A

COMMUNICATION

N/A

OLD BUSINESS

Nogid - 53 Southbury Road - Cease & Desist

It was reported that there has been no response to the letter sent to Mr. Nogid. The Agency requested that another letter be sent advising that the permit will be revoked if a response is not received.

Smith/6 Davenport Road – Tree clearing and fencing

Ms. Smith came forward and distributed a packet to the members explaining the plan for the property. John Smoliga and Rob Horrigan viewed the property. John Smoliga reported on the site walk. His major concerns are the clearing and erosion on the site. Also, some evidence of sheet flow was observed. He noted that there are a couple of wetland crossings with regard to the fencing.

Russ Dirienzo explained that the regulations do not have exemptions for tick control because toxins are used, which affect water quality. He noted that the work that was done on this property required an application. Ms. Smith reported that the tree clearing company applied for an application and she has paid for an after-the-fact permit for this activity. Mr. Dirienzo confirmed that the after-the-fact permit fee was paid in November for this application which is before the Commission; however, no one was present at the meeting in November to represent the application at that time. Ms. Smith reported that the fence posts are up, but the fence work stopped as requested by the Town.

John Smoliga noted the evidence of erosion on the site and the silt fencing that needs tending. Ms. Smith explained that they will continue to plant extensively. Andy Engel noted the choice of loosestrife, which is illegal now in Connecticut. Ms. Smith explained that her landscaper, Diane McCarthy, used white loosestrife which is not an invasive. She has been working on the erosion for years because this is a sloped property.

Mr. Dirienzo clarified that any pesticides used near a wetland will require a permit. Ms. Smith advised that they are conscience of that and do not have plans to use pesticides.

Ms. Fitch discussed the fence going over the brook. Mr. Dirienzo explained that the type of fence proposed is recommended by DEEP. He spoke with the DEEP about this and while they do not encourage fencing over a waterway, they do prefer this type of fencing if there is a good reason.

MOTION: To approve the after-the-fact application of Smith/6 Davenport Road – Tree clearing and fencing as a regulated activity. By Engel, seconded by Smoliga and carried unanimously 4-0.

Roxbury Land Trust – Construction of Handicap access ramp, stairway, reinforcement of septic tank, enlargement of driveway and parking area

Brian Neff came forward with a map entitled Soil Erosion & Sediment Control Plan dated 12/8/15. He noted that there will be a small amount of disturbance. Andy Engel and John Smoliga viewed the property and found no issues with the plan and noted that there really are not any alternatives.

MOTION: To approve the application of Roxbury Land Trust – Construction of Handicap access ramp, stairway, reinforcement of septic tank, enlargement of driveway and parking area. By Engel, seconded by Fitch and carried 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Mine Hill Property, LLC / 5 Mine Hill Road – Proposed parking, utilities, septic, storm water management associated with development of a Distillery

Elliot Davis and Paul Szymanski came forward with a plan dated 12/21/15 for the renovation and re-creation of the buildings on this site. Mr. Szymanski explained that there will be mostly interior renovations. The exterior changes are to allow parking and a new septic system. The storm water management plan was reviewed and it was noted that the only regulated activity is the storm water management feature. Mr. Szymanski reviewed the existing erosion on the site near the Barrel House and the plan to remedy this. He submitted a Storm Water Management Report which was developed within the DEEP guidelines.

Mr. Szymanski noted that the 16 parking space lot surface flow will direct into a basin. The surface of the parking will be process gravel. The 11 space parking lot has a drainage system. Mr. Dirienzo confirmed that Paul Szymanski is confident that drainage is not needed in the 16 parking space lot.

The Commission agreed that this is a good plan.

MOTION: To approve the application of Mine Hill Property, LLC / 5 Mine Hill Road – Proposed parking, utilities, septic, storm water management associated with development of a Distillery as a regulated activity. By Engel, seconded by Smoliga and carried 4-0.

Van DeBruell / 235 North Street – Rebuild and expand existing stonewall

David Shaw came forward and explained that he would like to remove the angle from the existing wall when rebuilding. It was noted that there is a gully that leads to wetlands across the road.

John Cody submitted a photo of the site and reported on his site inspection.

The Commission determined that no permit is required for this activity.

WEO REPORT

26 Painter Ridge - John Cody reported that he found no wetland issues on this site. This was a matter that was formerly reviewed between Gary Coburn and Brian Neff.

67 Davenport Rd - John Cody spoke with Art Christiansen of the DEEP who reported that there is no file on this matter. Mr. Christiansen advised that it is up to the IWWC regarding how this should proceed. Mr. Dirienzo will contact Art Christiansen to explain that this matter is within the DEEP jurisdiction.

PENDING REVIEW/FOLLOW UP

Feder – 35 Minor Bridge Road –Fence in regulated area – revised map - clarification

John Cody reported that the fence has not been moved and noted that it was not specific as to how far back the fence was to be moved. The Commission requested that Mr. Cody send a letter to Mr. Feder explaining that the fence should be moved back by spring.

McCourt – 262 Painter Hill Road – Dam – Follow-up inspection- Mr. Dirienzo reported that this activity has been completed and should be removed from the agenda.

Nogid - 53 Southbury Road – Remediation plan - Spring Inspection - see Old Business

54 & 75 Old Roxbury Road – Review in spring - John Cody reported that all activity has stopped and stock piles of top soil are covered with a tarp.

114 River Road was discussed by John Smoliga. There seems to be clearing along stream and heavy equipment on the property. The Commission requested that the activity on the site be investigated.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 8:27 PM. By Smoliga, seconded by Fitch and carried unanimously 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Jai Kern

Tai Kern, Secretary

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cc: B. Henry, R. Dirienzo, P. Hurlbut, J. Conway, G. McTaggart and G. Steinman



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ROXBURY INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 23, 2016

CANCELLATION NOTICE

Due to inclement weather the regular meeting of the Inland Wetlands Commission scheduled for February 23, 2016 has been cancelled. The next regular meeting is scheduled for March 22, 2016.



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ROXBURY INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MARCH 22, 2016

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Dirienzo called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Members Present: Russell Dirienzo, John Smoliga, Andy Engel, Andrew Wood, Daniella Pappas and Rob Horrigan (8:30 PM)

Others Present: WEO John Cody, Mark Nogid, Jim Kelly, Bill Horrigan, Dirk Sabin, Brian Neff, Doug DiVesta, Stephanie Weaver, and Brian McCulloch

SEATING OF MEMBERS

Chairman Dirienzo seated members Smoliga, Engel, and Dirienzo. Alternate Krantz was seated for Fitch and Alternate Wood was seated for Horrigan.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The approval of Roxbury Land Trust application was corrected to note that it is a regulated activity; however, it was agreed that the fee should be waived. The \$150 should be returned to the Land Trust as a donation from the IWC.

MOTION: To waive the regulated activity fee for the application of the Roxbury Land Trust – Construction of Handicap access ramp, stairway, reinforcement of septic tank, enlargement of driveway and parking area. By Dirienzo, seconded by Smoliga and carried unanimously.

Regular Meeting, January 26, 2016

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the 01/26/16 Regular meeting as amended. By Engel, seconded by Smoliga and carried unanimously 4-0-1. Krantz abstained

COMMUNICATION WITH THE PUBLIC

N/A

OLD BUSINESS

German – 67 Davenport Road – R. Dirienzo to contact DEEP and report

Mr. Dirienzo reported that the DEEP does not want involvement with this matter as this dam is not in their jurisdiction. Any further action should be a civil matter.

NEW BUSINESS

DEEP – Cutler Pond/307 Painter Hill Road – Aquatic pesticide application

The Commission found no issues with this application. The pesticide alternatives educational letter should be forwarded to the applicant.

DEEP – Yelding Pond/167 Tophet Road – Aquatic pesticide application

It was noted that this application is done yearly. The pesticide alternatives educational letter should be forwarded to the applicant.

Russell Dirienzo stepped down and Daniella Pappas was seated. Andy Engel came forward as Acting Chairman.

Town of Roxbury/Transylvania Road – Road drainage work

Doug DiVesta came forward with a map entitled Town of Roxbury Transylvania Rd. Proposed Drainage System

dated 2/18/16. He explained that the road is planned to be chipped sealed this year and this proposal is to control the drainage on the road. He reviewed the areas in which runoff is an issue and the proposed plan to control the erosion.

MOTION: To approve the application of Town of Roxbury/Transylvania Road – Road drainage work as a regulated activity and to waive the fee. By Smoliga, seconded by Wood and carried unanimously.

Dirienzo was reelected as Chairman and Pappas returned to an Alternate position.

Sweeny/Willow Brook Road – Tree clearing for horse pasture and riding ring

Brian Neff came forward and presented a plan entitled Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Plan revised 2/22/16. He noted that all activity is outside the 100 foot setback. Mr. Neff explained this plan includes the erosion control inspections, which he will perform. The contractor is aware of all of the requirements. The area cleared will be used for pasture.

Mr. Dirienzo explained that with regard to this application the Commission would be approving the erosion control plan for stormwater management.

MOTION: To approve the erosion control plan in accordance with the State Stormwater Permit Regulations. By Dirienzo, seconded by Wood and carried unanimously.

Horrigan/63 Hemlock Road – Single-family dwelling – amend house location

Bill Horrigan came forward with the Proposed Sanitary Disposal System Plan dated 10/21/10 which he explained has been previously approved; however, since then the abutting property deeded additional property to this lot. The newly deed land allows for an additional 127 feet to move the house. He presented a map entitled Boundary Line Revision Map dated 1/13/16. The previous house site was 13 feet from wetlands. The new location is now 26 feet from the wetlands. The newly proposed house is twice as big as the originally proposed house and there is an increase in footprint due to the garage location.

Mr. Dirienzo noted that this plan is not only to move the house, it is increasing the house size and adding a pool. The original plan had a detailed drainage plan. This new plan needs to include the same kind of drainage plan.

Mr. Horrigan noted that the driveway was revised to a 15 to 8 percent pitch and the rain garden has remained as part of the plan. Mr. Dirienzo explained that the Commission will need a drainage plan to be assured by an engineer that runoff will have no effect on neighboring areas. Mr. Engel agreed and added that he would like to know where roof water will go.

Mr. Dirienzo reminded the group that the previous proposal included a stone wall for protection of the wetlands. A wall or stakes would be ideal identifying the wetlands in the new plan. It was requested that the house site, driveway site and pool site be staked and Mr. Horrigan return to the next IWC meeting with engineered drainage plans.

Andy Engel agreed to view the site.

Nogid/53 Southbury Rd – Extension requested to comply with conditions of Cease and Desist Order

Mr. Dirienzo reviewed the history of this project. A letter from Attorney Kelly was read aloud seeking an extension to 7/31/16 and a waiver of Steve Trinkaus' approval of the rain garden plan. Attorney Kelly recanted this request.

Brian Neff came forward and reported that test holes were dug for the rain garden and found the initially proposed area unacceptable. New test holes were dug and a newly proposed area has been determined. The plan entitled Drainage and Erosion Control Plan dated 3/21/16 along with the test results have been forwarded to Steve Trinkaus. Mr. Neff feels that this plan will comply with all the required regulations.

MOTION: To extend the date to comply with conditions of Cease and Desist to 7/31/16 for Nogid/53 Southbury Rd.

By Engel, seconded by Smoliga and carried unanimously.

Attorney Kelly explained that an additional request is to waive the condition requiring everything to be on one plan. There is too much information; therefore, they request that three plans be submitted.

MOTION: To waive the requirement of one plan for Nogid /53 Southbury Rd. and to allow for three plans containing all the required information. By Dirienzo, seconded by Engel and carried unanimously.

Dirk Sabin submitted the landscaping plans for the records and agreed to forward a plan to Mr. Trinkaus as well.

Metz/19 Spargo Road – Construction of enclosure for pool equipment

Brian Neff came forward and reported that the proposed activity is in close proximity to wetlands. The pool was built many years ago and the equipment is currently kept on a concrete pad. A map entitled Proposed Pool Equipment Enclosure dated 2/18/16 was presented. The proposal is to build an enclosure over the equipment on the existing pad. The 8' x 9' footprint will remain the same and material will be hand carried onto the site. It was noted that this is seemed to be a maintenance activity. Mr. Neff explained that it is within a regulated area.

MOTION: To approve the application of Metz/19 Spargo Road – Construction of enclosure for pool equipment as a regulated (maintenance) activity. By Dirienzo, seconded by Engel and carried unanimously.

John Smoliga stepped down and Daniella Pappas was seated as a Regular Member.

Rob Horrigan arrived at 8:30 PM.

Rob Horrigan was seated and Drew Wood returned to an Alternate position.

N.O.V. – McCulloch/33 Rocky Mountain Road

Attorney Stephanie Weaver came forward and reviewed her client's history with the property. She explained that her client uses wood for fuel and has been cleaning up the property and using the wood the entire time they have owned the property. There has been no tree removal since July 2015. They make use of the firewood before they move on to taking down another tree. The Town always receives an application for burn permit for any activity. A total of 16 trees were taken down within 100 feet of the watercourse since they owned the property.

WEO John Cody reported on his site visit noting the wetlands in the corner of the property. He advised for Mr. Dirienzo that he does see the removal of trees as clear cutting. He presented photos of the site and indicated the property's wetland area shown on the wetland map.

Brian McCulloch reported that under 1 acre has been cleared of this 4.5 acre parcel.

Mr. Dirienzo explained that selective cutting is permitted. It was agreed that going forward when trees within 100 feet of the waterway are planned to be cleared they should flagged the trees and contact the WEO. The NOV will be lifted and a letter will be sent advising of what is expected in the future.

MOTION: To lift the N.O.V. for McCulloch/33 Rocky Mountain Road. By Dirienzo, seconded by Engel and carried unanimously.

John Smoliga was reseated and Daniella Pappas returned to an Alternate position.

DEEP – DeMann/35 Schoolhouse Road/Aquatic pesticide application

The Commission found no issues with this application. The pesticide alternatives educational letter should be forwarded to the applicant.

Ginns/55 Old Tophet Road – Rebuild Guest House

Brian Neff came forward and explained that the existing guest house is not in good condition. He presented a plan entitled Soil Erosion and Sediment Control dated 3/15/16 and noted that this is a small site and a small house. The

proposal is to do a new foundation and rebuild in the same area. The guesthouse will not be greatly enlarged. The wetlands have been identified by a soil scientist. Mr. Horrigan agreed to view the site.

Rob Horrigan stepped down and Daniella Pappas was seated.

Rower/ Painter Hill Road (Map 38/Lot 1) – Barn construction

Brian Neff came forward with a plan dated 3/15/16 entitled Soil Erosion & Sediment Control. He explained that this is a tear down and rebuild of a barn. The work is outside of the regulated area; however this is a good size building. An underground drainage system is proposed. Erosion control will be monitored and maintained on the down gradient side of the work zone. The proposed use of the building will be for an experimental agriculture

MOTION: To approve the application of Rower/ Painter Hill Road (Map 38/Lot 1) – Barn construction as a nonregulated farming operation. By Engel, seconded by Smoliga and carried unanimously.

Rob Horrigan was reseated and Daniella Pappas returned to an Alternate position.

WEO REPORT

February & March

The WEO Report for February and March was distributed in the member's packets. John Cody reported that the excavator has been removed from 114 River Road.

PENDING REVIEW/FOLLOW UP

Feder – 35 Minor Bridge Road – Fence in regulated area – revised map - clarification

The posts have been removed and old fencing will be cleaned up.

McCourt – 262 Painter Hill Road – Dam – Follow-up inspection

Mr. Dirienzo reported this project to be complete. John Cody agreed to view the site.

Nogid – 53 Southbury Road – Cease and Desist in effect - see Old Business

McCulloch/33 Rocky Mountain Road - see Old Business

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 9:00 PM, by Smoliga, seconded by Fitch and carried unanimously 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Jai Kern

Tai Kern, Secretary

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ROXBURY INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING APRIL 26, 2016

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Dirienzo called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Members Present: Russell Dirienzo, John Smoliga, Andy Engel, and Rob Horrigan

Alternates Present: Andrew Wood, Daniella Pappas, and Rose Krantz

Others Present: Bill Horrigan, Paul Szymanski, Brian Neff and Brian & Cathy McCulloch

SEATING OF MEMBERS

Chairman Dirienzo seated members Smoliga, Engel, Horrigan and Dirienzo. Alternate Wood was seated for Fitch.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting - March 22, 2016

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the 03/22/16 Regular meeting. By Engel, seconded by Smoliga and carried unanimously 5-0.

COMMUNICATION WITH THE PUBLIC

N/A

OLD BUSINESS

Rob Horrigan recused himself and Alternate Krantz was seated

Horrigan/63 Hemlock Road – Single-family dwelling – amend house location

Bill Horrigan came forward with a fully engineered plan dated April 5, 2016 entitled Proposed Sanitary System Plan. Paul Szymanski reviewed the plan showing both sheet flow off the driveway and roof runoff going to a rain garden. A restacked stonewall will act as a permanent barrier to the wetlands and also as a level spreader. The overall impervious surface area has been reduced as compared to the previously approved plan.

Andy Engel and Rose Krantz reported on their site walk and found that this was an overall improved plan.

Motion to approve as regulated the application of Horrigan/63 Hemlock Road – Single-family dwelling – amend house location. By Engel, seconded by Wood and carried unanimously 5-0.

Rob Horrigan was reseated and Krantz stepped down.

Motion to add the application of McCulloch/33 Rocky Mountain Road - maintenance activity to the agenda. By Dirienzo, seconded by Engel and carried unanimously 5-0.

John Smoliga stepped down and Alternate Krantz was seated.

McCulloch/33 Rocky Mountain Road - maintenance activity

Russ Dirienzo reported that he viewed the site and the intermittent stream that runs across the property that the McCulloch's would like to improve by removing the invasives and digging a channel to prevent the water from pooling. Mr. McCulloch reported that the work will be done by machine. It was discussed that there shall be no removal of trees in wetland area. The members reviewed sketched map of the property.

Andy Engel and Rob Horrigan agreed view the site.

Member Smoliga was reseated and Alternate Krantz stepped down.

Nogid/53 Southbury Rd – Extension requested to comply with conditions of Cease and Desist Order

Russ Dirienzo reported that the Town Attorney found that the bond proposed was unacceptable. However, this Commission's approval was not contingent upon the approval of the bond by the Town Attorney. Attorney McTaggart worked with the Attorney Kelly to agree on a \$10,000 cash bond with a balance of \$30,000 as a surety bond. The Town Attorney was away and unavailable to review the final bond; therefore, Mr. Dirienzo gave permission to start work. Brian Neff agreed to oversee project.

Ginns/55 Old Tophet Road – Rebuild Guest House

Brian Neff came forward with a plan entitled Soil Erosion Sediment Control Plan dated March 15, 2016. Rob Horrigan and Andy Engel viewed site. Mr. Neff confirmed that the underground utilities will not run through the wetlands area. The retaining wall will be relocated to the east and a new foundation will be poured.

Mr. Horrigan noted his concerns with a lot of excavation. Mr. Neff advised that there will not be a massive amount of regrading. They will work with the contours that are there. Mr. Engel noted that it is important that erosion control measures are in place. Brian Neff agreed to notify the Wetlands Enforcement Officer 5 days prior to the start of work to inspect that erosion control is in place.

Motion to approve as a regulated activity the application of Ginns/55 Old Tophet Road – Rebuild Guest House. By Horrigan, seconded by Engel and carried unanimously 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Rob Horrigan stepped down and Alternate Krantz was seated.

Grassy Hill Properties, LLC – 31 Grassy Hill Road – Barns and Greenhouses

Brian Neff came forward and reviewed the Soil Erosion & Sediment Control Plan dated 4/19/16. The applicant would like to build a barn with driveway and put greenhouses on site. Mr. Neff noted that this should be nonregulated; however, the plan is to clear 1.1 acres of trees to put driveway and barn. He reviewed the storm water control plan and noted that all the activity is outside of the 100 foot wetland buffer. Brian Neff will be the supervising engineer for this project.

Motion to approve as a nonregulated the application of Grassy Hill Properties, LLC – 31 Grassy Hill Road – Barns and Greenhouses. By Dirienzo, seconded by Engel and carried unanimously.

Steiner/Everything Botanical, LLC / 67 Tophet Road – Clearing of brush and small trees; establishment of new lawn
Tabled

WEO REPORT

Pending Review/Follow Up

Feder – 35 Minor Bridge Road – Fence in regulated area – revised map - clarification

It was noted that this matter is complete and should be removed from the agenda.

McCourt – 262 Painter Hill Road – Dam – Follow-up inspection

It was noted that this matter is complete and should be removed from the agenda.

Nogid – 53 Southbury Road – Cease and Desist in effect - see Old Business- remove

Chairman Dirienzo reported that legally when the Commission accepts the fine it means the C&D is lifted. In the future the Commission will not accept any fines until it is confirmed that all conditions have been met. Currently it has been confirmed that all the conditions have been met. The bond was the last condition to be satisfied.

McCulloch/33 Rocky Mountain Road - see New Business

Chairman Dirienzo advised that organic tick spraying in the wetlands requires a permit. An additive in these sprays kills the entire bottom of the ecosystem. The Commission requested that the Land Use Office send a letter to all of the chemical lawn companies regarding the requirement of a permit for spraying of pesticides and herbicides. Additionally, Mr. Dirienzo agreed to write an article for the Town newsletter educating the public regarding the use of these products.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 8:15 PM, by Smoliga, seconded by Horrigan and carried unanimously 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

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Tai Kern, Secretary

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ROXBURY INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MAY 24, 2016

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Dirienzo called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Members Present: Russell Dirienzo, John Smoliga, Andy Engel, Rob Horrigan, and Sue Fitch

Alternates Present: Andrew Wood and Daniella Pappas

SEATING OF MEMBERS

Chairman Dirienzo seated members Smoliga, Engel, Horrigan and Dirienzo. Alternate Wood was seated for Fitch.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Regular Meeting – April 26, 2016

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the 04/26/16 Regular meeting. By Engel, seconded by Horrigan and carried unanimously 5-0.

COMMUNICATION WITH THE PUBLIC

N/A

COMMUNICATION

DEEP Workshop: Legal and Administrative Updates

OLD BUSINESS

McCulloch/33 Rocky Mountain Road - maintenance activity

Russell Dirienzo reported that the applicants will not be going forward with this application. The work will be done by hand.

Sue Fitch was seated at 7:33 p.m. and Andrew Wood stepped down.

The Commission requested that the WEO type a letter noting that they understand the applicant was withdrawn and reminding the applicant that any activity involving the use of machine requires a permit. The Commission discussed having a general form letter that goes to all withdrawn permits as a kindly reminder that any activity within the buffer require a permit.

NEW BUSINESS

Town of Roxbury – 7 South Street – Boardwalk over wetlands on hiking trail

The group reviewed the map entitled Joey's Trail Site Plan dated 5/3/16. There is 154 feet of boardwalk proposed. The post holes will be dug by hand.

The group had questions as to what material will be used, whether the area will be cleared by hand and the width of the trail. The Commission requested that Gary Steinman to come to the next meeting to answer these questions. The activity planned for June 4th should exclude wetland activities.

Town of Roxbury /Seibel – 18 Booth Road – Dredge Pond

Russ Dirienzo reported on the site condition of this small pond approximately 10' x 10' in size. He explained that this is a one time only dredging to be done to this pond by the Town Public Works Dept. The spoils will be moved

off site.

Rob Horrigan suggested that the dewatering area and silt fencing be approved by WEO John Cody. It was noted that there shall be no expansion of the pond.

MOTION: To approve as a nonregulated maintenance activity with the condition that WEO John Cody supervises project and approves the silt disposal area. By Dirienzo, seconded by Horrigan and carried 4-0-1. Dirienzo abstained.

REPORTS

WEO Report

Pending Review/Follow Up

- Nogid – 53 Southbury Road – Bond Pending - Chairman Dirienzo read the e-mail dated 5/24/16 from the Town Attorney's office confirming the receipt of the bond. The WEO has been monitoring the work being done and has found no issues.
- Transylvania Rd - Russell Dirienzo reported that the Town is chip sealing this road and is considering changing the recently installed catch basins. He has viewed site and found no basins with any sediment. Mr. Dirienzo's suggestion is to follow the engineered plan for this project.
- 51 Mine Hill Rd - Chairman Dirienzo reported that the property owner complained that road runoff is filling their pool. Aerial photos were viewed of the site and it was found that the site was cleared. The pool is built at a low point and runoff from his property is draining into his pool. The members were encouraged to view the site.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 8:15 PM by Smoliga, seconded by Horrigan and carried unanimously 5-0.

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ROXBURY INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING JUNE 28, 2016

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Acting Chairman Engel called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Members Present: John Smoliga, Andy Engel, Rob Horrigan, and Sue Fitch

Alternates Present: Andrew Wood

Others Present: Brian Neff, Tricia Reilly, Nancy and Rod Fyfield, Elliot Johnson and Mr. & Mrs. Fish.

SEATING OF MEMBERS

Acting Chairman Engel seated members Smoliga, Engel, Horrigan. Alternate Wood was seated for Dirienzo.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Regular Meeting, May 24, 2016

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the 05/24/16 Regular meeting. By Smoliga, seconded by Fitch and carried unanimously 5-0.

COMMUNICATION WITH THE PUBLIC

N/A

COMMUNICATION

N/A

OLD BUSINESS

Gary Steinman / Town of Roxbury – 7 South Street – Boardwalk over wetlands on hiking trail (Applicant requested postponement until July meeting)

NEW BUSINESS

Evergreen Landowners Assoc. - Relocate catch basin at intersection of Evergreen Drive & Lane; Enlarge catch basin on Evergreen Lane

Tricia Reilly and Nancy & Rod Fyfield came forward. Photos of the site and a survey was viewed. They explained that they would like to fix the drainage problem which creates a ditch during heavy rains. The water runs out to Route 67 and into the Shepaug River. There is an existing catch basin that is not working which they would like to move to be more effective. They have spoken with a couple contractors that have suggested several options to remedy the problem. The Commission recommended that an engineer be hired to assure this is done correctly. Additionally, there are concerns with the fact that this drains into the Shepaug River. The applicants agreed to return next month with an engineered plan.

Root / 112 Sentry Hill Rd. - Deck extension

Elliot Johnson came forward as the builder for this project. There is a barn on the back side of the property where they would like a deck extended. This would require four sonotubes 55 feet from the pond. There is a steep grade that exceeds 10%. The excavation will be by hand to lessen the possible impact. The Commission suggested that silt fence be utilized due to the close distance to the pond. It was agreed that this application could be approved contingent upon the WEO's site visit and approval.

MOTION: To approve Root / 112 Sentry Hill Rd. - Deck extension as a regulated activity contingent upon the WEO's

site visit and approval, erosion control must be in place and no machinery shall be used for digging or concrete. By Engel, seconded by Smoliga and carried unanimously 5-0.

Booth / 75 Old Roxbury Road - Construct Accessory Building (Lot Line Rev.)

Brian Neff came forward with a proposal for a sky scape. The proposed location was noted as near the tennis court on the map. It was explained that a lot line revision is required to add this accessory structure. It will be within the regulated area and 75 feet from wetlands. It was noted that the limits of disturbance may be more like 50 feet. This is a level area that will drain toward Carriage Lane. The area is accessible for equipment; however, a little clearing may be necessary for this 75 x 75 foot envelope. Mr. Neff advised that the structure plans are not yet available, but he would like to have them for presentation at the next meeting. Members Engel, Smoliga and Horrigan agreed to view this site separately.

Fish / 102 North Street - Clear debris in pond/stream; selective tree cutting

Bob Fish came forward with a property survey and noted that a pond exists on the west of their property; however, it is overgrown by brush. They would like to pull it out with a backhoe to expose the existing pond. Mostly barberry that has grown into the pond will be removed. He noted the location of the concrete wall and that the pond is silted in; however, there are no plans to clean it out until they can clear and assess the site. The members agreed that this will most likely be a maintenance activity, but they would like to first view the site.

Mr. Fish spoke to a forester and would like to selectively cut all the ash trees to open up a pathway that was previously existing which was called Old Generation Rd. The area would be 50 feet by 1000 feet. Mr. Fish agreed to stake the site so Members Horrigan and Wood can perform a site walk. The Commission requested that the forester's plan be presented at the next meeting. It was suggested that the forester be present as well.

Mr. Horrigan noted that substantial wetlands are showing on the side of the property where logging might occur on a map drafted by Neff with wetlands identified by Mike Temple.

WEO REPORT

PENDING REVIEW/FOLLOW UP

Nogid – 53 Southbury Road

McCulloch/33 Rocky Mountain Road - Clarification letter sent (see attached)

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 8:20 P.M. By Smoliga, seconded by Fitch and carried unanimously 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Jai Kern

Tai Kern, Secretary

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ROXBURY INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING JULY 26, 2016

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Engel called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Members Present: Russell Dirienzo, Andy Engel, and Sue Fitch

Alternates Present: Andrew Wood and Daniella Papas (7:40)

Others Present: Trudy Swenson, Brian Neff, Jim Gillespie, Mr. & Mrs. Fish, and Bill Horrigan.

SEATING OF MEMBERS

Chairman Dirienzo seated members Fitch, Engel, Dirienzo and Alternate Wood was seated for Horrigan.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting - June 28, 2016

A correction was made to note that Daniella Papas was present as an alternate at this meeting.

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the 06/28/16 Regular meeting as amended. By Engel, seconded by Wood and carried unanimously 4-0.

COMMUNICATION WITH THE PUBLIC

N/A

COMMUNICATION

N/A

OLD BUSINESS

Gary Steinman / Town of Roxbury – 7 South Street – Boardwalk over wetlands on hiking trail (Applicant requested postponement until July meeting)

Gary Steinman was not present. An e-mail dated 6/17/16 from Gary Steinman answering most of the Commission's questions was reviewed. Trudy Swenson was present and reported that the material to be used for the boardwalk posts has not yet been determined; however, the Conservation Commission is sensitive to the adverse effects of pressure treated wood. Andy Engel recommended western red cedar or a composite material. Ms. Swenson noted that they will use one of the recommended materials for the posts. The plan dated 5/3/16 entitled Joey's Trail Site Plan was reviewed.

MOTION: To approve the application of Gary Steinman / Town of Roxbury – 7 South Street – Boardwalk over wetlands on hiking trail as an exempt recreational activity. The fee of \$150 paid shall be returned. By Dirienzo, seconded by Engel and carried unanimously 4-0.

Evergreen Landowners Assoc. - Relocate catch basin at intersection of Evergreen Drive & Lane; Enlarge catch basin on Evergreen Lane

Brian Neff reported that he met with the applicants; however, they are still contemplating what they would like to do. The Commission asked that the WEO contact the applicant regarding the status of this application and advise that they have not completed the State form. The application will be denied due to administrative incompleteness if this form is not submitted.

Alternate Daniella Papas arrived 7:40 and was seated for Smoliga.

Booth / 75 Old Roxbury Road - Construct Accessory Building (Lot Line Rev.)

Brian Neff came forward and presented plan entitled James Turrell Skyspace dated 7/20/16. Mr. Dirienzo questioned whether there is an alternate location that is outside the wetland area. Mr. Neff described the infiltration trench design for runoff.

Mr. Engel reported on his site walk. He described the site and reported that he does not see that there will be any impact to the wetlands at this location.

MOTION: To approve as a regulated activity the application of Booth / 75 Old Roxbury Road - Construct Accessory Building (Lot Line Rev.). By Engel, seconded by Wood and carried unanimously 5-0.

Fish / 102 North Street - Clear debris in pond/stream; selective tree cutting

Mr. Fish came forward with Jim Gillespie and reviewed the property boundary survey with the Commission. He advised that they would like to only clear the brush near the pond at this time with the intent to see what work may need to be done. He will chip the brush and use it around the property as needed.

Mr. Fish explained that Jim Gillespie is present as a licensed forester to review a plan dated 7/26/16 for selective tree cutting. Mr. Fish noted that he would like to have the ash removed from the site. Mr. Gillespie reported that there are about seven intermittent streams on this property. He indicated the access way would be through the driveway. Stumps will remain in the ground. Most of the ash is dead or declining. The sugar maple will be left. This will be a maintenance operation. The site is sloped downhill and he recommends berms at trail ends and reseeding of skid trails.

Mr. Fish described the possibility of putting in a driveway off of Route 199; however, he realizes that an engineered plan will be required for this type of an activity. The Commission agreed that an engineered plan would be required for such an activity. Mr. Fish will come forward in the future with a plan for this activity.

MOTION: To approve as exempt maintenance activity the application of Fish / 102 North Street - Clear debris in pond/stream; selective tree cutting. By Dirienzo, seconded by Engel and carried unanimously 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Patricia Yarberry Allen – 36 South Street - Tick spraying

Withdrawn

Horrigan – 32 Battle Swamp Road - Pond dredging

Mr. Bill Horrigan came forward as the agent for this application with a plan dated 7/21/16 entitled Pond Dredging. He explained that grass and weeds are growing in this one acre pond and fish will not live in it due to the temperature. The pond needs to be dredged. Mr. Dirienzo acknowledged that the proper controls are included in the plan and advised that it is best to do this maintenance activity while it is dry. Mr. Bill Horrigan noted that the dam is also leaking and will be repaired as part of this activity.

MOTION: To approve as a maintenance activity the application of Horrigan – 32 Battle Swamp Road - Pond dredging contingent upon the WEO being notified prior to work start and approving that all controls are in place in accordance with the plan before going forward. This activity shall be done only during a dry period with no forecast of heavy rains. The WEO shall visit the site upon completion of the activity to confirm that the area is properly restored. By Dirienzo, seconded by Fitch and carried unanimously 5-0.

WEO REPORT

The Commission reviewed the WEO Report dated 7/26/16 which included items listed under Pending Review/Follow Up as well as Hodges, Gregorian and Arnet properties as new enforcement matters under review.

PENDING REVIEW/FOLLOW UP

- Root - 112 Sentry Hill Rd. - Approval contingent upon WEO site assessment

- Nogid – 53 Southbury Road - Project supervision
- Seibel- 18 Booth Road - Pond dredging
- Transylvania Rd. - Road drainage project

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. By Wood, seconded by Papas and carried unanimously 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,
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Tai Kern, Secretary

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ROXBURY INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING AUGUST 23, 2016

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Dirienzo called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Members Present: Russell Dirienzo, Andy Engel, John Smoliga, and Rob Horrigan

Alternates Present: Daniella Papas

Others Present: Jeremy Oskandy, Doug DiVesta, Brian Neff, Fran Hodges, and members of Evergreen Landowners Assoc.

SEATING OF MEMBERS

Chairman Dirienzo seated members Engel, Dirienzo, Horrigan, Smoliga and Alternate Papas was seated for Fitch.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting, July 26, 2016

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the 07/26/16 Regular meeting. By Engel, seconded by Papas and carried 3-0-2. Horrigan and Smoliga abstained.

COMMUNICATION WITH THE PUBLIC

N/A

OLD BUSINESS

Evergreen Landowners Assoc. - Relocate catch basin at intersection of Evergreen Drive & Lane; Enlarge catch basin on Evergreen Lane

Brian Neff came forward and reviewed a letter he submitted dated 8/20/16 outlining his recommendations. He recommended leaving the current basin in place and adding an additional basin and pipe leading under the road to accommodate the volume of stormwater. A riprap splash pad would be placed at the end of the pipe. He advised that this will not change the drainage patterns of the area. Mr. Neff confirmed for the Commission that there is no reason to notify the DoT regarding this activity.

MOTION: To approve the application of Evergreen Landowners Assoc. - Relocate catch basin at intersection of Evergreen Drive & Lane; Enlarge catch basin on Evergreen Lane as a non-regulated activity. By Papas, seconded by Horrigan and carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Town of Roxbury – Minor Bridge Road – Road rehabilitation and drainage

Dirienzo stepped down for this application and Engel stepped forward as Chairman.

Doug DiVesta came forward with a plan dated 8/18/16 entitled Road Reclamation and Proposed Drainage Plan. He reviewed the existing drainage and the plan to flush it out as well as the additional drainage to be added. He reported that test borings were done and it was found that ledge rock will not be much of an issue. The project will be split into three phases and Mr. DiVesta reviewed the details of each phase. He identified the regulated areas and noted that it is mostly maintenance work to be done. Doug DiVesta will oversee the project and assure that all the erosion control is in place.

MOTION: To approve the application of Town of Roxbury – Minor Bridge Road – Road rehabilitation and drainage

as a maintenance activity. By Horrigan, seconded by Smoliga and carried unanimously.

Dirienzo was reelected as Chairman.

Oberkirch – 127 River Road – Single-family dwelling

Jeremy Oskandy of AH Howland came forward with a plan dated 8/18/16 entitled Proposed Site Development Plan. He explained that they would like to utilize the old wood road to access the site. No activity will be in wetlands area; however, there is activity proposed within the regulated area. The proposed activity is 54 feet from the river. There will be no clearing within the 50 foot setback. He reviewed the proposed rain gardens plan to be used to handle the drainage.

Dirienzo reminded Mr. Oskandy that there is a 200 foot setback from the Shepaug and questioned whether there is a feasible and prudent activity. The Commission requested that the driveway be flagged and house corners staked. Additionally, the rain gardens should be marked. A conservation easement and barrier between the house and the river should be considered. Dirienzo also made note that there is a major land trust property across the river that should be protected.

It was noted that the entire property is 37 acres. Horrigan reminded the group that there was a previous plan for this property that was put in front of this Commission that would be considered a feasible and prudent alternative to this plan. The group agreed to view the site individually and determine whether this plan will have a potential impact and if this proposal is a significant activity.

Fran Hodges – 20 Chalybes Rd – Preliminary discussion of plans for a tree farm

Chairman Dirienzo explained that a complaint was received regarding work around the pond. Fran Hodges came forward and explained that he merely took down some brush. He noted that this area of the property was a tree farm since 1962. The area needs to be cleared so that it is plantable again. The trees will be planted with a shovel. Approximately 2 acres will be cleared which will include large trees. The only wetland area is the pond which is a man-made pond.

Dirienzo explained that this is exempt under the regulations as agricultural activity; however, it was necessary that he come before the Commission to review the plan. John Cody should be kept apprised of the activity as it progresses.

MOTION: To grant an agricultural exemption for a tree farm for Fran Hodges – 20 Chalybes Rd. By Dirienzo, seconded by Engel and carried unanimously.

MOTION: To add to the agenda Sweeney - 27 Willow Brook Rd. - Riding Rink & Barn. By Dirienzo, seconded by Horrigan and carried unanimously.

Sweeney - 27 Willow Brook Rd. - Riding Rink & Barn

Brian Neff came forward and reviewed a plan dated 8/4/16 entitled Proposed Site Plan for a 23,000 square feet indoor riding rink and barn. A small septic system is included in the plan. He reviewed the proposed large underground drainage system. All activity is outside the 100 foot regulated area. An as-built of the septic and drainage will be submitted. The total parcel size is 10.5 acres.

MOTION: To approve as a nonregulated the application of Sweeney - 27 Willow Brook Rd. - Riding Rink & Barn. By Dirienzo, seconded by Smoliga and carried unanimously.

REPORTS

WEO Report

The WEO Report dated 8/23/16 was confirmed as received by the members.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 8:36 p.m. by Engel, seconded by Papas and carried unanimously 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,
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Tai Kern, Secretary

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ROXBURY INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 27, 2016

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Dirienzo called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Members Present: Russell Dirienzo, Andy Engel, Sue Fitch and Rob Horrigan

Alternates Present: Rose Krantz

Others Present: Paul Szymanski, Leland Torrence, Peter Tavino, Jeff Sharpe, and Brian McDonald

SEATING OF MEMBERS

Chairman Dirienzo seated members Engel, Dirienzo, Horrigan, Fitch and Alternate Krantz was seated for Smoliga.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting - August 23, 2016

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the 08/23/16 Regular meeting. By Engel, seconded by Horrigan and carried 3-0-2. Fitch and Krantz abstained.

COMMUNICATION WITH THE PUBLIC

N/A

OLD BUSINESS

Oberkirch – 127 River Road – Single-family dwelling

Paul Szymanski of AH Howland came forward with a plan dated 8/18/16 entitled Proposed Site Development Plan. John Smoliga's report from his site walk was read.

Andy Engel noted his concern with the 20% grade on the driveway and lack of drainage. He questioned why the house needs to be so close to the river. Sue Fitch was also concerned with the closeness of house site to the Shepaug. She was concerned with a loss of the mature trees for the driveway and along the river bank which help stabilize the soil. She asked if the highest point of the river was measured with regard to the setback.

Paul Szymanski clarified that there is no disturbance within 50 feet of the river and all the trees will stay in that area. The intent is to leave the property in its natural state. The runoff will go to a recharge system. Minimal earthwork is required because the work is within 1 foot of the existing grade. He explained that they are retaining most of the trees. The existing stone wall will remain to act as a level spreader. Ms. Oberkirch would like to keep the driveway as dirt.

Rob Horrigan noted concerns with the fact that the driveway does not follow the old wood road. Mr. Szymanski explained that the intent is to bank the low side, but he can make adjustments to the plan to cut and fill. Mr. Horrigan also noted his concern with the potential thermal impact to the Shepaug and questioned why the house could not be slid back away from the river.

Mr. Szymanski explained that by building closer to the resource it is found that most are more sensitive to the impact. This site is for the enjoyment of the river. He will look into a potential for thermal impact and also cutting and filling for the driveway.

Mr. Dirienzo explained that once a plan like this is approved it is very difficult to enforce afterward. This river is the

most important resource to Roxbury. He would like to see a better buffer to protect the river. He has viewed the site and feels there are feasible and prudent alternatives. Mr. Dirienzo noted that there is an alternative which has been approved in a previous plan.

Mr. Szymanski explained that the drainage plan is sized for a 4 inch storm, but can be sized for a 100 year flood if necessary. Chairman Dirienzo advised that he is going to ask Sean Hayden to review this application.

Ms. Fitch reminded the group that part of their charge is to protect public and private use and values.

Leyland Torrence was hired to site this house and spoke about the process that the owner has been through to find the right location this house. She felt she had made a mistake with the first house site.

Russell Dirienzo reported that he spoke with the Land Trust and they are not opposed to the proposed location of the house. He spoke about the 100 year flood plain and the protection standards that must be met. He would want to know that the 50 foot setback was protected. Paul Szymanski noted that he will look to ensure future owners will continue to protect the river. Mr. Szymanski agreed to forward all the information regarding this proposal to Sean Hayden for his review.

NEW BUSINESS

Tavino – 1055 Washington Woodbury Road – Geothermal borehole, curtain drain and brick pavers

Peter Tavino, Professional Engineer, came forward with this application for one geothermal well. All activity is outside the buffer zone. Mr. Tavino described the process for installation. A double layer of silt fence will be used for erosion control. Photos of the site were distributed. He explained that this will be a combination of geothermal with a curtain drain below. He confirmed that the stream is below the area, but this will not cut off the water supply to the wetlands as it is behind the house.

MOTION: To approve the application of Tavino – 1055 Washington Woodbury Road – Geothermal borehole, curtain drain and brick pavers as a nonregulated activity and to return the fee to the applicant.
By Dirienzo, seconded by Horrigan and carried 5-0.

McDonald – 6 Baker Road – Accessory Building

Mr. Brian McDonald came forward as agent for this application and explained that this activity was previously approved; however, the time on the permit has run out. Mr. Dirienzo remembered this application as not being a problem. The Commission viewed the map dated 9/20/16 entitled Site Plan by Brian Neff. It was noted that this activity is 33 feet from the wetlands, but was approved because it was found there would be no impact and there was no alternative location.

Mr. McDonald agreed to stake the corners and the Commission will view the site individually. Brian McDonald will notify the LUO when it is staked.

REPORTS

WEO Report

N/A

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. By Engel, seconded by Horrigan and carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Tai Kern

Tai Kern, Secretary

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ROXBURY INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING OCTOBER 25, 2016

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Dirienzo called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Members Present: Russell Dirienzo, Andy Engel, Sue Fitch, John Smoliga and Rob Horrigan

Others Present: Brian Neff, Charlie Jackson, Fran Hodge

SEATING OF MEMBERS

Chairman Dirienzo seated members Engel, Dirienzo, Horrigan, Smoliga and Fitch.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting - September 27, 2016

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the 09/27/16 Regular meeting. By Engel, seconded by Fitch and carried 4-0-1. Smoliga abstained.

COMMUNICATION WITH THE PUBLIC

N/A

OLD BUSINESS

Oberkirch – 127 River Road – Single-family dwelling

Chairman Dirienzo reported that Sean Hayden will view site this tomorrow. An extension was given for another month.

McDonald – 6 Baker Road – Accessory Building

Brian Neff came forward and reported that the barn is as far from wetlands as possible and in a flat area. He noted the erosion control and stock pile area on the map and confirmed that frost footings will be used. No formal driveway is being proposed and no leader drains are to be used.

Rob Horrigan voiced concerns with what will be stored in the barn due to its proximity to wetlands. The proposal is 33 feet from wetlands and disturbance will be 16 feet from the wetlands. Mr. Neff reported that the barn is to be used for general storage. It is stated on the plan that farming type usage will not be permitted.

MOTION: To approve the application of McDonald – 6 Baker Road – Accessory Building as a regulated activity. By Smoliga, seconded by Fitch and carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Jackson – 30 Falls Road – Selective tree cutting

Charlie Jackson came forward with the Site Development Plan dated 1/4/15. He would like to selectively cut a 60 foot wide area of mostly hemlocks for a view of the river and will stay at least 50 feet from the wetland. He agreed to flag the trees he would like to remove and Fitch will view the site.

MOTION: To add Hodges - 18/20 Chalybes Rd. - Pond dredging. By Dirienzo, seconded by Engel and carried unanimously.

Hodges - 18/20 Chalybes Rd. - Pond dredging

Chairman Dirienzo reminded the group that tree cutting was approved by this Commission. Since then Mr. Dirienzo and WEO Cody viewed the site regarding the tree cutting and other business related complaints. He did not find a problem with the tree cutting that was done or any wetland related concerns.

Chairman Dirienzo advised that Mr. Hodge has a right to dig out the pond as a maintenance activity. Mr. Hodge came forward and confirmed that he has no intention of enlarging the pond. He agreed to stake the existing pond. He will place the silt temporarily near the pond and use it on site to fill a dip and will take balance off site. The plan is to go no further than 5-6 feet deep, which should open up spring. Hay bales and silt fencing will be using for the stock pile area.

MOTION: To approve the application of Hodges - 18/20 Chalybes Rd. - Pond dredging as maintenance. No fee shall be collected. By Dirienzo, seconded by Fitch and carried unanimously.

MOTION: To add to the agenda the application of Booth - 31 Grassy Hill - Removal of Invasive Vegetation from Regulated Area. By Horrigan, seconded by Engel and carried unanimously.

Booth - 31 Grassy Hill - Removal of Invasive Vegetation from Regulated Area

Brian Neff came forward regarding removing invasives within the regulated and wetland area by hand. He noted the two proposed areas for this activity on Soil Erosion & Sediment Control Plan dated 10/22/16. He confirmed that only invasives will be removed and the native species will remain untouched.

MOTION: To approve the application of Booth - 31 Grassy Hill - Removal of Invasive Vegetation from Regulated Area as a nonregulated maintenance activity. By Dirienzo, seconded by Smoliga and carried unanimously.

WEO REPORT - The WEO Report dated 10/20/16 was included in the members' packets.

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 8:00 P.M. By Engel, seconded by Horrigan and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Tai Kern, Secretary

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ROXBURY INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING NOVEMBER 22, 2016

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Dirienzo called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Members Present: Russell Dirienzo, Sue Fitch, Drew Wood and Rob Horrigan

Others Present: Jeremy Oskandy and Charlie Jackson

SEATING OF MEMBERS

Chairman Dirienzo seated members Dirienzo, Horrigan, and Fitch. Wood was seated for Smoliga

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting, October 25, 2016

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the 10/25/16 Regular meeting. By Horrigan, seconded by Fitch and carried 4-0.

COMMUNICATION WITH THE PUBLIC

N/A

OLD BUSINESS

Oberkirch – 127 River Road – Single-family dwelling

Chairman Dirienzo reported that Sean Hayden viewed the site and offered many helpful comments. He explained that most of the concerns are with the steep driveway and whether the house can be moved back on the site.

Jeremy Oskandy of Arthur Howland & Assoc. came forward and reviewed the plan revised November 18, 2016 and addressed Sean Hayden's comments. He noted that the intent of the drainage plan is to slow down the water on the site and pitch it off to the side on the driveway. He reviewed the details of the driveway drainage plan.

Mr. Oskandy advised that the entire plan would require revision if the house placement was to be moved. A limit of disturbance was noted on the map and to assure that no trees are to be in this area in perpetuity this shall be placed on the land record as a declaration of Inland Wetland and Watercourse. He noted the erosion control measures to be used during construction.

Mr. Horrigan suggested a marker system for the proposed protected area. It was agreed that a fence, stone wall or series of boulders would be used for this purpose. It was agreed that this marker should be installed in advance of the beginning of work on the site. The site should be permanently marked between the two ledge outcroppings and all along the limit of disturbance. Mr. Horrigan noted that it is important that there is communication between the project manager and the enforcement officer to confirm everything is done as stated on the plan.

MOTION: To approve the application of Oberkirch – 127 River Road – Single-family dwelling as a regulated activity upon the following conditions:

- The LUO shall be notified within 7 business days of start of any construction.
- A structure such as a fence, boulders, stone wall, etc. shall be proposed by the permittee on the orange line shown on the approved map revised 11/18/16 and shall be constructed 30 days prior to construction along orange setback line from ledge to ledge in front of the house.
- A second area denoted with a dotted line on map dated 11/18/16 shall be as proposed to be marked with

a structure by applicant and built 30 days before construction and approved by WEO.
Motion by Dirienzo, seconded Wood by and carried 4-0.

A copy of the revised map was submitted for the record. Arthur Howland & Assoc. will deliver a PE sealed map to the LUO next week.

Jackson – 30 Falls Road – Selective tree cutting

Ms. Fitch reported that she viewed the site and found no concerns. She reviewed the plan with the Commission and described the site. She suggested that the WEO monitor this project to assure that only the marked trees are cut.

MOTION: To approved the application of Jackson – 30 Falls Road – Selective tree cutting as a regulated activity upon the condition that the WEO is notified within 5 days prior to cutting and follow-up upon the completion of work. By Fitch, seconded by Horrigan and carried unanimously.

WEO REPORT & LIST OF PERMITS

The WEO Report dated November 2016 that was included in the members' packets was reviewed.

Chairman Dirienzo reminded the Commission that on Old Roxbury Road the removal of knotweed was approved; however, he finds the use of the grass in its place troubling. Fitch suggested that the approval for this activity be reviewed with regard to the restoration of the site. The Commission requested that the WEO notify land owner that this area is not a lawn and shall not be maintained as one. WEO should continue to monitor the site to assure this is followed.

Mr. Dirienzo reported that he has asked the WEO to investigate the work being done at the cemetery.

WETLANDS MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2017

The members confirmed the receipt of the 2017 Meeting Schedule in their packets.

MOTION: To approve the Wetlands Meeting Schedule for 2017. Motion by Horrigan, seconded by Fitch and carried 4-0.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2017

Chairman:

Horrigan nominated Russell Dirienzo as Chairman of the IWC for 2017. The nomination was seconded by Fitch.

MOTION: To close the nominations for Chairman. By Horrigan, seconded by Fitch and carried unanimously.

MOTION: To elect Russell Dirienzo as Chairman of the IWC for 2017. By Horrigan, seconded by Fitch and carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman:

Dirienzo nominated Andy Engel as Vice Chairman of the IWC for 2017. The nomination was seconded by Horrigan.

MOTION: To close the nominations for Vice Chairman. By Dirienzo, seconded by Horrigan and carried unanimously.

MOTION: To elect Andy Engel as Vice Chairman of the IWC for 2017. By Dirienzo, seconded by Horrigan and carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 8:20 P.M. By Fitch, seconded by Horrigan and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Tai Kern

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ROXBURY INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING DECEMBER 20, 2016

CANCELLATION NOTICE

The Regular Meeting of the Roxbury Inland Wetlands Commission scheduled for December 20, 2016 has been cancelled. The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for January 24, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Eddy
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Land Use Administrator