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**MORRIS INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
COMMUNITY HALL
MORRIS, Ct. 06763**

October 2020

The regular October 8, 2020 meeting was called to order by the chair at 7:00 pm downstairs in the Community Hall. Present were Connie Trolle, Clif Wheeler, Giles Giovinazzi, and Mike Doyle. Also present were Tom Moran, Chris Edmonds, Rick Edwards, and one other.

The minutes of the regular September 10, 2020 meeting were accepted as written.

Old Business

Application 20-16 from Martin Fletcher to repair the lake edge at 259 East Shore Road was considered. This site was visited, and found that the dry stone wall had been finished by the contractor (while the owner was out of the state). The wall as constructed protects the bank from erosion in the short term. But the vertical wall is susceptible to damage from both wave action and winter ice, and the lake bed to the wave action as it rebounds from the wall. Mr. Fletcher said they are willing to add boulder riprap along the wall to absorb the energy from wave action and to protect the wall proper from ice damage. It was suggested that this be made a condition of approval. On a motion by Connie Trolle, seconded by Clif Wheeler, it was **VOTED** unanimously to approve this application to protect the lake edge with the suggested condition.

New Business

Application 20-17 from Thomas Moran for seawall and lawn repair at 8 Evans Passway was considered. This site was visited. The rock and cement wall has areas where the rocks have fallen out of the wall, and the lawn behind the wall has holes where the water from the lawn has gone behind the wall. Mr. Moran stated that he will have the rocks replaced into the wall, and fill the holes in the lawn area behind the wall with gravel covered with fabric, and topsoil. The lawn edge area will be raised to allow the runoff to go over the wall. On a motion by Connie Trolle, seconded by Clif Wheeler, it was **VOTED** unanimously to approve this application for repairs to an existing structure as required by the regulations.

Application 20-18 from C & R Leasing for a 30 x 70 storage building at 71 Benedict Road was considered. Included with the application is an letter-sized copy of the building area of the site plan with the location of the proposed building drawn in. The original site plan shows that the area of the driveway was filled to bring it level with the building. The proposed building location is over the slope from that fill. Mr. Edwards explained that the proposal is to construct a retaining wall to raise the location to the driveway height. An existing drainage pipe that currently exits that slope would be extended through the wall. It was noted that the pond and wetlands are nearly 200 feet from the proposed activity. Mr. Edwards stated that the retaining wall will be designed by an engineer, and that the design can be sent to the commission. On a motion by Connie Trolle, seconded by Clif Wheeler, it was **VOTED** unanimously to approve this application for activity in the review area with the condition that the engineered plans are sent to the commission to add to the file.

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Application 20-19 from Chris Edmonds to repair a seawall at 48 Brunetto Grove was considered. Mr. Edmonds had received a permit to replace the timber lake edge with stone on permit 13-469. This past winter a corner of the wall was damaged by the ice, and Mr. Edmonds proposes to have the damage repaired by Leon Harris. On a motion by Connis Trolle, seconded by Clif Wheeler, it was **VOTED** unanimously to approve this application for repairs to an existing structure as required by the regulations.

Other Business

There was no other business and the meeting was adjourned at 7:39 pm.

Respectfully submitted,