

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

August 2022

Received August 15, 2022 <i>Laura Haffner</i> Town Clerk

The regular August 11, 2022 meeting was called to order by the chair at 4:00 pm downstairs in the Community Hall. Present were Doreen Gagnon, Connie Trolle, Clif Wheeler, alternate member Robin Viola, and Mike Doyle; Giles Giovinazzi was going to call in but was unable to attend and Robin Viola was appointed to take his position. Also present were Dennis McMorrow, Monica Richmond, Laurie Potter, Lisa Turoczi and others.

The minutes of the regular July 14, 2022 meeting were accepted as written.

Old Business

Application 22-22 from Earth Tones as agent for the Bantam Lake Yacht Club for shoreline restoration at 1 Yacht Club Passway was considered. This site was visited by the members. Lisa Turoczi submitted a new plan, explaining that the boulder wall at the edge of the water has been changed to random boulders placed to buffer the wave action and hold the mesh in place, and will allow the water to enter the area as the water rises. The plantings will survive being covered with water at high levels. Logs will be placed at the edge of the lawn, and will define the lake edge. The existing grade within the lake bed in the restoration area will be covered with partially decomposed wood chips covered with bank run gravel. Shredded bark mulch will be placed over the gravel and covered with a jute mesh held in place by the logs and the boulders. The plantings will be placed through the jute mesh. On a motion by Connie Trolle, seconded by Doreen Gagnon, it was **VOTED** unanimously to approve this proposal that will protect from continued erosion to the benefit of the lake.

New Business

Application 22-24 was received from Monica Richmond to demolish an existing structure and construct a new house, well, drive, and pool at 274 Bantam Lake Road. Also submitted was a site plan dated 8-5-22 by Berkshire Engineering, including: sheet EC1, Demolition Plan; sheet S1, Development Plan; sheet SU1, Utilities; and sheet E1, Erosion and Sediment Control. Dennis McMorrow explained that there will be a new well below the proposed home, limited to that area because of distance requirements from sewer manholes. There is a pergola at the front of the house over pavers that have an under drain. A swale beside the house leads to a lawn drain. The under drain, lawn drain, roof runoff and footing drains all are piped to a rip-rapped level spreader above the wet area. Mr. McMorrow said he did not design a rain garden because the previously approved enhanced wetlands plan will serve the same function.

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Application 22-25 was received from Scott Swimming Pools as agent for Ken and Amy Hershman for a 17'x45' in-ground swimming pool and pool house at 312 Bantam lake Road. Also submitted was: a letter of authorization (not dated); an approval dated 8-10-22 from TAHD; a pool design dated 8-9-22 by Scott pools; and a survey dated 12 Feb 20 by Civil 1, with a conceptual site design dated 4 Apr 22 by Hinkel Design Group that includes a new house that is not included in the application. Laurie Potter from Scott Pools explained that the 16 x 45' gunite constructed pool will be 135 feet from the lake in a relatively flat area above the slope down to the lake. A line of hay bales is proposed just below the construction site. The pool is shown with a patio, approximately centered across the 107 foot wide lot with 30 feet on each side and the 15 x 12' pool house is on the same level as the pool. Laurie Potter explained that excavated material will be stockpiled on site. Any material not needed will be removed from the site. This will be on next month's agenda.

Application 22-26 was received from Darryl Maslak for building demolition at 131 Bantam Lake Road. This property had several cottages, and the former house burned. All will be removed. This will be on next month's agenda.

An Application from the Town to pump down and dredge mud from fire ponds was not submitted to the Town Clerk until the day of the meeting, and has not been assigned an application number and logged in, so could not be received at this meeting. Mike Doyle reported that he spoke with Kyle Rosenbeck about a permit for fire ponds, needing only for the commission to be informed before the work proposed on an individual fire pond commenced. At present there are three fire ponds to be maintained: Straits Turnpike (work has begun); Esthers Lane and Route 61; Higbie Road and Route 109. The application will be submitted to the Town Clerk to be logged in and received at next month's meeting.

Other Business

There was no other business and the meeting was adjourned at 5:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,