

**MORRIS INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION  
COMMUNITY HALL  
MORRIS, CT 06763**

December, 2022

A hearing on Application 22-32 from John Maxwell as agent for Robert Ebner to build a seawall at 38A Brunetto Grove was opened at 4:00 pm downstairs in the Community Hall. Members present were Connie Trolle, Doreen Gagnon, Clif Wheeler, and Mike Doyle; also present were John and Mary Maxwell, Engjell Cikoli, Rich Hall, and Dennis McMorro. Giles Giovinazzi was unable to attend, and Robin Viola called to say she was not feeling well and would not attend.

The proposal is to build a seawall from the properties on both sides across an open area where the lake edge at 38A is recessed behind the other properties, cutting this open area off from the lake. Mr. Maxwell stated that he has purchased the property, and submitted a sketch of the properties showing the existing seawall on his property to the south, a seawall along the property to the north, and the proposed wall connecting these two with the existing lake edge well behind the proposed wall. When asked he said he would fill behind the proposed wall. He said that wave action is eroding the lake edge and the proposed wall will protect the property.

It was noted that an alternative to the proposed wall placed out from the existing lake edge would be to protect the lake edge where it is, causing less disturbance to the lake. Rocks could be placed at the lake edge to protect it from erosion due to wave action. Vertical walls cause wave energy to be pushed back into the lake bed while rocks placed at an angle will absorb the wave energy. It was observed that the property to the north does not have a seawall, but rocks protect the shore.

Mr. Maxwell said there is a 12" pipe on the property that has an eight-foot wide maintenance easement. He did not know the source of the water, or who had the maintenance easement. He also said that some properties not on the lake had access rights through the property to the lake. When asked if these properties had been notified of his proposal he noted that he did not know all their names, or how to contact them. He said he purchased the property to be able to meet setback requirements for additions to his house. He said he was not building on this property, and the other parties would still have access to the lake.

Mr. Maxwell asked if stairs could be used to access the lake if rocks are used to protect the shoreline, and was told they could be used. The hearing was concluded with Mr. Maxwell coming to the next meeting with a modified proposal to protect the lake edge with rocks. Mr. Maxwell was also going to see if he could get information on the pipe, and the properties that have access through this property. The hearing was closed at 4:35 pm.

The regular November 10, 2022 meeting was called to order by the chair immediately after the hearing.

The minutes of the regular November 10, 2022 meeting were accepted as written.

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**Old Business**

Application 22-32 from John Maxwell as agent for Robert Ebner for a seawall at 38A Brunetto Grove was not considered, and will be on next month's agenda.

Application 22-33 from Borghesi Building and Engineering Co. as agent for i2 Systems for a three-phase building addition at 355 Bantam Lake Road was considered. Rich Hall reiterated that with the proposed swale and detention pond less runoff will leave the area after the project than occurs at present. On a motion by Connie Trolle, seconded by Doreen Gagnon, it was **VOTED** unanimously to approve this application that should have no impact on the wetland areas.

Application 22-34 from John Dufour to remove an existing gravel drive, and construct an open pavilion over the existing patio at 250 Bantam Lake Road was considered. Mr. McMorrow explained that the gravel drive will be removed to reduce the percent of pervious surface on the property, and noted that the runoff from the proposed pavilion will be piped to the existing rain garden. On a motion by Connie Trolle, seconded by Clif Wheeler, it was **VOTED** to approve this application that should have no impact to the lake.

**New Business**

Application 22-36 was received from Jonathan Martin for a cabin, well, and septic at 12 Marsh Point. Also submitted was a septic system design dated 7-12-22 by Hrica Associates, and building design dated 8-31-22 by D. Tarinelli. The application notes that approvals have been received from White Memorial and DEEP, and that from TAHD is pending. The building will be placed on a slab and there will be no footing drains. This will be on next month's agenda.

**Other Business**

It was agreed to continue to meet at 4:00 pm on the second Thursday through 2023.

Colin Pottbecker as agent for James McEvoy has indicated that Mr. McEvoy did not want him to do the work to re-mediate the site at 108 Bantam Lake Road (Permit 22-15). This, and 245 Thomaston Road, will be referred to Attorney Byrne.

There was no other business and the meeting was adjourned at 4:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,