MORRIS INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION COMMUNITY HALL MORRIS, CT 06763

March, 2023

The regular March 9, 2023 meeting was called to order by the chair at 4:12 pm downstairs in the Community Hall. Present were Connie Trolle, Robin Viola, Doreen Gagnon, Clif Wheeler, and Mike Doyle. Also present were Quentin Green, Greg Green, Michael Funaro, Ken and Sharon Moody, Barbara Brown, Eva Marie St. John, and Alex Hargrave.

The minutes of the regular February 9, 2023 meeting were accepted as written.

On a motion by Connie Trolle, seconded by Doreen Gagnon, it was **VOTED** unanimously to add to the agenda Application 23-05 under new business.

Old Business

Application 23-03 from Green and Sons for regrading and a swale to divert road runoff to a retaining area at 120 Burgess Road was discussed. This site was visited on February 12. A descriptive page for a Western Global Fuel Cell double-walled diesel storage tank was submitted. Also received was a letter (with two photos) dated 2-28-2023 from the office of Litwin Asman P.C. on behalf of Alexander M. Hargrave, Eva Marie St. John, and Barbara Brown (neighbors) regarding concerns they have since the property was purchased by Green Acres of Morris LLC. Mr. Ken Moody also has many of the same concerns. Having a hearing on the application was discussed, but as many of the concerns might better be addressed to Zoning and the neighbors were present and could address the concers now a hearing was felt unnecessary. Mr. Hargrave also submitted a letter dated 3-9-2023, and spoke to the members of these concerns. Mr. Hargrave stated that the matter was going to be addressed at a hearing of the Zoning Commission on April 5 and asked that this application not be voted on until after that hearing. Noting that a decision was not required until the next meeting it was agreed to table this item until the April 13, 2023 meeting.

The Town has asked for an extension of Permit 20-22 for a solar array at 267 Lakeside as plans to construct the array move forward. On a motion by Connie Trolle, seconded by Clif Wheeler, it was **VOTED** unanimously to approve this extension.

New Business

Application 23-04 was received from Michael Funaro as agent for Julius Funaro to rebuild a seawall and replace steps at 11 Yacht Club Passway. Some photos were also submitted. Mr. Funaro explained that the existing wall will be rebuilt to the same size and location using mainly the same material except perhaps for stone for the steps to replace the irregular, unsafe stones in the existing steps. The work will be done when the lake is low (as it is now). This will be on the next month's agenda.

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Application 23-05 was received from Ron Fiddler for a 20'x30' shed at 57 N. Terrell Farm Road. The application states that a Kloter Farms pre-fab for a woodworking shop will be placed on a gravel base. This application was submitted at the last minute yesterday, in response to the Wetlands sign off requirement by the building official. It is likely that a permit would not have been required if this project had been reviewed before the meeting. There were sentiments expressed to return the fee to the applicant, but Mike Doyle said that once the application was submitted it was too late. It was suggested that we require a review of applications prior to submittal, which would also eliminate last minute submittals. On a motion by Doreen Gagnon, seconded by Connie Trolle, it was **VOTED** unanimously to approve this application.

Other Business

Possible changes to the dock regulations will remain on the agenda for the next meeting.

There was no other business and the meeting was adjourned at 5:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,