

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

February, 2023

The regular February 9, 2023 meeting was called to order by the chair at 4:00 pm downstairs in the Community Hall. Present were Connie Trolle, Robin Viola, Doreen Gagnon, Clif Wheeler, and Mike Doyle. Also present were Ben Paletsky, Quentin Green, Greg Green, Kurt Heneveld, Ken Moody, and others.

The minutes of the regular January 8, 2022 meeting were accepted as written.

Old Business

Application 22-32 from John Maxwell for a seawall at 38A Brunetto Grove was considered. Since Mr. Maxwell has not responded since the hearing, his proposal 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 bed and then filling it, will be considered on the information from the hearing. He stated that the purpose is to prevent erosion to the lake bank on the property. An alternative with less impact was suggested to place rocks at the existing lake edge to protect that bank from erosion. Stating that there is a feasible alternative to the plan that will have less impact to the lake, on a motion by Connie Trolle, seconded by Clif Wheeler, it was **VOTED** unanimously to deny this application for permit.

Application 23-01 from Ben Paletsky for food trucks and parking at the s-w corner of Rts 63 and 109 was considered. Mr. Paletsky submitted a revised site plan dated 1-17-2023 with details of a three-foot wide and two-foot deep pretreatment filter strip that will collect the runoff from the area. Any over flow will be spread out along the strip to prevent erosion of the bank. On a motion by Connie Trolle, seconded by Doreen Gagnon, it was **VOTED** unanimously to approve this application that that should have no impact to the wetlands.

Application 23-02 from Kurt Heneveld for a living room extension at 4 Esthers Lane Extension was considered. A sketch of the house showing the proposed addition has been submitted. Mr. Heneveld explained that the addition will be on piers. On a motion by Connie Trolle, seconded by Clif Wheeler, it was **VOTED** unanimously to approve this application that should have no impact on the wetlands..

New Business

Application 23-03 was received from Green and Sons for regrading and a swale to divert road runoff to a retaining area at 120 Burgess Road. Also submitted was an undated letter from ZEO Jeton Adili to Quentin Green stating: "to whom it may concern" there was a preexisting non-conforming use as an excavating company on the property. Also submitted were several photos of the pond and graded areas with silt fencing, pipes on the property, and a rock lined swale. Quentin Green explained that a pair of pipes with road drainage emptied onto the property, where the swale directed the runoff to a settling pond before it entered the pond. Ken and Sharon Moody addressed the members with concerns regarding the cutting of trees, and concerns that changes will lead to flooding on their (neighboring) property. It was agreed to visit the site on Sunday morning at 9:00.

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Other Business

We have received an invoice from Steven Byrne (invoice 23-02-032j): for 2.8 hours, \$490.00. On a motion by Connie Trolle, seconded by Doreen Gagnon, it was **VOTED** unanimously to approve payment of this invoice.

A letter was received from the Bantam Lake Protective Association regarding expanding regulations on docks. Connie Trolle will send members the regulations from another town. This will be discussed at another meeting.

There was no other business and the meeting was adjourned at 4:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,