

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

April, 2023

The regular April 13, 2023 meeting was called to order by the chair at 4:04 pm downstairs in the Community Hall. Present were Connie Trolle, Robin Viola, Doreen Gagnon, and Mike Doyle; Clif Wheeler was unable to attend. Also present were Quentin Green, Greg Green, Michael Funaro, Ken and Sharon Moody, Barbara Brown, Eva Marie St. John, Alex Hargrave, Colin Pottbecker, Alan Bernadini, and others.

The minutes of the regular March 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 23-08 under new business.

**Old Business**

Application 23-03 from Green and Sons for regrading, and a swale to divert road runoff to a retaining basin at 120 Burgess Road was considered. Alexander Hargrave spoke regarding the previous mining operation. Ken Moody spoke about the grading on the property, and the wet areas by the road and by the raised driveway. The Zoning questions are still in the process, but the time has run out for the Wetlands decision. Mike Doyle stated that by statute wetland areas are based on soil type. The wet area by the road received road runoff, which was now directed by way of a stone lined swale to a collection basin before entering the pond. The applicant will maintain these as they are. The area around the pond in the review area has been graded and stabilized. The other area to the west of the pond may still have the grade raised, and should have no impact on the pond. Any further activity beyond this will require Wetlands approval before any work is done. The applicant will put in a catch basin for the area by the driveway, directing runoff to the stone lined swale. On a motion by Connie Trolle, seconded by Doreen Gagnon, it was **VOTED** unanimously to approve this application with the conditions that the proposed catch basin be put in place, and that any further work requires Wetlands approval prior to beginning.

Application 23-04 from Michael Funaro as agent for Julius Funaro to rebuild a seawall and replace steps at 11 Yacht Club Passway was considered. The existing wall will be rebuilt to the same size and location using mainly the same material, and new stone for the steps. This is maintenance to an existing structure as allowed in the regulations, and on a motion by Connie Trolle, seconded by Doreen Gagnon, it was **VOTED** unanimously to approve this application.

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**New Business**

Application 23-06 from Patricia Kennedy for a 12 x 16 shed at 56 John Weik Road was considered. This project had been discussed at a Wednesday land use meeting when an application was deemed necessary. The shed will be placed on a gravel pad about 25 feet from the pond. On a motion by Connie Trolle, seconded by Robin Viola, it was **VOTED** unanimously to approve this application that should have no impact on the wetlands.

Application 23-07 was received from Gary Giordano as agent for George Barone for house addition and new septic at 13 Kenyon Road. Also submitted was a site plan by Gary Giordano dated 3-20-23, and a letter of authorization dated 4-13-2023. The proposed addition will require a new septic system and will include a pump chamber. A new well is also proposed. There is a wetland area on the adjacent property, and both the old and the proposed fields are within the 100' review area. Mr Giordano could not be present for this meeting. This will be on next month's agenda.

Application 23-08 was received from Colin Pottbecker as agent for Steve Medina for a 20 x 20 wood patio with a 4 x 4 concrete dock pad at 53 Palmer Road. Also submitted was a sketch, and an aerial view of the property. It is proposed to support the patio with helical piles, and to remove soil immediately below the patio and replace it with gravel. All work will be done behind the seawall. This will be on next month's agenda.

**Other Business**

Mike Doyle reported that notice regarding Washington activity permit at 171 West Morris Road had been received. Earth Tones was working with the property owner to create walking paths, remove invasive plants, and plant native species.

Possible changes to the dock regulations including proposals of requiring a permit, and requiring emergency house numbers on the docks were mentioned. It was agreed to work to finalize possible change proposals in coming meetings in preparation for a hearing some time in the future.

There was no other business and the meeting was adjourned at 4:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted,