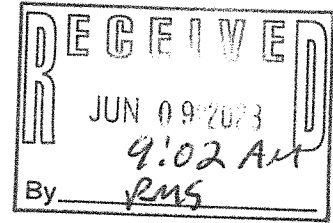


**MORRIS INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
COMMUNITY HALL
MORRIS, CT 06763**



June, 2023

The regular June 8, 2023 meeting was called to order by the chair at 4:00 pm downstairs in the Community Hall. Present were Connie Trolle, Doreen Gagnon, Robin Viola, Clif Wheeler, and Mike Doyle; also present were Quentin Green, Greg Green, John Maxwell, Mark Skilton, Tom Weik, Scott Pottbecker, Susie Pregno, and others.

The minutes of the regular May 11, 2023 meeting were accepted as written.

Old Business

Application 23-10 from from Lamb Chop, LLC for a sewer connection at 425 Bantam Lake Road was considered. On a motion by Connie Trolle, seconded by Clif Wheeler, it was **VOTED** unanimously to approve this activity that will not impact wetlands.

Permit 22-15 remedial modification from Alex Tanning as agent for James McEvoy at 208 BLR was moved to other business.

New Business

Application 23-09 from Green Acres LLC for grading and seeding at 120 Burgess Road was considered. Mr. Green said that the work will include replacing the pipe from the sedimentation basin to the pond. Silt fences will continue to be used to protect from erosion. On a motion by Connie Trolle, seconded by Clif Wheeler, it was **VOTED** unanimously to approve this project to improve the site of gravel excavation.

Application 23-11 from Lori Lichtenauer of Conn Wood as agent for Chris Savage for a timber harvest off Pitch Road was considered. The property is listed as 0 Thomaston Road and Pitch Road for the City of Waterbury. This timber harvest is part of the one by Conn Wood just extended by the Commission. On a motion by Connie Trolle, seconded by Doreen Gagnon, it was **VOTED** unanimously to approve this application for an as-of-right activity overseen by Conn Wood.

Application 23-12 from the Town of Morris to install a pad for the handicap dock access ramp at the Town boat launch was considered. The 5 x 7 x 12" pad will be constructed back from the water, and as First Selectman Tom Wiek said will allow handicap access to the dock. On a motion by Connie Trolle, seconded by Doreen Gagnon, it was **VOTED** unanimously to approve this application that will not affect the lake.

The Town Road Foreman said they plan to clean a pond on Platt Farm Road. First Selectman Tom Wiek reported they will consider putting in a dry hydrant. In a previous meeting it was agreed that the routine maintenance of fire ponds will not require individual permits, just a notification to the Commission of the ponds as the work is scheduled.

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Other Business

The Commission has received many complaints of a “Marina” at 106 Bantam Lake Road. A letter was sent to the property owner that the dock was in violation of the Morris Inland Wetlands Regulations. Mark Skilton told the members that a marina was allowed in the Lake Recreational Zone, and he did not realize that docks were regulated, but he felt the marina dock was allowed. There was some discussion regarding the term marina, and about the material used to float these older docks. Mr. Skilton can in the future return with a application for a marina, but the docks should be removed. Mr. Skilton said he needed time to prepare a place to store them. Noting that the docks do not conform to the regulations, on a motion by Connie Trolle, seconded by Clif Wheeler, it was **VOTED** unanimously that the docks in question must be removed before the Fourth of July.

A proposal to re-mediate the property a 108 Bantam Lake Road has been received from Alex Tanning as agent for Mr. McEvoy. Mr. Tanning placed stakes indicating the extent of the top of the bank (14 feet from the road). Mike Doyle told Mr. Tanning that the stakes should be moved back about 30 inches. Mr. McEvoy sent a letter directly to the members objecting to losing 30 inches of his property, and said the stakes locate the original location of the grass at the top of the bank, and included a picture of the stakes. Comparing pictures it was not clear where the top of the bank should be, and it was agreed to have Connie Trolle and Mike Doyle meet with Mr. McEvoy to reach agreement on the location of the stakes to allow the remediation to begin. The matter will return to the members when agreement is reached.

It has been tentatively agreed that it is desirable to required house numbers on docks for water safety, the details for different roads to be worked out. A registration of docks as the numbers are affixed will need a form as yet to be determined.

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

Respectfully submitted,