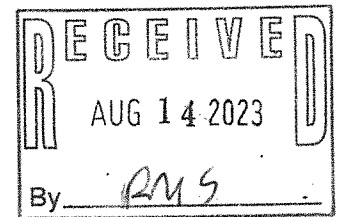


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MORRIS, CT 06763**



August, 2023

The regular August 10, 2023 meeting was called to order by the chair at 4:00 pm downstairs in the Community Hall. Present were Connie Trolle, Doreen Gagnon, Clif Wheeler, and Mike Doyle; Robin Viola had emailed to say she was unable to attend. Also present were Burt Stevens, Carol Fletcher, Collin Sieracki, Dennis McMorro, Colin Pottbecker, Sean Quinlin, and Bill Colby.

The minutes of the regular July 13, 2023 meeting were accepted as written.

On a motion by Clif Wheeler, seconded by Connie Trolle, it was **VOTED** unanimously to add application 23-20 to the agenda under new business.

**New Business**

Application 23-16 from Kenneth Smoltz for a pickleball court, decks, retaining walls, drains, patios, at 187 East Shore Road was received. Also submitted was a site plan dated 2-May-2023 by Civil 1, and TAHD approval dated 6-26-2023. Sean Quinlin of Civil 1, Engineering explained the project. The proposed pickleball court will be by the southerly property line aligned roughly parallel to the house and lake edge. A retaining wall is proposed above the court and along the south side to allow the removal of material to level the court area at a 920-foot elevation. Proposed steps above the retaining wall will lead down to the court. Two yard drains below the court will collect runoff and lead to two Cultec units below the house; another yard drain connects to existing drainage. Another proposed, arced retaining wall by the lake will allow for a grass seating area. A short retaining wall at the house is proposed for an A/C unit. A paver patio area is proposed along the front of the house. New deck is proposed for the hot tub, and another, below the existing deck at the front of the house. A fire pit with seating is also proposed. The plan includes an optional future B100A septic system. This will be on next month's agenda. It was agreed to visit the site on Sunday at 9:00 am.

Application 23-17 was received from John Maxwell for shore stabilization at 38A Brunetto Grove. Also submitted was a site plan dated 8-4-23 by Colby Engineering, and an email of authorization for Bill Colby. Mr. Colby explained that the shoreline will be stabilized with rip-rap sloping back from the existing grass line, with a rock filled trench at the base of the slope to support the rip-rap. The pipe carrying water will be extended beyond the rip-rap. This will be on next month's agenda.

Application 23-18 was received from Collin Sieracki as agent for Cyndi DeRosaire for a patio and artificial turf at 19 Palmer Road. Also submitted was a email of authorization (not dated). Mr. Sieracki explained that two patio areas will be constructed using permeable pavers, with spaces to allow more water to drain, and artificial turf. The patio by the lake will be 14 feet x 53 feet; the patio by the house will be 14 feet by 40 feet. This will be on next month's agenda.

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Application 23-19 was received from Carol Fletcher for an inground swimming pool at 76 Hickory Hill Road. Also submitted was a copy of a site plan dated 29-May-06 by Dave Wilson (waste water renovation system) with the location of the proposed pool sketched on by the house. Ms Fletcher said she has no firm plans at this time. She said there are no wetlands at the site; none are shown on the site plan. This will be on next month's agenda.

Application 23-20 was received from Russell B. Hamlin to renovate an existing cabin and add a habitable addition plus new decks and a storage structure at 27 Mt. Tom State Park Road. Also submitted was a sketched plot plan, and a computer generated plan., both dated 8-8-2023. The plan shows a deck off the side of the cabin, and a new deck connecting the cabin with the proposed addition on the driveway side, and connecting the 170 sf proposed storage structure on the other side of the cabin. The site is next to the Litchfield town line, and Mr. Hamlin needs to send a copy of the application to them. Mr. Hamlin had explained that frost walls will be constructed for the addition, with drainage along the upslope side. The foundation and roof drainage will go to daylight or a rain garden. This will be on next month's agenda.

### **Old Business**

A request to modify Permit 21-29 was received from Dennis McMorrow as agent for Burt Stevens at 300-11 BLR. Also submitted was a site plan dated 8-7-2023 from DSM, LLC. Mr. McMorrow explained that the foot print has been modified slightly with new decking added. The modifications will not increase impact to the lake, and on a motion by Connie Trolle, seconded by Clif Wheeler, it was **VOTED** unanimously to approve these changes and to extend the permit for another two years.

Application 23-14 from Colin Pottbecker as agent for Dave Geremia for a large rock removal in the water at 158 Island trail was discussed. The application stated that an alternative was that "Dexpan Chemicals could be used to break rocks but would risk leaching into the lake. The proposed pneumatic hammering of the rock will allow for a controlled limit environmental impact. Hydraulic oil used in the equipment to be biodegradable." Turbidity curtain would be installed around the rock, and hammered rock would be reused along the existing sea wall to limit future erosion. Mr. Pottbecker was asked if this proposal was an unnecessary intrusion into the lake since the rock has always been part of the lake. Mr. Pottbecker replied that now he has a way to remove the rock that wasn't available before. It was observed that the rock was not on the applicant's property. Mr. Pottbecker said it was the same as weed removal, or silt removal. Mr. Pottbecker admitted that he would like to offer other property owners the opportunity to have large rocks removed from in front of their shorelines as well. It was suggested that such a large project might better be approved by the State. Mr. Pottbecker asked that this be continued to the next meeting. This will be on next month's agenda.

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Application 23-15 from Colin Pottbecker as agent for Bob Labonne to remove two large rocks from the water at 164 Island trail was not discussed as it is the same as the previous item. This will also be on next month's agenda.

Permit 22-09 for work at 34 Woodward Road was discussed. Clif Wheeler and Mike Doyle visited the site, and spoke to the contractor for the pool house. He stated that it was planned to direct the curtain drain water to daylight short of the brook by running the pipe with no slope. The runoff from the roof will need to be addressed.

It was further noted that the approved site plan shows two level spreaders, one by the outflow from the retention pond and another by the bridge. They are both in need of rebuilding.

**Other Business**

It has been agreed that it is desirable to require the emergency house numbers on docks for water safety. Warren has the following verbiage: "For safety purposes, the street number, using numerals at least 3 inches high, shall be affixed to the end of the dock or float as to be visible from the lake." Other towns require a permit for docks.

There was no other business and the meeting was adjourned at 5:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,