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

November, 2023

The regular November 9, 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 William Colby, Susie Crippen, and Colin Pottbecker.

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

On a motion by Connie Trolle, seconded by Clif Wheeler, it was **VOTED** unanimously to add application 23-25 under new business.

New Business

A request for a permit extension of Permit 21-15 from John Dufour for new house at 8 East Shore Road was received. On a motion by Clif Wheeler, seconded by Doreen Gagnon, it was **VOTED** unanimously to grant a two year extension of Permit 21-15.

Application 23-23 from Connie Trolle for a 12 x 26 garage at 10 Island Trail was received. Also submitted was a sketch on a surveyor's map of the proposed garage. This has received TAHD approval. Connie Trolle recused herself for discussion and determination. The garage will be located by the house, with new steps from an existing deck allowing access from the garage to the house. The garage will be placed on a slab, with any excavated material removed from the site. A silt fence will be placed between the proposed activity and the lake. Noting that this activity meets the requirements for an agent approval, on a motion by Clif Wheeler, seconded by Doreen Gagnon, it was **VOTED** unanimously to approve this application for activity in the review area that will have no more than minimal impact to the lake.

Application 23-24 was received from Susie Crippen Trust for a new house and studio at 160 Kenyon Road. Also submitted was a site plan dated 10-30-23 by Colby Engineering, consisting of three sheets: CS-101 Site Development; CS 102 Enlargements of the proposed house, culvert installation, and studio; and CS501 Septic Design, with a 1000 gal Richards septic tank for the studio, a 1250 gal Richards septic tank for the house. Geomatrix 6212 septic systems will be used at both. A well will supply both. Both will have roof leaders, and curtain drains. Also submitted was a soils report dated 11-22-23 by Soil Scientist Ian Cole. Mr. Colby explained that the wetlands crossing will be done where a woods road crossed with a causeway, and a 15" pipe will allow water movement under the crossing. Mr. Colby stated that the causeway has never been flooded. It was agreed to visit the site Sunday morning at 9:00.

Application 23-25 from Colon Pottbecker as agent for Gregory and Wendy Soneson for a 4' x 4' concrete landing for a dock at 46 Brunetto Grove. Also submitted was a letter dated 11-8-23 authorizing Mr. Pottbecker to act as agent. Also submitted was a computer generated view of the concrete abutment with fifteen 4-foot #8 rebar driven into the ground to anchor the poured landing. Mr. Pottbecker explained that the current location impedes on the property line. This will be on next month's agenda.

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Old Business

Application 23-22 from the Morris Housing Authority for affordable housing units at 103 East Street was not discussed as Mr. Hrica could not be present. This will be on next month's agenda.

Application 23-21 from Ralph Langham for construction or addition at 125 County Road was briefly discussed. As noted at the October meeting, there is not enough information included with the application to make an informed decision. Mr. Langham was informed after the last meeting but has submitted nothing more.

Permit 23-18 was briefly discussed. We have not received a request for permit modification and no action was taken. This will be removed from the agenda.

Other Business

Permit 22-09 for work at 34 Woodward Road was discussed. Mark Lancor, the engineer, was to attend the meeting, but had a conflict and could not attend but sent a message to Connie Trolle. Contact will be made with him.

The driveway drainage appears to not be working as runoff is causing ruts and the material is being carried down to the brook. Also there are questions regarding the level spreaders. This will be on next month's agenda.

It has been agreed to require reflectors and 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." It was also agreed to have docks registered with the Commission, including house number and dock footprint, but not requiring an application for permit. It was suggested that instead of the complete street name something shorter could serve as well: B.L.R. perhaps for Bantam Lake Road, or E.S. for East Shore Road.

It was agreed to remove 245 Thomaston Road from the agenda, and to add 108 Bantam Lake Road. The remedial activity agreed to with Mr. McEvoy has not yet been done due to the high water.

There was no other business and the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,