

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

December, 2023

The regular December 14, 2023 meeting was called to order by the chair at 4:00 pm downstairs in the Community Hall. Present were Connie Trolle, Robin Viola, Clif Wheeler, and Mike Doyle. Doreen Gagnon emailed to say she was unable to attend. Also present were William Colby, Susie Crippen, Tom Weik, Michael Funaro, Ken Hrica, and others.

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

New Business

Application 23-26 was received from Michael Funaro as agent for Julius Funaro for sea wall repair (north side) at 11 Yacht Club Passway. Also submitted was a computer sketch of the property, a letter of authorization from Julius Funaro, an addendum with the responses to some application questions, and two photos: one of the completed south side and one of the existing conditions on the north. This will be on next month's agenda.

Application 23-27 was received from Robie Livingstone for landscaping, retaining walls, patios, pergola, and plant buffer along lake edge at 264 Bantam Lake Road. Also received was a letter dated 12-12-23 from Tim Kenniston from Water Street Designs, a letter of authorization dated 12-10-23, a marked up surveyors map, and a site plan dated 12-12-23 by Water Street Designs. Mr. Kenniston explained the project. This will be on next month's agenda.

Old Business

Application 23-22 from the Morris Housing Authority for affordable housing units at 103 East Street was considered. Mr. Hrica submitted a revised site plan dated 12-14-23. Two additional sheets have been added: C8, landscaping; and C9, Photometric lighting. Mr. Hrica explained that the septic trench, formally for both buildings, would be split with 10 feet between them. The additional length of the trench meant the drive way moved slightly to the south. Now the pipe delivering the flow to the basin would have water backing up into it, so changes were made to the drainage. A new vegetated swale is shown above where the drives diverge leading to the lawn drain and the upper drainage. All runoff entering the drainage above where the drive diverged would now be directed to a vegetated swale down the north side of the drive and along the side of the road to the basin. Two basins at the upper common drive would deliver runoff to the swale. A new swale along the south side of the drive would direct water to two new catch basins at the bottom of the drive, where it would be directed to the road drainage. Mr. Hrica also noted that eight 150 gal. rain harvesting tanks would be located at each corner of the buildings collecting roof runoff for each unit. They would be covered, with a pipe directing overflow to the drainage system. Each tank will have a spigot for use by the unit. Remarking on their favorable impression of the design, on a motion by Connie Trolle, seconded by Robin Viola the members **VOTED** unanimously to approve this application.

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Application 23-21 from Ralph Langham for construction or addition at 125 County Road was considered. Also submitted was a site plan dated 11-27-23 by ASAP Engineering and Surveying with existing conditions, proposal, septic Elgin mantis design and septic tank notes. The lot is about six acres, but all but a little more than 1 acre on the north east is wet. The house site by the road is higher (on a ledge), dropping quickly on the west into the wet area. The plan is to build on the existing block cellar, with a two car addition on the south side parallel to the road. The septic will be on the south side of the site. The existing silt fence along the west and south sides will be the limit of construction. Any future plans beyond these limits of construction will require prior wetlands approval. On a motion by Connie Trolle, seconded by Clif Wheeler, it was **VOTED** unanimously to approve this application with the condition that the existing silt fence as shown on the site plan will be the limits of activity.

Application 23-24 from Susie Crippen Trust for a new house and studio at 160 Kenyon Road was considered. This site had been visited. The house and studio are at the upper part of a long field that slopes rather steeply down to the extensive wetlands to the north. Due to the slope towards the wetlands it was suggested that any future activities planned in the field be reviewed by the commission. Also that the commission review the final plans driveway crossing. On a motion by Connie Trolle, seconded by Robin Viola, it was **VOTED** unanimously to approve this application with a condition to review the wetlands crossing final plans and any future activities planned in the field.

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 was considered. On a motion by Connie Trolle, seconded by Robin Viola, it was **VOTED** unanimously to approve this application for activity that should have no impact to the lake.

Other Business

Permit 22-09 for work at 34 Woodward Road was discussed. No one representing the property owner was present (again). Someone from one of the parties involved suggested that since the site plan was approved the matter should be out of the commission's hands, but there was some question if the site plan reflected actual as built conditions. The chairman will reach out to the owner.

It was agreed to continue have the meetings at 4:00 pm on the second Thursday of the month through 2024.

On a motion by Connie Trolle, seconded by Clif Wheeler, it was **VOTED** to have Mike Doyle chair the 2024 meetings.

There was no other business and the meeting was adjourned at 5:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Doyle