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

January, 2024

The regular January 11, 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 (regular member), Clif Wheeler, and Mike Doyle. Also present were William Colby, Paul Richter, and Leonard Assard.

The minutes of the regular December 14, 2023 meeting were accepted as written.

New Business

Application 24-01 was received from Paul Richter to remove the existing home and build new at 154 Island Trail. Also submitted was a surveyor's map by Roy V. Cheney with site detail by Leonard Assard, P.E. Mr. Assard explained the site plan, noting that the drive will be raised and reconfigured using pavers, and rain barrels will be used to collect roof runoff. Noting that the property to the west has been raised, short section of retaining wall may be needed. This will be on next month's agenda.

Application 24-02 was received from Jodi Cafritz for behind the seawall drainage at 184 Island Trail. Also submitted was a site plan dated 1-6-24 by Colby Engineering, and a letter of authorization from the owner to have Mr. Colby act as agent. Mr. Colby explained the the wall was leaning and bowed and the proposal was to relieve pressure against the wall. A three foot wide trench will be excavated immediately behind the wall and filled with stone. Several pipes will be placed through the wall above lake level to allow water to drain. All excavated material will be removed from the site. This will be on next month's agenda.

Old Business

Regarding Permit 23-24 from Susie Crippen Trust for a new house and studio at 160 Kenyon Road, My. Colby explained that the house will be changed slightly, becoming longer reaching slightly into the review area on either side. On a motion by Connie Trolle, seconded by Clif Wheeler, it was **VOTED** that this change will not have any additional impact on the wetlands.

Application 23-26 from Michael Funaro as agent for Julius Funaro for sea wall repair (north side) at 11 Yacht Club Passway was considered. On a motion by Connie Trolle, seconded by Robin Viola, it was **VOTED** unanimously to approve this application for repairs to an existing wall, noting the work done earlier on the south portion of the wall.

Application 23-27 from Robie Livingstone for landscaping, retaining walls, patios, pergola, and plant buffer along lake edge at 264 Bantam Lake Road was considered. Noting that the proposal will be better than lawn, on a motion by Connie Trolle, seconded by Doreen Gagnon, it was **VOTED** unanimously to approve this application.

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Other Business

A reminder was received from Northwest Conservation District for our annual support payment of \$900. On a motion by Clif Wheeler, seconded by Connie Trolle, it was **VOTED** unanimously to authorize \$900 for their 2024 service.

Permit 22-09 for work at 34 Woodward Road was discussed. No one representing the property owner was present, although the property owner had been advised that this would be on the agenda. It was agreed to ask Steven Byrne for advice regarding engineering issues.

On a motion by Connie Trolle, seconded by Doreen Gagnon, it was **VOTED** unanimously to have Attorney Byrne review the proposed dock regulation requiring reflectors and the street and number, using numerals at least 3 inches high to be affixed to the end of the dock or float as to be visible from the lake and dock registration with address and footprint submitted to the Commission.

There was no other business and the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Doyle