

LITCHFIELD INLAND WETLAND COMMISSION
Regular February 12, 2020 – 7:00 p.m.
Town Hall Annex, 80 Doyle Rd., Bantam, CT

Call to Order: Chairman Robert Blazek called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Chairman Robert Blazek, Anthony Paradise, Barbara Brower, Jack Healy. Also present were Dennis Tobin, Ph.D, Wetlands Agent, and Ann Combs, Recording Secretary

Members Absent: Frederick Minck, Abby Conroy, Jack Hamill, Brooke Healy

Public Comment: None

Appointment of Alternates: None available

APPLICATION CONSIDERATIONS

1. Gervais - 323 Norfolk Road

2/12/20

Construction of 80'X50' barn

Daniel Gervais said the barn would be within the 100 ft. restricted zone, with crushed stone driveway outside the zone. He presented a sealed copy of the plan and explained a proposed barn on a level area for cold storage with no storage of hazardous materials. It will be a post & beam on a concrete floor with no floor drains or footings.

Motion: B. Brower moved to approve the application of Daniel Gervais, 323 Norfolk Road, to erect a 80 ft. X 50 ft. barn within the 100 ft. restricted zone and a gravel driveway.

Second: J. Healy

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

2. Alibozak – 475 South Street

2/12/20

After the fact application for selective clearing

Mr. Alibozak said they did clearing up to the Bantam River and now has a plan for cleaning up the area. Northwest Conservation District has not yet got back to him, but he said he is willing to do whatever they suggest. R. Blazek read a letter from Mr. Alibozak dated 1/13/20 for the February meeting outlining the action plan for after-the-fact remediation for the property. A. Paradise asked him to silt fence the area by the culvert. R. Blazek stressed the importance of contacting Northwest Conservation District.

Motion: A. Paradise moved to approve the after-the-fact application of Alibozak for selective cutting of logs, brush, invasives, etc. including use of silt fences and obtaining a planting list from Northwest Conservation District for submission to Dr. Tobin, and further activity to the site including work that was done, marking the trees, taking stumps off site, and any other information brought forward.

Second: J. Healy

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

3. Alibozak – 475 South Street

2/12/20

Selective clearing

R. Blazek read a letter dated 2/12/20 and received 2/13/20 outlining how they plan to take care of the different sections on the property. The letter is on file in the Land Use office. A. Paradise suggested letting the neighbors know that they will be working nearby so they understand what is going on.

Motion: J. Healy moved to approve the application of Mitch and Katherine Alibozak for activity at 475 South Street for clearing of dead trees, logs, brush and stumps outlined in their submission of 2/12/20 and as shown on accompanying drawing, with the condition of getting a list of preferred property plantings from Northwest Conservation District and submitting it to Land Use.

Second: B. Brower

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

APPLICATION RECEPTIONS

4. Milton Congregational Church – 48 Milton Road

2/12/20

Installation of well and septic system force main in upland review area

Ken Hrica, PE and Licensed Land Surveyor, and Roger Caine of Milton Congregational Church were present. R. Blazek read an email dated 2/6/20 from Raz Alexe explaining that this project will be beneficial to both the church and community. He has had preliminary discussions with Mr. Caine and said a right of way permit will be issued when the contractor is ready to proceed. Ken Hrica explained that the church lies on the west side of the Marshepaug on a small parcel without room for septic system, but with a well on site. Since they also own the bulk of the Milton Green, they will locate the septic there, where there are good soils at the south end, with 640 feet of pumping from the church, with pipes 3.5 ft. below surface. A prefab pump chamber will be installed in the floor in the church, housing two dual alternating pumps to avoid pump failure. The bulk of the work is to get a two-inch line from the church to the green.

The well will be located just off the back side of the parking lot, and they will protect the wetlands with concrete bollards. They will also catch the tailing from the drilling with a 12" tall straw or bark mulch waddle log to be placed in a semicircle on the downhill side to collect the slurry. This will give room for the tailings to settle, and they will clean it out later. They are working with Torrington Area Health District. The bulk of the pipe will be 3-1/2 ft. deep. There will be 110 ft. of pipe that will need a heated sleeve with electronically controlled thermostat in the church to run above ground by hangers along the bridge. Upon question from A. Paradise, only a backup generator could provide heat to the pipes during a power outage, but there should be no burst pipes as Mr. Hrica was confident that the pipes will drain toward the green. There are no cleanouts but there is a backflow protector at the church. There is a hatch in the church floor with bolted cover to access the dual alternating pumps. They agreed to approve the application conditioned upon going to TAHD. J. Healy asked about flooding protection and they will check.

Motion: A. Paradise moved to approve the application of Milton Congregational Church for installation of a pump septic system as presented per sealed map "Septic System Design Plan for Milton Congregational Church," 48 Milton Road, dated 2/06/20.

Second: J. Healy

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

5. Strub – 73 Sheldon Lane

2/12/20

Addition over existing courtyard, drainage improvements behind house and bottom of existing driveway

R. Blazek read a letter to Dr. Tobin dated 2/20/20 from Mr. Strub saying he is unable to attend the meeting and requested the Commission accept the application, grant 65 days extension, and visit the property. He will attend the March meeting. The work will take place only in the upland review area and

will involve a building addition over the existing courtyard, drainage work behind the house and also at the bottom of the driveway to repair an existing condition.

Motion: B. Brower moved to continue this application to the March 11th meeting.

Second: A. Paradise

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

6. Shay – 1499 Bantam Road

2/12/20

Construct 10' X 16' shed

Kyle Shay has property on Mt. Tom pond and wants a place to store boats, kayaks and furniture, but no gasoline. She would like to do whatever she can to accommodate the restrictions. She has chosen a central area on the property, and will not have footings – just cinderblocks. There is a Rt. 202 drain that filters through the property, and this building will be 24 ft. from that drain. R. Blazek asked if she were planning for sleeping or kitchen facilities in the shed, and she said there would be no kitchen, as there is no electricity. The property is marked so commissioners can visit. J. Healy asked that she check with the DOT on their rights of way and if there are setbacks on the ROW. A. Paradise asked about the proximity of the beaver lodge and was told it was far away from the property.

7. SRC Motorsports, LLC (Patterson Oil) – 827 Bantam Road

2/12/20

Repave driveway, relocate fence and repair retaining wall

David R. Wilson, registered engineer in Litchfield, noted he is also Chairman of the WPCA and a member of the Recycling Committee. He said a similar permit was approved in 2011 for a Patco at this property. It is the same property now, but with less activity. There are three activities here: repairing the block wall on the walkway on the side of the building, repaving the driveway and relocating the fence that was built for the greenhouse next door erroneously. They will ask the greenhouse to remove it, and there will be no permit required. There was no survey on the property. All flow on property is sheet flow with no concentrated flows. Commissioners agreed to change “relocate fence” to “remove fence.” The purpose of the property is auto repair and sales. D. Wilson said he would provide a copy of the DEEP’s requirement for storage and use of hazardous materials and this application for such, as was done for Ron’s Auto Body. Regarding any outside oil containment areas, D. Wilson said there are none. The property has sewer and water. Commissioners have permission to visit the site.

8. Annual Meeting – Election of Officers and Review of Bylaws

Motion: B. Brower moved to postpone this until such time as all members are present and have had time to review the bylaws before the meeting.

Second: A. Paradise

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

9. Approval of Minutes of January 8, 2020

Motion: B. Brower moved to approve the meeting minutes of 1/8/2020.

Second: A. Paradise

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

10. Correspondence: 1/7/20 memo from Denise Raap regarding committee/commission membership attendance responsibility

11. Old Business: None

12. New Business: None

13. Possible Executive Session: None

14. Adjournment

Motion: J. Healy moved to adjourn at 8:24 p.m.

Second: A. Paradise

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

Ann D. Combs, Recording Secretary