

**LITCHFIELD INLAND WETLAND COMMISSION**  
**Regular December 11, 2019 – 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, Abby Conroy. Also present were Dennis Tobin, Ph.D, Wetlands Agent, and Ann Combs, Recording Secretary

**Members Absent:** Frederick Minck, Jack Hamill, Brooke Healy

**Public Comment:** None

**Appointment of Alternates:** None available

**APPLICATION CONSIDERATIONS**

**1. Village Green Dr. – 6645 Federal Square Realty**

**12/11/19**

*Permit Modification to amend June 1, 2015 approval regarding Paragraph 16*

Mark Greenberg and Dave Rogers were present. D. Rogers presented the map that shows all the drains that all go into the retention pond. There are two piles of snow that they placed to avoid melt and refreeze hazards in the lot. Because one pile is near Tannery Brook, he was asked to remove it. He felt that leaving the non-salt pile in the same location results in no runoff that would freeze and require salt. Any melt runoff goes directly into the drain; therefore they maintained they use less magnesium chloride. They discussed eliminating the sentence in Paragraph 16 of the 6/1/15 Stop & Shop IW Approval that requires removing the snow from the property and allow stockpiling. J. Healy felt the statement was put in for a reason and was hesitant to remove it. There was much discussion about the salt vs. magnesium chloride and its usage. A. Paradise said Paragraph 16 says “shall” which means “will.” Since the snow piles have never been removed from the site they are therefore non-compliant. The 6/1/15 IW approval also mentions a winter operations plan that was questioned as to its whereabouts. J. Healy is not in favor of changing any permit, and A. Paradise agreed. R. Blazek suggested getting more information and contacting our law firm for a finding. In the meantime they should follow the permit. The Agent will search for the original document.

**Motion:** J. Healy moved to table action until the next meeting so they can search for the original document and contact the Commission’s law firm to come to a finding about the permit modification in question.

**Second:** A. Paradise

**Vote:** All voted aye and the motion carried.

**2. Antonia Bernard – 116 Headquarters Road**

**12/11/19**

*Remove invasive iris and lilies from two ornamental ponds plus underlying sediment; remove two trees*

George Deacon was present with Antonia Bernard to review the application. They will remove the sediment with an excavator, going about 4 ft. deep, and loading into a truck. R. Blazek suggested ways to retain the banks of the pond and suggested she visit Northwest Conservation District for ideas. Mr. Deacon plans to do the work when the ground is frozen.

**Motion:** A. Paradise moved to approve the application of Antonia Bernard, 116 Headquarters Road, per Map 119/79/7B, for removal of invasive iris and lilies from two ornamental ponds plus underlying

sediment, and to protect driveway access, remove two trees; and that the applicant will go to Northwest Conservation District to get information regarding plantings along the banks of the ponds.

**Second:** A. Conroy

**Vote:** All voted aye and the motion carried.

**3. Stankevich for Pratt/Rickman – Wigwam Road (M15/B30/L16A)**

**12/11/19**

*Construct single family dwelling, driveway and septic in upland review area*

Dennis McMorro, Berkshire Engineering & Surveying, and Brett Stankevich were present. D. McMorro explained the 50-acre parcel on Wigwam and Whiskers Lane where Mr. Stankevich would like to build a home. It is a long, narrow lot. The wetlands have been flagged. There is a band of wetlands running parallel to the road and a 66 ft. right of way. There is a 50 ft. front yard setback, and they have pushed the house up within two feet of the setback line. They are 25 ft. back from the wetlands line in the back, and had to move the septic off to the side and the well uphill. They submitted the plan to Mr. Rossi at Torrington Area Health District. The driveway will be crushed stone with sheet flow drainage. The grading is tight, so he proposed only mowing to the flat area and let the rest go as a meadow.

**Motion:** A. Conroy moved to approve the application by Brett Stankevich for property on Wigwam Road, Map 15/30/16A, for construction of a single family dwelling, driveway and septic in upland review area with no direct wetland impact as per map by Berkshire Engineering entitled, "Septic System Design prepared for Brett Stankevich, Wigwam Road, Litchfield, CT" and dated 11/9/19.

**Second:** A. Paradise

**Vote:** All voted aye and the motion carried.

### **APPLICATION RECEPTIONS**

**4. EZ Aqua Pool & Patio (Stone) – 171 Chestnut Hill Road**

**12/11/19**

*Install 15' x 32' in-ground pool in regulated area*

David LaPointe, EZ Aqua, was present to represent Randall Stone, the homeowner. He proposed a plan to build a fiberglass in-ground pool. They have devised a plan to take care of the pond and wetlands further away. Silt fence will go all around the property along with silt fence to protect the wetlands. The stockpile will be moved to level off the area. The silt fence will remain in place until erosion control like grass is established. The wetlands were flagged in September. The pool is 113 ft. from the wetlands. The Commissioners have permission to look at the property. The application will be continued next month. He will mark the area for the pool. Work is planned to begin in April.

**5. Eanes – 12 Headquarters Road**

**12/11/19**

*Septic system repair*

Dennis McMorro, Berkshire Engineering and Surveying, explained the map with property on 10.5 acres near the center of Milton. The septic failed the inspection and needs to be improved in order to sell the property. There is just enough room to come out of the house and set new tanks. The system pumps a long way, 375 ft., because of ledge on the property. The soils are excellent. Because of the safety issue, all agreed to move forward.

**Motion:** B. Brower moved to approve the application of Michael Eanes, 12 Headquarters Road, for system repair per map entitled, "Septic System Repair Design prepared for Michael Eanes, 12 Headquarters Road, Litchfield, CT" and dated 12/4/19.

**Second:** A. Paradise

**Vote:** All voted aye and the motion carried.

**6. AEC Solar LLC (Town of Litchfield) – 14 Plumb Hill Road**  
*Installation of ground mounted solar array (WITHDRAWN)*

**12/11/19**

**7. Approval of Minutes of November 13, 2019**

**Motion:** B. Brower moved to adopt the meeting minutes of November 13, 2019.

**Second:** A. Conroy

**Vote:** All voted aye except J. Healy, who abstained because of absence, and the motion carried.

**8. Correspondence:** None

**9. Old Business:** None

**10. New Business:** None

**11. Possible Executive Session:** None

**12. Adjournment**

**Motion:** J. Healy moved to adjourn at 8:10 p.m.

**Second:** A. Conroy

**Vote:** All voted aye and the motion carried.



Ann D. Combs, Recording Secretary