

**LITCHFIELD INLAND WETLAND COMMISSION**  
**Regular September 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, Barbara Brower, Jack Hamill, Jack Healy, and Anthony Paradise. Also present were Dennis Tobin, Ph.D, Wetlands Agent, and Ann Combs, Recording Secretary

**Members Absent:** Frederick Minck, Brooke Healy, Abby Conroy

**Public Comment:** None

**Appointment of Alternates:** None available

**Motion:** A. Paradise moved to add as Item 4a, “Davies – 19 Litchfield Ponds Road, replace and extend deck.”

**Second:** B. Brower

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

**APPLICATION CONSIDERATIONS**

**1. Benzoni (Canadaigua) – 481 Bantam Road**

**9/11/19**

*Add 8 parking spaces*

Cynthia Rabinowitz, Northwest Conservation District, sent an email dated 8/29/19 after her visit to the property. She suggested they plant trees or bushes in rain gardens or swales to minimize runoff. William Todd Clark and Derrick Clark of Clark Land Surveying said they agreed and showed their plan. The wetlands behind the area were flagged by Tom Stansfield. They proposed treating the stormwater with infiltrators far away from the wetlands that will catch salt from the road. They also plan to do heavy maintenance every year to control the invasives in the rain garden and swales. They will plant evergreens and shrubs on the side near the road but not in the State right of way. J. Healy asked for inclusion of a condition that they will replace the trees if they die. D. Tobin suggested a minor bond to maintain the invasives, but A. Paradise suggested a meeting to determine how they would do this in any application.

**Motion:** J. Healy moved to approve the application of Canadaigua LLC, as shown on Site Plan Modification Additional Parking Plan, revision dated 9/10/19, prepared by Clark Surveying LLC, with the request that it be installed as shown with trees and with provision to replace trees if they die. Further they must have Dennis Tobin inspect the site during infiltrator construction with photo documentation and the Stansfield plan, and include Mr. Stansfield’s report as part of the record.

**Second:** B. Brower

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

**2. Vallecilla – 12 Old Forge Hollow Road**

**9/11/19**

*Two-lot re-subdivision (WITHDRAWN)*

**APPLICATION RECEPTIONS**

### **3. Litchfield Land Trust – 381 Torrington Road**

**9/11/19**

*Construct a 40' x 100' gravel parking area*

Peter Litwin, Litchfield Land Trust, requested approval of a gravel parking lot on the westerly side of Route 202. Two non-conforming building lots have been given to the Land Trust by John Bolus for the parking lot so people can access the seasonal walking trail. Per P&Z the parking lot will be moved back 20 ft. so there may be a deeper buffer of vegetation next to the roadway. He has received an address designation of 381 for emergency purposes. This trail is called the medicine rock trail because of a large outcrop of white quartz.

**Motion:** A. Paradise moved to approve the Litchfield Land Trust application at 381 Torrington Road to construct a 40 ft. x 100 ft. gravel parking area, including a modification yet to come to push it back 20 ft. signed and dated, with signed copy by Litchfield Land Trust Inc. dated 9/11/19 by the Director, Mr. Litwin.

**Second:** B. Brower

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

### **4. Vallecilla – 12 Old Forge Hollow Road**

**9/11/19**

*Two lot re-subdivision*

Jason Dismukes, agent for Mr. Vallecilla, was present to explain the plan to cut off a 2-acre corner building lot for a proposed house and pool from the 7.3 acre property. The wetlands were delineated by Mike Temple of Nutmeg Soil Services. The Shepaug Tunnel aquaduct crosses the property with a right of way, but is on the original parcel so they won't need to do easement and deed work for both parcels. He has Torrington Area Health District's approval and is dealing with the City of Waterbury on the Shepaug aquaduct issue. There is a man-made pond and Town drainage swale along Old Mount Tom Road, but is not part of the new lot. A. Paradise asked for all technical detail summarized in a narrative with bullets tying it to the map, or by adding an extra sheet to the drawing.

## **AGENT DETERMINATION**

### **4a. Davies – 19 Litchfield Ponds Road**

**9/11/19**

*Replace and extend deck*

Dr. Tobin said they are going to do post holes, tear down the old deck and build a new deck with dug holes.

**5. New Business:** None

**6. Old Business:** None

### **7. Approval of Minutes**

**a) 7/10/19: Motion:** B. Brower moved to approve the minutes of 7/10/19 and A. Paradise seconded. All voted aye and the motion carried.

**b) 8/14/19: Motion:** A. Paradise moved to adopt the minutes of 8/14/19 and J. Healy seconded. All voted aye except B. Brower, who abstained because of absence, and the motion carried.

### **8. Correspondence**

- Northwest Conservation District annual meeting notice
- Pesticide application at LaCupola pond, 637 Bantam Lake Road
- Van Gerve pond, 606 Milton Road, pesticide application

- Letter from Carmody & Torrance where Judge dismissed case to create new wetlands to replace wetlands filled in by new construction.

**9. Possible Executive Session:** None

**10. Adjournment**

**Motion:** B. Brower moved to adjourn at 8:10 p.m.

**Second:** J. Healy

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

Ann D. Combs, Recording Secretary