

LITCHFIELD INLAND WETLAND COMMISSION

Regular May June 12, 2019 – 7:00 p.m.

Town Hall Annex, 80 Doyle Rd., Bantam, CT

Call to Order: Vice Chairman Barbara Brower called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Chairman Barbara Brower, Jack Hamill, Abby Conroy, Jack Healy, Brooke Healy, Frederick Minck. Also present were Ann Combs, Recording Secretary, and Dennis Tobin, Ph.D, Wetlands Agent.

Members Absent: Robert Blazek, Anthony Paradise

Public Comment: None

Appointment of Alternates: Brooke Healy was appointed as a regular voting member.

APPLICATION CONSIDERATIONS

1. NW Custom Homes – 58 Karl Street

6/12/19

Permit modification (Permit #CC0001341) to add grading and drainage

Steven Zappone explained the location of two runoff areas on the property. A grass swale with stone dikes was recommended on one and a pipe to catch the neighbor's runoff will feed into a swale with stone dikes for the other. Cynthia Rabinowitz of the Northwest Conservation District made these recommendations and J. Hamill read her letter. She recommended a stormwater management plan for this site. Mr. Zappone said this plan is the Revised Site Plan dated 6/12/19. Mr. Zappone will schedule the work right away.

Motion: J. Healy moved to approve the application by NW Custom Homes for 58 Karl Street, with the revised site plan showing grass swale prepared by CW International, dated 6/12/19.

Second: A. Conroy

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

2. Maple Ridge, LLC (Flitman) – 148 Maple Street

6/12/19

Selective timber harvest on 76 acres

Forest Turner and Dan Lawrence were present and colored maps were distributed. Mr. Turner marked the roads and crossings that will be used. They will use a log truck or forwarder to shuttle the logs along the narrow driveway to a truck up near Maple Street. There will be staging near the house. They will maintain the driveway and plan to start in September.

Motion: J. Hamill moved to approve the application of a timber harvest at 148 Maple Street by Maple Ridge LLC to harvest wood as specified in the application with two wetland crossings.

Second: A. Conroy

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

3. Sheahan (Grozik) – 138 Moosehorn Road

6/12/19

Selective thinning of hardwood forest

Brennan Sheahan, Licensed Forester, reminded everyone of the application on Grozik's 30 acre property. It is a mature forest, with thinning of trees planned to maintain a healthy forest. The stream feeds into Turner Brook. He will start as soon as possible. The fee has been submitted so the project is not held up, although he disagreed with the ruling.

Motion: B. Healy moved to approve the application of Sheahan for Grozik, 138 Moosehorn Road, for selective thinning of hardwood forest, per location map prepared by Brennan Sheahan dated 2/14/19.

Second: J. Healy

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

4. Rollins – 19 Tallmadge Lane

6/12/19

Plant two trees in wetland area and new frost wall for dwelling

Darryl Cherniske, Kent Greenhouse, & Dennis McMorrow, Berkshire Engineering and Surveying, were present to explain the two trees they will plant. They will use mats and a small excavator and set the trees with a loader. They will also do some work in the upland review area at the house.

Motion: F. Minck moved to approve the application of Rollins, 19 Tallmadge Lane, to plant trees in the wetlands areas, with new frost wall at the dwelling and alterations in the upland review area.

Second: A. Conroy

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

5. Finn (Oneglia) – 24 East Chestnut Hill Road

6/12/19

Remove old stumps next to pond, invasive brush around pond; install pipe and fill existing open ditch leaving swale with basin to catch water to stop erosion; install pipe in pond to lower water level to stop water running in field

B. Brower read the letter from Raz Alexe, Public Works Director, into the record recommending full approval of the application.

Motion: A. Conroy moved to approve the application by Don Finn of Berry Construction for Oneglia to do the work described above at 24 East Chestnut Hill Road.

Second: J. Hamill

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

6. Reilly – 199 Wheeler Road

6/12/19

Drainage and outflow to adjacent drain system; rehabilitation and construction of dwelling and garage; build serviceable 3-pond agriculture and storm surge holding ponds; pave gravel driveway

Kenneth Reilly reviewed his application containing four parts: 1) curtain drains in upland review area to move water out, 2) building restoration in the upland review area, 3) pond and irrigation work, and 4) paving the driveway. J. Healy asked for more detail in the pond design with overflow provision. He then asked if they would consider moving out part of this application, as it is a large amount of work, on the condition that the ponds would not be approved at this time, but later in a future application with more information.

Motion: J. Healy moved to approve the wetlands application of Kenneth Reilly and Nicola Wood, 199 Wheeler Road, Map 147/11/19, for installation of drainage system around house, rehabilitation of house and garage, and paving of driveway, per hand drawn map by K. Reilly dated 5/20/19, with 3-pond agriculture and storm surge holding ponds denied, waiting for a future application with more detail.

Second: B. Healy

Discussion: Mr. Reilly asked if a drawing by a professional engineer would help, and Mr. Healy said it would.

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

7. E. Litchfield Fire Co. – East St. & Wheeler Rd.

6/12/19

Agent Determination - add berm and remove trees to construct sign

Dr. Tobin said they went to ZBA because there are two lots and the sign has to be on the same parcel as the firehouse. They got a variance for that and will put up a mound in the wetlands to erect the sign and cut some trees down.

APPLICATION RECEPTIONS

8. Merli (Final Move LLC) – 16 Thomaston Road

6/12/19

Construct 6' security fence (40' X 70') with 20' rolling gate

Daniel Merli was present to explain he wants the fence for a towing company. He would like to store about 10 cars there, and the fence and gate would secure the cars. It is a gravel surface. Leaking fluids will go inside the building or to his other Torrington location. Commissioners have permission to visit the property.

9. Hardscrabble – 569 Bantam Road

6/12/19

Building addition (5,328 sf) roof drainage and construction/emergency access road

Kenneth Hrica and Jack Baker were present to explain the proposal for an addition for warehousing of barrels on the back of the distillery. There will be very little grading, capturing the roof runoff and sending it to a rain garden with stone wall and curtain drain on the back side. An orange construction fence will run along the wetlands line and will keep contractors and material storage out of the wetlands. The new building will be slab on grade. Two spruce trees and a small cherry tree will come out. The entire area is regulated. They will pave the parking area and will use a tracking pad during construction.

10. Roberge – Richards Rd. Ext. (Map, Block, Lot 53/15/12)

6/12/19

Construct single family dwelling and septic system

Doug Roberge, Roberge Plumbing and HVAC, explained the 15-acre parcel. Mr. Roberge said it is on the dirt part of the road and backs up to the State property. He wants to build a house for his kids. Rod Szwelicki, PE, said there is a ravine in the middle of the property. They cut the driveway in but were advised to go to DPW for a permit. They found good soils for the septic. The PE submitted a stamped, full size map. Commissioners were given permission to visit the site.

11. Yurgelun – 12 Bridle Path Road

6/12/19

Septic system repair

Dennis McMorro, Berkshire Engineering and Surveying, located the property and said the wetlands are flagged. Wetlands are on the upper property and a pond on the lower area. Water service comes in the back of the property. The septic pumps up to two existing fields. The system is obviously failing, as it is running out of the second trench and down towards the pond. They dug deep holes uphill in between the trench and downhill. They've moved the system a little farther uphill from the existing system. They will dig out the trench and replace it with septic fill. They will be 58 feet away from wetlands and 61 feet uphill from wetlands at the closest point. They will try to work the tanks in between two large trees. He will get Torrington Area Health District approval and then wants to begin.

Motion: J. Hamill moved to approve the application of Yurgelun, 12 Bridle Path Road, for the repair of the septic system that is failing per MBL 143/35/46 and map entitled Septic System Repair Design, dated 6/7/19.

Second: F. Minck

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

12. Juhas – 475 South Street

6/12/19

Septic system repair

Dennis McMorrow, Berkshire Engineering and Surveying, explained the property. Wetlands were flagged. The system is located at the edge of a pond and wetlands and has been deemed near failure, so they want to fix it before they sell it. The deep hole tests showed soils are excellent.

Motion: B. Healy moved to approve the application for the Estate of Joseph M. Juhas, 475 South Street, Map MBL 221/38/115, to construct septic repair in upland review area per map prepared for Estate of Joseph M. Juhas entitled Septic System Design Repair dated 6/7/19.

Second: J. Hamill

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

13. Partial Bond Release – Stop & Shop, Village Green Drive

6/12/19

Dr. Tobin said they are asking for the release of \$25,000 from the \$50,000 bond. This will leave \$25,000 for the final release.

Motion: J. Hamill moved to release from the bond \$25,000 for Mark Greenberg of Stop & Shop.

Second: J. Healy

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

14. New Business: None

15. Old Business: None

16. Approval of Minutes of May 8, 2019

Motion: B. Healy moved to approve the meeting minutes of 5/8/19.

Second: J. Healy

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

17. Correspondence

Motion: J. Healy moved to dispense with the letter submitted by Ron Viola dated 5/27/19 regarding the Torrington housing development near him.

Second: J. Hamill

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

- Solitude Lake Management aquatic pesticide application on Bantam Lake
- DEEP - chemicals at 89 South Street pond, Schnitzer property
- Litchfield Ponds, 45 Milton Road

18. Possible Executive Session: None

19. Adjournment

Motion: J. Healy moved to adjourn at 8:28 p.m.

Second: J. Hamill

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.



Ann D. Combs, Recording Secretary