

LITCHFIELD INLAND WETLAND COMMISSION
Regular April 10, 2019 – 7:00 p.m.
Town Hall Annex, 80 Doyle Rd., Bantam, CT

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

Members Present: Chairman Robert Blazek, Barbara Brower, Anthony Paradise, Jack Hamill, Abby Conroy

Members Absent: Frederick Minck, Jack Healy, Brooke Healy, Ann Combs, Recording Secretary, and Dennis Tobin, Ph.D, Wetlands Agent were also absent.

Public Comment: None

Appointment of Alternates: None available

APPLICATION CONSIDERATIONS

1. NW Custom Homes – 58 Karl Street **4/10/19**
Permit modification (Permit #CC0001341) to add grading and drainage

No one was present for this application.

Motion: B. Brower moved to table this application one more time until the next meeting.

Second: A. Paradise

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

2. Higgins (Pope) – 320 Norfolk Road **4/10/19**
Permit modification (Permit #CC01304) to remove 50' X 150' area of trees

Thomas Higgins of Higgins Tree Service was present to explain that he plans to remove 19 trees, half of which are dead. Half are ash and half are maples. He will push them over with an excavator, chip them and take them out. It is dry now, so he will start next week, and it will take two to three days. He won't be back unless they want him to stump them and seed.

Motion: J. Hamill moved to approve the application of Higgins for 320 Norfolk Road to remove 19 trees, as per map entitled "Septic System Design for Olson" dated 7/24/02, received 4/23/19.

Second: B. Brower

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

Motion: B. Brower moved to add to Application Receptions Item 4a "Greenstone Investments (Cozy Hills Campground) – 1311 Bantam Road, for pond work."

Second: A. Conroy

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

APPLICATION RECEPTIONS

3. Towne & Aurell (Eanes) – 12 Headquarters Road

4/10/19

Replacement of two 42" corrugated metal pipes with two 42" reinforced concrete pipes

A. J. Towne of Towne & Aurell Excavating explained the two deteriorated and crushed metal pipes in the driveway, causing the water to go into the driveway. He proposed removing them, moving the inlet headwall (new) 18" out and extending the outlet side 8 feet. The water comes from the swamp, crosses under the road, goes into a neighbor's pond, out and into the river. He will sandbag the inlet and pump around using hay bales and silt fence on the discharge. He is maintaining the flow and not dewatering. A. Paradise asked about normal flow, and Mr. Towne said he's never seen much flow. He has a 6" pump and will have the replacement pipes on site when the job begins. If an unexpected rain comes he will leave the old pipes in the ground until it stabilizes. He can also bring in whatever extra pump equipment he needs. He said he can also put in some riprap if needed. Raz Alexe has received a letter from T&A saying the new pipes have been sized appropriately. Commissioners will take a look at the area.

4. Greenstone Investments (Cozy Hills Campground) – 1311 Bantam Road

4/10/19

Pond maintenance

R. Blazek said the pond has been drained by explosion, and they would like to remove the silt, 2,470 square feet. They own 20% of the pond and the other pond owner, Ron Lee, will submit a separate application. R. Blazek asked for the dimension of the pond and the names of the other property owners. Dennis McMorrow said it is a shallow pond now that has very little water in it since the beaver dam was blown up and has silted in over the years. He is asking to rent an excavator, dig out the silt from the bottom with access on firm land, stockpile spoils, and dry it out. They will replace the old dock with a floating dock. They want to block one beaver ditch, do the work and then let the beavers repair and let the pond refill. If they cannot do it soon, they will not be able to do the work, as the beavers are already beginning to rebuild. Mr. Blazek said any other property owners need to be notified, and Cozy Hills said they all have been notified.

Motion: B. Brower moved to set a public hearing for the next meeting on May 8, 2019, at 7:00 p.m.

Second: A. Conroy

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

4a. Greenstone Investments (Cozy Hills Campground) – 1311 Bantam Road

4/10/19

Pond work

Discussed above in Item 4.

Motion: B. Brower moved to send this item to public hearing at the next meeting May 8, 2019, at 7:00 p.m.

Second: A. Paradise

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

5. Morosani – 84 Wigwam Road

4/10/19

Three lot subdivision with no regulated activities

Dennis McMorrow, Berkshire Engineering and Surveying, explained this is the property of Reto Morosani and Polly Brooks with the windmill on it. They would like to separate these properties from Laurel Ridge property. The pond and wetlands are down in the rear. They are doing a lot line revision with the subdivision. They are correcting another nonconformity with the septic system going over the property line. There is no new construction. It is a three lot subdivision with no regulated activities. Mr. McMorrow needs a report from Inland Wetlands to take to Planning and Zoning on Monday. R. Blazek will take a look at the property. Polly Brooks explained a first split of property done years ago. The three properties are single family dwellings with no intention of changing the use.

6. Anderson/Gutchess Lumber Co. (Lucas) – E. Litchfield Road (Map 111/001/019) & Johnson Road (Map 130/014/019) **4/10/19**

Selective cutting of approximately 65 acres of timber on both parcels with one stream crossing

David Dent, Gutchess Lumber, Supervising Forester, said he had a license and will call it into the office. He referred to a copy of Tom Anderson's letter and said he was acting in his absence. He explained the stream crossing along E. Litchfield Road, proposing wooden panels or poles and using a skidder or a forwarder. There are two landings on Lucas' property. Stream crossing #1 will use planks, ridge panels or poles. They are not working in the wet areas. They will leave a buffer of trees along the stream. They will cut down oaks, birch, soft maple and ash, and will not be working in the steep areas. Stream crossing #2 and #3 have no banks and will use poles. Branches will be slashed and left to rot. Tops will be lopped to 3-4 ft. above ground. They plan to begin in the next couple months. Commissioners have permission to walk the property, and Mr. Dent agreed to mark the property for them with an orange ribbon.

6. New Business: None

7. Old Business: None

8. Approval of Minutes of March 13, 2019: This approval was tabled until the next meeting, as there was not a quorum of members present who attended the meeting.

9. Correspondence

- Letter from Hrica Associates dated 3/19/19 notifying that TDF Enterprises LLC is proposing a multi-family housing development within 500 ft. of the boundary of Litchfield.
- Notice of pesticide application at Maddox Pond, 95 Maple Street to treat duckweed and algae.

10. Possible Executive Session: None

11. Adjournment

Motion: B. Brower moved to adjourn at 8:20 p.m.

Second: A. Conroy

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Ann D. Combs, Recording Secretary