

LITCHFIELD INLAND WETLAND COMMISSION

**Regular November 14, 2018 – 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 7:03 p.m.

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

Members Absent: Frederick Minck

Public Comment: None

Appointment of Alternates: None

APPLICATION CONSIDERATIONS

1. Rogers – 13 Rogers Drive

11/14/18

Install 14x32 ft. in-ground pool

Dennis McMorrow, Berkshire Engineering and Surveying, said this will come up at the next meeting. Mr. LaPointe submitted a letter received 10/10/18, where he asked for an extension, but they are within the time frame for the next meeting.

APPLICATION RECEPTIONS

2. LaCupola – 637 Bantam Road

11/14/18

Landscaping in upland review area

Chairman Blazek read the description of the proposed activity. Ken Hrica, Hrica Associates, said the contractor did not complete his work in time this fall and explained work that will carry over. He has highlighted all the areas on the map that need to be topsoiled and seeded, as these are still disturbed areas. They will need a row of silt fence and haybales on the steep bank in back of the far parking lot. The invasives are killing all the trees in back of the bank and will be taken out in the spring by hand. There will be no excavation during the cold months. There is curbing along the parking lot and catch basins to guide the water flow. There is a pipe that empties from the highway into a riprap basin with a catch basin.

Motion: J. Healy moved to approve the application of LaCupola, 637 Bantam Road, owner Frank Rosa, per map of site plan for Frank Rosa dated 11/8/18, with conditions that they install hay bales in addition to what is indicated on the plan.

Second: A. Conroy

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

3. Maxwell – 66 Donahue Road Ext.

11/14/18

Reconstruction of septic system

Dennis McMorrow, Berkshire Engineering and Surveying, said this was addressed in 2007 for then owner Ryan Geddes. He never got a certificate of occupancy, and the property was sold by the Town to John

Maxwell at a tax sale. The septic was put too deep in the ground and did not meet the health code, so it is being removed. The proposed septic is 95 ft. away from the wetlands. The sand does not meet the State specification, so it will be replaced with approved septic fill. Torrington Area Health District is reviewing the plan. The silt fence will be left up all winter. There is also a concrete slab that was existing and in the regulated area that will be added to the application.

Motion: B. Brower moved to approve the application of Maxwell, 66 Donahue Road Ext, for reconstruction of the septic system and to accept the existing concrete slab that will be used at a later date, as per the map dated 10/25/18 prepared for John Maxwell, with work to be done immediately, as this is a needed repair.

Second: J. Healy

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

4. New Business: Chairman Blazek re-introduced Abby Conroy as a returning member of the Commission.

5. Old Business – Docks: B. Brower noted p. 7 & 8 in the Morris regulations. She has done a lot of work on this subject and suggested adopting the same dock regulations as Morris. R. Blazek suggested having a public hearing. Dr. Tobin read Sec. e. on page 8 of the Morris regulations and noted that it encourages larger properties and large homes, such as has been the case in Morris. He then showed on the map the area of homes that exist in Litchfield. They are mostly all small rustic cottages. He said our current regulations protect the Town against large homes going in and wanting big docks. Law suits are being filed in Morris now because of this. R. Blazek said we may be more careful and thorough by evaluating individually as we do now. A. Conroy pointed out other towns who regulate through their zoning regulations. Dr. Tobin summarized that by adopting the Morris regulations, it would be less restrictive for applicants and actually favor development.

6. Adopt 2019 Meeting Dates

Motion: B. Brower moved to adopt the proposed 2019 meeting schedule as presented.

Second: J. Healy

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

7. Approval of Minutes of October 10, 2018

Motion: B. Brower moved to approve the 10/10/18 meeting minutes.

Second: J. Hamill

Vote: All voted aye with abstentions by Jack Healy and Abby Conroy, and the motion carried.

8. Correspondence

- The Habitat, Fall 2018

9. Possible Executive Session: None

10. Adjournment

Motion: B. Brower moved to adjourn at 8:00 p.m.

Second: J. Healy

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Ann D. Combs, Recording Secretary