

LITCHFIELD INLAND WETLAND COMMISSION

Regular October 10, 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 7:00 p.m.

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

Members Absent: Jack Healy

Public Comment: None

Appointment of Alternates: None

Motion: F. Minck moved to add to the agenda as Receptions 3a) “Stuart and Leithia Rogers – 13 Rogers Drive, build a 14x32-ft. in-ground fiberglass pool.”

Second: B. Brower

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

APPLICATION RECEPTIONS

1. Town of Litchfield – Milton Rd.

10/10/18

Replacement of existing 20 ft. span scour critical bridge with new 35 ft. span bridge on piles

Public Works Director Raz Alexe explained the bridge in the center of Milton as in critical condition with scouring. It will take six months, starting in May and has to be finished by 11/30/19. They will keep features intact but will replace abutments and bridge. It is an 80/20 federal/town funding.

Motion: B. Brower moved to approve the Town of Litchfield’s application for the scour critical bridge replacement on Milton Road over the Marshepaug River in the center of Milton as a safety issue.

Second: A. Paradise

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

2. Town of Litchfield – West Morris Rd.

10/10/18

Drainage improvements from Stoddard Rd. to Route 202

R. Alexe explained they are introducing drainage within the regulated area, as the road is flooding and causing ice in the area. They will start right away and will be done by the end of October.

Motion: B. Brower moved to approve Town of Litchfield drainage improvement on West Morris Road from Stoddard Road to Route 202 as a safety issue.

Second: A. Paradise

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

3. Town of Litchfield – 101 Russell St.

10/10/18

Five year permit extension request (Permit #CC00001129, expiring 3/12/19) to install drainage and sediment pond; remove existing salt sheds and install new salt storage area with cover; redo paving; install

vehicle wash station; construct addition to building; replace UST fuel tanks with above ground tanks with new pumps; and relocate storage pile

R. Alexe said he will need to do drainage in the spring to contain surface water, so he will need to extend the permit.

Motion: J. Hamill moved to extend Permit #CC00001129 for five years to accomplish tasks as listed above.

Second: A. Paradise

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

3a) Stuart & Leithia Rogers – 13 Rogers Dr.

10/10/18

Build a 14x32 in-ground fiberglass pool

Steve LaPointe from EZ Aqua Pool & Patio LLC was present for the Rogers. The pool will be 50 ft. away from wetlands. They've discovered another septic tank that had not been documented, and they may have to move the location of the pool. They still need to investigate where the fields are located. R. Blazek suggested he pinpoint the location and then come back. Commissioners agreed he should get more information and come back. He wrote a letter requesting a 65-day extension and submitted it.

APPLICATION CONSIDERATIONS

4. Wickett/Bailey – 115 North Shore Rd.

10/10/18

Replacement of retaining wall and extending existing patio with permeable pavers

Mr. Wickett was present and submitted a letter from Raz Alexe saying the work is not in the Town's easement and he took no exception to the proposed work. Mr. Wickett also submitted an email from Keith Cudworth of White Memorial giving permission to do the work proposed, contingent upon obtaining permits from the Town with copy to White Memorial Foundation. B. Brower asked if the runoff could be filtered before going into the lake. Mr. Blazek said she should talk to Public Works about this.

Motion: J. Hamill moved to approve the application of Wickett, 115 North Shore Road, for replacement of retaining wall and extending existing patio with permeable pavers, Map 169/68/79.

Second: A. Paradise

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

5. North Shore Bantam, LLC (Murtha) – 46 North Shore Rd.

10/10/18

After the fact application for constructing deck, block walls around deck, stairway

Ted Murtha presented a letter from Raz Alexe saying the work does not interfere with the Town's right of way. A. Paradise asked for the height of the wall near the water and about the slab it is sitting on. He was concerned because of freeze and thaw of the water, which may move the wall. R. Blazek was confident the Building Official would be sure it is done correctly.

Motion: B. Brower moved to approve the application of Ted Murtha at 46 North Shore Road, Map 171/60/7, to raise the deck with sand, cover with a wood deck, block walls around the deck, stairway to parking area and cottage, relying on the knowledge of the town's Building Official.

Second: J. Hamill

Vote: Upon voting all voted aye except A. Paradise, who voted nay, and the motion carried.

6. VanGerve – 606 Milton Rd.

10/10/18

Mow grass around portion of pond and remove shrubbery, including invasive species

Don VanGerve explained the planned work. Robert Lodge, Lodge Earthworks, the excavation contractor, said the pond is overgrown and they are looking to clean it up and make it useable and will be using a track skid steer with a brush hog. They will mow and do trimming. Paul J. Bigelow, Remodeling Restoration, said the pond is existing, and they will clear only around the edge of the pond. They will grade and reseed. They added to the application "take out invasives, grade and reseed."

Motion: F. Minck moved to approve the application of Don VanGerve, 606 Milton Road, to mow the grass around a portion of the pond and remove shrubbery, take out invasive species, grade and reseed.

Second: B. Brower

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

7. JRT Construction (Glover) – 43 Butternut Rd.

10/10/18

Pool, pool house and patio

John Blore from JRT said they will add the electric line from the house, and said they will use a Jandy cartridge filter on the pool and crushed stone for drainage.

Motion: A. Paradise moved to approve the application of JRT Construction for Glover, 43 Butternut Road, for pool, pool house and patio, with 1/4 acre disturbance, with conditions of silt fence and hay bales as required, Map 123/54/16M.

Second: B. Brower

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

8. New Business

a) Stop & Shop – Federal Square – partial release of bond: Mark Greenberg said the amount of the partial bond release is \$70,000. They have been operating with the new parking lot since June. R. Blazek read the 9/24/18 letter from Dennis Tobin recommending the \$70,000 release with items that Mr. Greenberg will address.

Motion: B. Brower moved to release \$70,000 from the bond per D. Tobin letter dated 9/24/18.

Second: A. Paradise

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

b) LaCupola – 637 Bantam Rd. – notice of required action: D. Tobin sent a letter to LaCupola dated 9/28/18 stating they must reinstall immediately the silt fence and/or reseed all the indicated slopes. Extensions have run out, and he has an after-the-fact in place. They will need to apply for a new application.

9. Old Business – Docks: R. Blazek explained that Stacy Sescik said it would be better if the whole lake was under the same jurisdiction. First we should have a complete Morris set of regulations before setting a public hearing. This item will be continued to the next meeting.

10. Adopt 2019 Meeting Dates: This will be postponed to next month.

11. Approval of Minutes of 9/12/18

Motion: B. Brower moved to approve the meeting minutes of 9/12/18.

Second: J. Hamill

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

12. Correspondence

- Blanchard Pond treatment notice
- 10 Maple Ridge, treatment of small pond
- Notice of CACIWC Annual Meeting 11/17/18, Cromwell

13. Possible Executive Session: none

14. Adjournment

Motion: B. Brower moved to adjourn at 9:03 p.m.

Second: F. Minck

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ann D. Combs".

Ann D. Combs, Recording Secretary