

LITCHFIELD INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
July 14, 2021 ~ 7:00 p.m.
Remote Meeting by Video Stream and Telephone

Call to Order: Chairman Robert Blazek called the remote meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and announced that future meetings will be in person.

Members Present: Robert Blazek, Jack Hamill, Jack Healy, Barbara Brower, Frederick Minck, Brooke Healy (non-participating as not yet sworn to reappointment) and Mike LoRusso. Also present were Dennis Tobin, Ph.D, Wetlands Agent, and Ann Combs, Recording Secretary. First Selectman Denise Raap hosted Zoom.

Members Absent: Anthony Paradise, Abby Conroy

Appointment of Alternates: Chairman Blazek seated Mike LoRusso as a regular voting member.

APPLICATION RECEPTIONS

1. Goff's Equipment Services, Inc. – 620 Torrington Road **7/14/21**
Connection to sewer in upland review area

Scott Goff explained his plan for expanding his mower shop. He will install floor drains tied into an oil/water separator and tie that to the existing sewer lateral. He has had engineering done and has been in touch with the DEEP, and the two local WPCAs, as their flow goes to Torrington. They will remove an area of asphalt and rebuild the mower shop bigger with the above-mentioned improvements. He explained the wetlands on the site plan and the upland review area. An area of 3' X 10' where they are cutting a trench is the only area of activity in the wetlands area. These improvements comply with the DEEP and will improve working conditions.

2. Town of Litchfield – Marsh Road (from #274 to Campville Rd.) **7/14/21**
Drainage improvements, road reclamation, reconstruction and paving

Dennis McMorrow, Berkshire Engineering and Surveying, asked the Commission to table this application until the August meeting.

3. Zibell - 121 Naser Road **7/14/21**
Construct dwelling addition, garage with patio and new septic system in upland review area

Dennis McMorrow, Berkshire Engineering and Surveying, showed the drawing with a 12-acre parcel that has an existing dwelling that is pre-existing and non-conforming. There is a well on the north side and they are not sure where or if there is a septic. The project was originally going across the intermittent watercourse and digging the hill where they are now proposing the septic. The work is now to the side and downhill of the wetlands. They will construct a driveway and a temporary driveway up to the leaching fields in the back, getting away from the wetlands and intermittent watercourse with the septic area. They will armor the driveway from surface water from the wetlands with 5" riprap. The garage is 41 ft. to the west of the wetlands. A stone patio is proposed for between the addition and the garage which just goes through the regulated area line. The owner has staked out the garage. Commissioners can walk the property. Dr. Tobin said the application has four activities and was only paid for three, so Mr. McMorrow said he will get another check to the office.

4. Fairchild (Mastropietro) – 150 Campville Road

7/14/21

New 3-bedroom home construction with activities in upland review area

Ken Hrica, PE and Licensed Land Surveyor, explained the property with an old skating rink that is now wetlands. Activities proposed are a house, driveway, and septic fields, and there is an old foundation and concrete slab that will be removed. They will use silt fence from downhill runoff. All development is outside the regulated area. The area where the foundation is taken will be drained and seeded. Commissioners had no questions and were given permission to visit the property. Dr. Tobin said he would need another \$160 for two extra activities.

5. Parent – 50 North Shore Road

7/14/21

Installation of new holding tank on site wastewater retention system

Ken Hrica, PE and Licensed Land Surveyor, represented Gail Smith and Susan Parent. Commissioners may visit but they must go through a series of gates. They are planning removal of an existing shed with outhouse and replacing the outhouse with a holding tank. There will be a retaining wall around the three sides and finished with compacted gravel. They will lay 20 ft. of gravel along the roadside to increase area for cars to park. This parking area will be the cover over the buried tank. Mr. Hrica will approach Raz Alexe for a driveway permit. There were no questions.

6. Pasquarelli/Pels – 102 Cathole Road

7/14/21

Install replacement septic system, cabana, pool equipment pad, portion of pool terrace, perform grading, landscaping and install fencing for proposed pool

Ron Wolff, P.E., was present to represent the applicants. The property is 18.4 acres and the wetlands were delineated. He is proposing to replace the existing septic with a new leaching system that is code compliant. They are also proposing a pool partially in the regulated area and a pool deck and cabana in the regulated area. They will use silt fence and restore the area with plantings. The application will be amended to add "install pool." The pool will be an ozone pool, and he will come back with information on filtration. Commissioners can visit with notice.

7. Damasceno (Damascenos Tree Farm) – 74 Naser Road (Map 091,014,010)

7/14/21

Construct driveway in wetlands area; including wetlands filling, retaining wall, 2 pull-offs and culvert

Bill Buckley, Licensed Engineer registered in CT, represented the applicant and explained the site plan. This property is 61 acres with over 500 wetland flags. Civil 1 is the engineering firm. The proposed driveway goes to a house that is outside the regulated area. The length of the driveway through the wetlands and regulated area is 875 ft. and square footage is 49.60. They will use retaining walls for the grades they need to contend with. The house and septic system are outside the regulated area. Chairman Blazek asked him to present information on how much and where for wetlands fill, the retaining wall location, the culvert, what kind of crossings and what kind of wetlands are involved. Mr. Buckley said they will also have grading on the road and a soil and erosion control plan that will show how well controlled the drainage will be. He said this is the best plan to minimize the wetland impact. He will have the center line of the driveway staked out for the Commissioners to see and will provide a profile of cuts and fills. He will also apply for a driveway permit. Dr. Tobin asked for the threshold of fill from the Army Corps, and Mr. Buckley thought it was 5,000. He will put together a position paper for the Commission. Dr. Tobin would like to see a percentage of the 5,000 so he can see the impact on the land. He also asked for the use of a wetlands scientist, and Mr. Buckley agreed.

7a. ACV Environmental Services – 28 Russell Street

7/14/21

Remove oil tank

Kimberly Neville of ACV Environmental Services explained the proposed demolition of the out-of-service 210,000 gallon double above ground storage tank. Activity will occur on less than ¼ acre. She will also provide hard copies of the complete report and the environmental report. They will use silt fence around the secondary containment as they complete the job. There will be very little disturbance in the area and they will be away from the stream. There were no indications of contamination in that area as shown in the environmental report after the area was surveyed. F. Minck was concerned about potential environmental impacts, but she said it would be taken care of if there was a problem. The CT DEEP has been contacted and has been issued a copy of the environmental report. B. Brower and F. Minck wanted the DEEP to sign off on its approval. M. LoRusso agreed. The tank has not been used within 10 years and there is no residual contents. K. Neville agreed to contact Bantam Wesson to see if there is a report showing that the tank was cleaned out ten years ago. Commissioners have permission to visit the site.

7b. Wilson – Shear Shop Rd.

7/14/21

Improve existing farm road for driveway

David R. Wilson, Registered Engineer in CT, explained that this is 28 acres of undeveloped land under contract to sell. It runs between Shear Shop Road and Milton Road. There is an existing farm road that runs through it and a broad band of wetlands that crosses the property. Wetland soils were delineated. Although it isn't the least impact on wetlands for the driveway, the old farm road has already been disturbed and is the best way to access with improvement. There is very little slope to the driveway. They will put a base of 10" of pressure run broken stone, a layer of geotextile fabric, with a 2" gravel surface finish coat. TAHD reviewed the proposed septic system for a house on the property, toward the road. The driveway will be 1200 ft. long and 10 ft. wide. It will cross two bands of wetlands. There will be a culvert at two low points. Surface drainage runs to the north. Commissioners may walk the road. Dr. Tobin said the 100 ft. regulated area is not marked. Mr. Wilson will add that to the drawing and said all activity is within it.

8. Construction Permits:

Litchfield Housing Trust (Gagarin Place) – Torrington Rd. (CC#00001197): Dr. Tobin said the project is progressing well and there have been 40 inspections, with 10 left. He will look into extending the inspections.


NERP – Tractor Supply - Torrington Rd: Dr. Tobin said that as a result of heavy rains, the sediment from the access driveway flowed into the road. They put in stone checkdams along the road to collect the erosion. The CT DOT is satisfied with the result.

9. Approval of Minutes May 12, 2021: Motion: B. Brower moved and F. Minck seconded a motion to approve the minutes of May 12, 2021. B. Brower, R. Blazek, F. Minck and J. Hamill voted aye and the others abstained. The motion carried.

June 9, 2021 Minutes: Motion: J. Hamill moved to approve the minutes of June 9, 2021 and M. LoRusso seconded. R. Blazek, J. Hamill, J. Healy and M. LoRusso voted aye and the others abstained. The motion carried.

10. Correspondence: None

11. Adjournment: Motion: B. Brower moved to adjourn at 8:25 p.m. and J. Healy seconded. All voted aye and the motion passed.



Ann D. Combs, Recording Secretary