

LITCHFIELD INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
February 9, 2022 ~ 7:00 p.m.
In Person at Town Hall Annex, 80 Doyle Road, Bantam

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

Members Present: Robert Blazek, Jack Hamill, Mike LoRusso, and Jack Healy. Also present were Dennis Tobin, Ph.D, Wetlands Agent, and Ann Combs, Recording Secretary.

Members Absent: Abby Conroy and Brooke Healy

Appointment of Alternates: None present

APPLICATION RECEPTIONS

1. Starr/Ziehl – 590 Milton Road

2/9/22

Receive application for relocation of previously approved rain garden area and installation of flagstone patio

Abigail Adams, Registered Landscape Architect and owner of A2 Land Consulting, explained the site and showed the overall property map done by Jason Dismukes. All the proposed work is in the upland review area with just a little in the wetland disturbed area. This application is proposing to change the drainage slightly and shift the rain garden closer to the pond area into the disturbed wetlands area. This will create more enhancement and benefit of wildlife. She presented her full planting plan, a change from just seeding the area. The wetlands disturbance area is now 900 sq. ft. This application is an adjustment to the first overall plan. Commissioners agreed to receive the application, visit the property and study the plan.

2. Carroll – 670 Northfield Road

2/9/22

Receive application for storm drainage basin, porch addition with retaining walls, parking lot, sewer system (grease traps, pump chamber)

David Carroll, owner, said the property will be used as a General Store on the top floor and a community rental kitchen and hall space on the lower floor. It has a pre-existing nonconforming septic. In discussions with Torrington Area Health District, there was no viable septic site on the property. He has found from the WPCA that they are eligible for connection to the sanitary sewer service, and he has secured a tentative easement from the abutting property owner for access on Main Street. They will breach a small portion of wetlands for work in the easement. The parking lot will be paved. There is a drainage plan built into the plan including a basin and landscape plan. He felt this will improve the site, as currently the runoff is unmanaged. The DOT has reviewed the plan and has not provided any objections J. Healy said he may need a permit for a paved right of way and for drainage to the States system. Commissioners are welcome to visit the property.

AGENT DETERMINATION

3. Clark (Fielder) – 9 Dutton Heights

2/9/22

Construction of 12' X 10' sunroom addition to house

D. Tobin said an agent determination had been done on this house in the '90s, and now they want to add a sun porch. So he granted the agent determination and gave them a zoning permit.

4. CONSTRUCTION PERMITS

- **Litchfield Housing Trust (Gagarin Place) – Torrington Road (CC#00001197):** D. Tobin said they were ignoring Cynthia's inspection directives, so D. Tobin contacted them and they are now back on track with completion planned for late spring.

5. Annual Meeting – Election of Officers and Review Bylaws

Motion: J. Healy moved to adopt the bylaws as written and last adopted in August of 2014. J. Hamill seconded, all voted aye and the motion carried.

Motion: J. Healy moved to appoint Jack Hamill as Vice Chairman, and M. LoRusso seconded. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Motion: J. Healy moved and J. Hamill seconded a motion to appoint R. Blazek as Chairman. All voted aye and the motion carried.

6. Approval of Minutes of November 10, 2021

Motion: J. Hamill moved and M. LoRusso seconded a motion to adopt the meeting minutes of 11/10/21. J. Healy abstained because of absence, but all others voted aye and the motion carried.

Motion: J. Healy moved and J. Hamill seconded a motion adopt the meeting minutes of 9/8/21. All voted aye and the motion carried

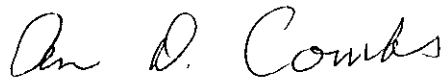
7. Correspondence

- Pesticide Permit Applications for 83 Cathole Road (Brown), 606 Milton Road (Van Gerve Pond), and 221 Richards Road Ext. (Schildgen Pond).
- 12/1/21 Army Corps letter Re permit for Silicon Ranch solar project
- 1/12/22 Email from Darcy Winther, DEEP, announcing reactivation of DEEP's Municipal Inland Wetlands Agency Comprehensive Training Program. It is free and on line.

Motion: J. Healy moved to have M. LoRusso head up the steering committee for the wetlands training program. J. Hamill seconded, all voted aye and the motion carried.

William Dooley said he was interested in joining the Inland Wetlands Commission. He felt he could play a part in protecting the wetlands. He is a hunter and sportsman, and has a desire to protect the land. We will move forward with the interview process by the Board of Selectmen.

8. Adjournment: Motion: J. Healy moved to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. and J. Hamill seconded. All voted aye and the motion carried.



Ann D. Combs, Recording Secretary