

LITCHFIELD INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
May 11, 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, Bill Dooley, Jack Healy, Mike LoRusso, Marty Connor and Susan Clarkin. Also present were Dennis Tobin, Ph.D, Wetlands Agent, and Ann Combs, Recording Secretary.

Members Absent: Brooke Healy, Abby Conroy

Appointment of Alternates: Susan Clarkin was seated as a regular voting member.

APPLICATION CONSIDERATIONS

1. George – 8 Campville Road

5/11/22

Removal of invasive species and drainage improvements to small pond

David George said he is trying to clean up the back property. The water drains into the pond and he would like to install a pipe in a trench to direct the water. M. Connor said it is a swale and a good plan for that area. **Motion:** M. Connor moved to approve the application of David George, 8 Campville Road, for removal of invasive species and drainage improvements to a small pond. S. Clarkin seconded the motion. All voted aye except J. Healy, who voted nay, and the motion carried

2. Northwest Landscaping – 82 East Litchfield Road South

5/11/22

Build salt bin and storage bin within Naugatuck River regulated area

No one appeared for this application. It will be continued until the next meeting, and Dr. Tobin said he would call the applicant.

3. Michael & Janet Joachim – 11 Stage Coach Lane

5/11/22

Build pool, new home and septic system

Dennis McMorow, Berkshire Engineering and Surveying, explained the location as Lot 16 of the Shepaug Crossing subdivision. It lies on a northerly common driveway, and is the only house on the left side of the cul-de-sac. The new house is now sited where the original septic was planned, being moved down the hill with the septic in the back. J. Healy cautioned against emptying the pool onto the septic fields. **Motion:** J. Healy moved to approve the application of Michael and Janet Joachim, 11 Stage Coach Lane, for house and septic system and pool per map by Berkshire Engineering and Surveying dated 3/22/22. J. Hamill seconded the motion, all voted aye and the motion passed.

4. Wilson (Deering) – 110 McBride Road

5/11/22

Two-lot subdivision: house, well, septic for regulated area; driveway and utilities in regulated area

David Wilson, P.E., agent for this application, sent a letter asking to table this application until the June meeting. Chairman Blazek said it would be moved to the June 8th meeting as requested.

APPLICATION RECEPTIONS

5. Grace (Cherosnick) -725 Bantam Road

5/11/22

After the fact placing of 150 ft. of woodchips in a wetland; extended a woodchip path an additional 250 ft. to the Bantam River

Jay Cherosnick, Harper Grace, was present to explain that there are two acres in the back of the property for use by employees, tenants and dogs. There is a path, and he did not realize he needed to apply for permission to top dress the path with woodchips but has done so down to the river. M. Connor said the wetlands have been filled, and a boardwalk would have been a better idea. He suggested pulling the woodchips out from the wetland and making a path to cross the wetlands in a narrower spot. Mr. Cherosnick was told to stop any further work, and Commissioners were given permission to walk the property.

6. Milburn – 29 Milton Road

5/11/22

Construct new septic system, trench drains and bluestone patio

Dennis McMorro, Berkshire Engineering and Surveying, said George Malia flagged the wetlands. This is a small .8 acre lot. There is a very limited area for the septic, and it is 17 ft. from the wetlands. A tank and pump chamber will pump to two leaching galleries. He would like to add two trench drains to catch water and keep it from going into the garage and basement. A patio was added to the plan with wall behind the house. Mr. McMorro will also suggest to the applicant that they may want to repave the driveway. There has been no approval yet from TAHD, and Mr. McMorro will follow up. Commissioners can visit the property.

AGENT DETERMINATIONS

7. Beatty/Sidon – 77 Cathole Road

5/11/22

Hand removal of invasive plants; planting of native trees, shrubs, herbs by hand; construction of pathways and stream crossing

Dr. Tobin said the gardener contacted him and will use locust posts and boards to create a raised walkway. Mr. Tobin rendered a favorable agent determination.

8. McAree (Robertson) – 39 Sheldon Lane

5/11/22

Maintenance shed

Dr. Tobin said the shed will be sited within 150 ft. of a brook, and gave a favorable agent determination.

9. Kylefish - 738 Bantam Road

5/11/22

Construction of drainage improvements, driveway paving

Dr. Tobin reported the applicant will add riprap and repair a crushed pipe and then pave over. He approved and issued an agent determination.

10. Construction Permits

- Litchfield Housing Trust (Gagarin Place) – Torrington Rd. (CC#00001197)

Dr. Tobin reported everything is going well with the work. He then announced the hiring of a new Land Use secretary, April Blasavage, and encouraged commissioners to stop in and introduce themselves.

11. Approval of Minutes of April 13, 2022: Motion: M Connor moved to approve the meeting minutes of the regular 4/13/22 meeting with one correction to Application Considerations 1, changing the address from 3 to 38 Old Turnpike Road. Bill Dooley seconded, all voted aye, and the motion carried.

12. Correspondence

- Invitation to celebration of life for Tony Paradise, long time Inland Wetlands Commissioner. The date is 6/5/22, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Community Center, 421 Bantam Road. All Commissioners are invited.

- PGP Notification for Cozy Hill Pond, 1311 Bantam Road

13. Adjournment: Motion: M. LoRusso moved to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. and J. Healy seconded. All voted aye and the motion carried.



Ann D. Combs, Recording Secretary