

**LITCHFIELD INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**April 12, 2023 ~ 7:00 p.m.**  
**In Person at Town Hall Annex, 80 Doyle Road, Bantam**

**Call to Order:** Chairman Robert Blazek called the regular meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

**Members Present:** Robert Blazek, Martin Connor, Jack Hamill, William Dooley, Mike LoRusso, Susan Clarkin (non-voting). Also present were Spencer Musselman, Wetlands Agent, and Ann Combs, Recording Secretary

**Members Absent:** Jack Healy

**Appointment of Alternates:** None

**APPLICATION CONSIDERATIONS**

**1. Zitter - 288 North Lake Street**

**4/12/23**

*Cleaning of approximately 1 acre of invasive shrubs and vines plus dead trees. Seeding for stabilization. Occasional mowing in dry times or when the ground is frozen. Future planting of native trees and shrubs.*

Robin Zitter is acting as Agent for Cathleen and Mike Beatty. She reviewed what was presented at the last meeting. S. Musselman and M. Connor walked the site. M Connor felt it is not necessary to hire a soil scientist to mark the property.

**Motion:** M. LoRusso moved to approve the application of Zitter, 288 North Lake Street, for cleaning of approximately 1 acre of invasive shrubs and vines plus dead trees, seeding for stabilization with occasional mowing in dry times or when the ground is frozen, and the future planting of native trees and shrubs.

W. Dooley seconded, all voted aye and the motion carried.

**2. Russo Operations, LLC – 760 Bantam Road**

**4/12/23**

*Conversion of the existing commercial building into a tap house as well as the construction of an outdoor kitchen and gravel parking lot*

Thomas Russo wrote a letter dated 4/12/23 withdrawing his application, and R. Blazek read the letter to the Commissioners.

**3. Boehme – 110 Prospect Street**

**4/12/23**

*Remove silt and vegetation from wetlands area (Tannery Brook) to restore storm water management capability*

Mr. Wolfe Boehme summarized his application and noted to finish itd he would seed with tall grasses between the water and the existing lawn to prevent geese from making a mess. He will use a bottomland blend wetlands seed mix. Commissioners agreed that this is more of a maintenance situation. S. Musselman visited two months ago and has no reservations on this project and thought it a good idea to take out the invasives.

**Motion:** J. Hamill moved to approve the application of Boehme at 110, Prospect Street, to remove silt and vegetation from the wetlands area (Tannery Brook) to restore storm water management capability. M. Connor seconded, all voted aye and the motion carried.

### **APPLICATION RECEPTIONS**

#### **4. Audet – 1330 Bantam Road**

**4/12/23**

*Construction of 16' x 40' in-ground swimming pool*

R. Blazek reported that the applicant would like to postpone until the next month, as they would like to be present and have S. Musselman to do a site visit.

#### **5. CONSTRUCTION PERMITS**

Litchfield Housing Trust (Gagarin Place) – Torrington Road (CC#00001197): S. Musselman said they got their COs and there is one condition left to get their planting plans, so inspections will be conducted until the plan is ready. Deadline is June 1.

**6. Violations:** S. Musselman said there has been no further activity at the property at Bantam Road and Cathole Road since he sent the violation notice. He will now have to send the sheriff, as there has been no response.

S. Musselman reported he spoke with the owner of the Prospect Mtn. Road property, and he got a dumpster and has cleaned up the huge pile.

#### **7. Approval of Minutes**

**a) February 8, 2023: Motion:** M. Connor moved to accept the minutes of 2/8/23, and W. Dooley seconded. All voted aye and the motion carried.

**b) March 8, 2023: Motion:** M. Connor moved to accept the minutes of 3/8/23, and M. LoRusso seconded. All voted aye and the motion carried.

#### **8. Correspondence:** None

**9. Adjournment: Motion:** W. Dooley moved to adjourn at 7:17 p.m. and J. Hamill seconded. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Ann D. Combs, Recording Secretary