

**LITCHFIELD INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**January 10, 2023 ~ 7:00 p.m.**  
**In Person at Town Hall Annex, 80 Doyle Road, Bantam**

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

**Members Present:** Susan Clarkin, Martin Connor, Mike LoRusso and Robert Blazek. Also present were Spencer Musselman, Wetlands Agent, and Ann Combs, Recording Secretary.

**Members Absent:** Jack Hamill, William Dooley, Jack Healy

**Appointment of Alternates:** None

**Motion:** M. Connor moved to add as 3a. Robertson – 39 Sheldon Lane, and S. Clarkin seconded. All voted aye and the motion carried.

**APPLICATION CONSIDERATIONS**

**2. Fletcher – Milton Road**

**1/10/24**

*Construct driveway within the upland review area for access new single-family home to be located outside of the upland review area (3,000 sq. ft. affected) MBL # 121-063-02A*

Gabe Fletcher, homeowner, reviewed the application he presented last month. He showed the driveway on the map off of #344 Milton Road that encroaches on the regulated area. All other plans are outside the regulated area. S. Musselman said it is a very steep driveway, but is all dry and a good area.

**Motion:** M. Connor moved to approve the application for Gabe Fletcher, 344 Milton Road, Litchfield, to construct a driveway within the regulated area based on the map by Colby Engineering and Consulting LLC titled “Site Development/Septic Plan for Gabe Fletcher”, revised through 10/19/23. S. Clarkin seconded, all voted aye and the motion carried.

**APPLICATION RECEPTIONS**

**3. Harpin – 407 Bantam Road**

**1/10/24**

*New 100' x 4' wide concrete sidewalk (400 sq. ft.)*

S. Musselman said Planning and Zoning turned down to application because it was incomplete. R. Blazek said we have no plan, so we should do the same.

**Motion:** M. LoRusso moved to deny without prejudice the application of Harpin at 407 Bantam Rd. for construction of a new 100' x 4' wide concrete sidewalk. S. Clarkin seconded, all voted aye, and the motion carried.

**3a. Robertson – 39 Sheldon Lane**

**1/10/24**

*Remove, widen and repave existing driveway, remove the deteriorating retaining wall, construct a new retaining wall in same location as existing and remove scrub growth. Approximately 3,160 sq. ft. of disturbance (0.07 acre) is proposed*

James Robertson, part owner with his son and wife, have essentially rebuilt the house and done extensive landscaping. The driveway is a fairly steep grade with space for two cars at the top. On the side there is a retaining wall and a creek. He wants to widen the driveway and rebuild the retaining wall and add plantings to the side of the driveway. He showed pictures on his phone. M. Connor asked for detail on

how they will build the stone wall. He said he would get a plan and profile from the contractor on the building of the wall ahead of time for the next meeting. Permission was granted for the commissioners to visit the property.

### **AGENT DETERMINATIONS**

#### **4. Towne – Ripley Waterfowl Sanctuary**

**1/10/24**

*Typical pond maintenance. Dredging of existing ponds in same manner as they were cleaned approximately 20 years ago. Pond bottoms will be scraped and material temporarily piled to dewater, then will be removed from site. Acreage affected is as shown on drawing by size of each pond to be cleared. MBL#s 104-064-23A, 104-064-022, & 104-056-006*

S. Musselman issued an agent determination, and they will begin work when they get a stretch of dry weather.

#### **5. Lavoie – 391 East Litchfield Road**

**1/10/24**

*Reactivation of old farm road for temporary construction access. Repair existing swale and remove stumps (10,000 sq. ft. affected) MBL # 111-001-008*

S/ Musselman said the permit was issued and they have started work. He will check on it next week.

### **6. Inland Wetlands Agent Report**

**1. Silicon Ranch:** S. Musselman said Planning and Zoning will take this up at its next meeting and determine whether or not they want to issue a letter.

**2. Salt Shed Violation on 82 East Litchfield Road South:** Since the applicant never completed coming to Inland Wetlands meetings, their application was denied. They put up the salt shed a few weeks ago and started filling it with salt. They have brought in a second salt shed they are going to put up. They also have zoning violations and finally reached out to Mr. Musselman the other day. He will meet with them next week and discuss how they can get into compliance. The tenant is doing things without the landlord's permission, so the landlord is not happy with them, either, as he is the owner of All Star Transportation and wants to do everything the right way. S. Musselman feels there will be a good outcome and will update the group at the next meeting. M. Connor asked him to be sure to ask the property owner if the shed is on concrete as we had asked.

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

**a) November 8, 2023:** Approval of these minutes was tabled until the next meeting for lack of majority present who were also at that meeting.

**b) December 13, 2023:** Approval of these minutes was tabled until the next meeting for lack of majority present who were also at that meeting.

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

**9. Adjournment: Motion:** M. Connor moved and S. Clarkin seconded a motion to adjourn at 7:20 p.m. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Ann D. Combs, Recording Secretary