

Town of North Canaan

Inland Wetland/Conservation Commission

Regular Meeting

August 26, 2021

Present: Matt Freund, Barry Brown, Brian Allyn Jr., Chris Crane

Chairman Freund called the meeting order at 7:00pm

1. Shell Gas Station (put on agenda after written agenda done). The engineer came before the commission to discuss plans to replace the catch basins which have not been working at 3 East Main Street. There is no connection to the street system. There are no wetlands on site. This was just for the commission's information. This is an open bottom system to empty back into the ground. Will go thru a treatment system before emptying into tank.
2. Solar Farm on Sand Road – Mr. and Mrs. John Mahoney appeared before the commission to discuss the issues that they are having with water run off entering their property. The Wetlands Commission was not in the loop of what happened with this project. Mr. Crane explained that Lodestar Energy purchased approx. 17 acres of land above the Mahoney's. They clear cut the property for the project and concentrated the water flow into the Mahoney's property. With all of the rain the pond is overflowing going over the spillway and down hill into the Mahoney's garage. Mr. Mahoney called the building inspector, as he has concerns about their being compliance issues. Mr. Freund and Mr. Brown did an inspection of the property and spoke to the engineer who was going to be in touch with the Mahoney's and go back to the site. Mr. Mahoney is skeptical about the plan and feels it will continue to fail. Mr. Mahoney has attempted to divert the water away from his property, but the discharge flow changes each time it rains. He would like someone to look at the plan. According to the company the CT Siting Council for approval and did not need town or wetlands approval. Mr. Mahoney presented the commission with some information on paper. Mr. Freund explained that the commission did not have the expertise to give advice, but that they can go to the engineer to raise the concerns and see what the solutions are. Engineer George Johannsen is going to walk the property with Mr. Mahoney to see what he thinks may need to happen. Mr. Freund will start by speaking with Selectman Perotti.
3. River Bank – bush hogging is acceptable as well as clearing with a chain saw. The river bank has to be maintained.
4. Mail – none
5. No sign offs were done at this point.
6. Mr. Brown presented some information and a map of the Lone Oak camp ground area near the office where they would like to put a storage building. It will be about ½ way inside the 100 ft setback. The engineer doesn't think it will affect anything. The pitch will be towards the

wetlands as the land heads that way anyways. Mr. Freund stated that the committee will need to sign off on it once the plan is all together. Right now there are no red flags that can be seen.

Mr. Crane made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Allyn seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

Meeting adjourned 7:47pm

Respectfully submitted,

Ayrslea A Odell

Recording Secretary
