

Town of North Canaan
Inland Wetlands
October 28, 2021
Regular Meeting

Present: Chairman Matt Freund, Barry Brown, Eric Whiting, Bob Jacquier, Brian Allyn Jr.

Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:06pm

Mr. Jacquier made a motion to approve the minutes from the September meeting. Mr. Allyn seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

89 Lower Road - came before the commission to explain the proposed project and is prepared to put forth an application. On the property is an old farmhouse and a damn (remnants are still visible) which failed several years ago. The proposal is for a new damn and to remove spoils to create a swimming pond. There will be no change in elevation it is just replacement where the old damn was. Spoils would be put on the field and kept on the property. There would be continued pond maintenance. Discussion ensued regarding the property. **Mr. Jacquier made a motion to allow the project at 89 Lower Road, Charles Hayes, be approved as a maintenance item and no application needs to be submitted to the board. Mr. Allyn seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. Motion was approved.**

John Coulon came before the commission to gain information before purchasing a property at 300 North Elm Street. It is a 2.5-acre lot next to the Stateline Restaurant. There was discussion as to where there is wetlands and the flood plain. Mr. Coulon is planning on building a shop and the commission agreed that because there may be wetlands or in the flood plain this could be potential issue. The commission suggested that he get a survey done and once the wetlands have been flagged then look at the measurements and see how the project may be able to be done. Gravel for a driveway cannot be put in wetlands. Mr. Coulon agreed that he would speak with Ralph Stanton and get a survey done.

Upon the request of Chairman Freund, Mr. Jacquier took over chairmanship for the next item.

Mr. Freund presented for informational purposes a plan for the Friends farm. On the map Mr. Freund pointed out different maintenance projects on items that have been existing for years. They will be cleaning out ponds and drainage areas. This is an NRCS project with the USDA. Everything they will touch has had existing drainage already and this is just maintenance on those areas. **Mr. Whiting made a motion to allow Mr. Freund to perform the maintenance projects proposed and no application needs to be submitted to the board. Mr. Allyn seconded the motion. Motion was approved.**

Mr. Freund received back the chairmanship.

Mr. Brown gave the commission the dates for next year. **Chairman Freund made a motion to accept the dates as presented for 2022. Mr. Jacquier seconded the motion. Motion was approved.**

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There were no sign offs by Chairman Freund.

Mr. Brown made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Jacquier seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:32pm

Respectfully submitted,

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Recording Secretary