

Conservation/Inland Wetland Commission

Town of New Fairfield

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Meeting Minutes

November 16, 2021 7:15 PM

Zoom Meeting

Meeting Moderator: Paul Gouveia

Call to Order Tom Quigley called the regular meeting of the Conservation/Inland Wetland Commission to order at 7:15pm.

Members in Attendance

Tom Quigley, Jerry Schwalbe, Chris McCartney, Joan Archer, Keith Landa, Carolyn Rowan, Margaret DiTullio and EEO Tim Simpkins. Lisa Zustovich took the meeting minutes.

Violations

53 Saw Mill Rd, map 19, block 13, lot 1, clearing lot with regulated wetlands and no permit, William Fichthorn/owner. Owner present. Tom Quigley & EEO Tim Simpkins visited the site and spoke with the owner. Pictures reviewed. The owner cleared a large portion of the property; some work done in the stream with alteration in the direction of the stream. Mr. Fichthorn stated he that he was unaware that he needed a permit and will submit one for next month's meeting. **Continued**

14 Bogus Hill Rd, map 10, block 21, lot 2, work without necessary permits, Isuf Nezap & Ylber Hoti/owners. No owner/representative present. EEO Tim Simpkins spoke with the applicant and said they are still trying to get the survey done, he will contact them again. **Continued**

2 Deerfield Rd, map 38, block 4, lot 18/-19, clearing lot with regulated wetlands and no permit, Joseph Doceti Jr./owner and 4 Deerfield Rd, map 38, block 4, lot 17, clearing lot with regulated wetlands and no permit, Joseph Doceti Jr./owner. No owner/representative present. EEO Tim Simpkins spoke with the Town's attorney who has been in touch with the owner's attorney. Both Tim and Tom Quigley visited the site today and noted some material had been moved. Per Mr. Quigley at this point this is a matter for the attorneys. **Continued**

Chris McCartney made a motion to vote Peralta Road, shoulder road repair, applicant-Michael Curtin onto the agenda under new business, 2nd by Carolyn Rowan, all in favor.

New Business

Ball Pond Outlet, removal of vegetation and invasives in the brook. Retain professional organization for work, Ball Pond Advisory Committee (BPAC)/applicant. Mark from the BPAC present. The plan is to set up a long-term maintenance program for the culvert. Length of the culvert goes from the pond to the grate, approx. 35-40 feet. BPAC has received a proposal from NE Aquatics. Having someone from NE Aquatics as well as Larry Marsicano from AER come to next month's meeting to discuss the application discussed. Elysa, BPAC member said along with the invasives there are a lot of native plants and would like more information before removal. Carolyn Rowan would like to know what the invasives are and what the vegetation is and suggested contacting WestConn to see if they would be interested in getting involved to study this. Jerry Schwalbe made a motion to accept the application for review, 2nd by Joan Archer, all in favor. **Accepted & Continued**

188 Ball Pond Rd, map 36, block 18A, lot 1.2, rebuild pre-existing dock with the addition of stairs and railing, Julian Laemmerhirt/owner. Owners present. Stairs and dock are done. Mr. Laemmerhirt stated he cleared weeds and poison ivy from the area around the stairs. He states he put sod down in this area and it is stable. Still need to remove the old structure. Photos reviewed. Chris McCartney made a motion to accept the application for review, 2nd by Carolyn Rowan, all in favor. **Accepted & Continued**

36 Lake Drive South, map 20, block 1, lot 54, construction of proposed detached garage with related driveway reconstruction, retaining walls, funicular, permeable patios ad stormwater management, Simlake LLC/owner. Steven Sullivan present, representing the owner. Maps reviewed and discussed. There is an existing house with stairs to the lake and a driveway. Proposing a detached garage & retaining wall with stairs to go from the garage to the house. Also proposing a funicular to go from garage to the house. Discussed 6-7' retaining walls, applicant aware these must be designed by an engineer. Patio discussed. No work below 440 line. Storm water management reviewed and discussed. Soil testing has been done. Sequence of construction included on maps. Keith Landa made a motion to accept the application for review, 2nd by Joan Archer, all in favor. **Accepted & Continued**

20 Misty Brook Ln, map 2, block 4, lot 21, drill 2 wells and install one 5-ton and one 4-ton geothermal heat pump, closed loop system. Remove and dispose of oil heating tank. Update interior duct work, Hannah Kowalski, Dandelion energy/applicant, Christine Cromarty/owner. Hannah Kowalski present representing the applicant. Proposing installing a geothermal heat pump 3 bore system and removal of the oil tank. Maps reviewed and discussed. The Commission needs to see the distance from the closest bore hole to the wetlands, silt fencing and erosion controls shown on the maps. Keith Landa made a motion to accept the application for review, 2nd by Jerry Schwalbe, all in favor. **Accepted & Continued**

Peralta Road, road shoulder repair, Michael Curtin, applicant. Joe present, representing the applicant. Erosion issue and repairs needed discussed. Plan to rip-rap shoulder of the road to prevent erosion. Commission discussed accepting for administrative approval so that work could be done to prevent further erosion. Carolyn Rowan made a motion to accept the application for administrative approval, 2nd by Chris McCartney, all in favor. **Accepted & Continued for Administrative Approval**

Old Business

16 Lake Drive South, create retaining wall, outdoor kitchen, bluestone patio and replacement of wooden fence with metal fence, map15, block7, lot 2 +3, Yakov & Anna Krayn/owner. No owner/rep present. The Commission has received letter of extension from the applicant. EEO Tim Simpkins spoke with the applicant's landscape architect. They are waiting or the Town's engineer to approve the storm water management plan. **Continued**

29 Ball Pond Rd E., map 22, block 5, lot 13, revision to an existing cement and fieldstone sea wall by placing an 8" high x 40" wide cement bulkhead within the sea wall to secure a 16" gangway and 8'x12' dock, Leslie Lipka & Steven Sherman/owners. Owners present. The Commission has no issues with this application. Keith Landa made a motion to approve the application, 2nd by Margaret DiTullio, all in favor. **Approved**

258 Pine Hill Rd, map 5, block 1, lot 36&37, construct a 5 bedroom dwelling, septic, well, driveway including stream crossing, John Carinci/applicant, Louis Pascuzzi/owner. John Carinci, applicant, present along with Mike Mazzucco. Discussed installing pipes while water is flowing and how this would

be done. Discussed doing this during a low flow period. Maps reviewed and discussed. Margaret DiTullio made a motion to approve the application, 2nd by Keith Landa, all in favor. **Approved**

Correspondence

None

Administrative

Approve 2022 Meeting Calendar. Chris McCartney made a motion to approve the 2022 Meeting Calendar, 2nd by Keith Landa, all in favor. **Approved**

Approve October 19, 2021 Meeting Minutes. Chris McCartney made a motion to approve the 10-19-21 meeting minutes as written, 2nd by Joan Archer, all in favor except Jerry Schwalbe who abstained. **Approved**

Approve November 6, 2021 Site Walk Minutes. Keith Landa made a motion to approve the 11-6-21 minutes as written, 2nd by Margaret DiTullio, all in favor. **Approved**

Conservation issues for the Town of New Fairfield. None.

Adjournment Carolyn Rowan made a motion to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Keith Landa, all in favor. Meeting adjourned @ 8:25pm. **Adjourned**