

Conservation/Inland Wetland Commission
Town of New Fairfield
4 Brush Hill Road, New Fairfield, CT 06812
Tel: (203) 312-5640 Fax: (203) 312-5608

Meeting Minutes
Tuesday August 16, 2022 7:15pm
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, Chris McCartney, Keith Landa, Carolyn Rowan, Ernie Dech and EEO Tim Simpkins.
Lisa Zustovich took the meeting minutes.

Violations

None

New Business

29 Ball Pond Road East, map 22, block 5, lot13, construct a driveway 14' wide by 23' long, with retaining wall, Lipka & Sherman, owners. Owners present along with Engineer Benjamin Doto. Maps reviewed and discussed. Erosion controls and stock pile discussed. Per Mr. Doto erosion controls -silt fence and hay bales are shown on maps; no place for stock pile, soil will be loaded and removed off site, this is listed in the sequence of construction. The Commission asked that the existing dock be shown on the map. Per Mr. Doto they worked with NF Town Engineer Tony Iadarola who approved the plan and issued the permit. Carolyn Rowan asked about protecting the culvert on the south side of the property during construction. Mr. Doto said the culvert is uphill from where they are working but they can extend the silt fencing to prevent any erosion in that area during construction. Carolyn also voiced concern regarding the root system of a big spruce tree on the north that could be impacted by the installation of the wall. Per Mr. Doto, the section of the wall in that area will only go about one block down (in the area of the root system) very minimal disturbance in that area. Ernie Dech asked about the driveway, Mr. Doto said the driveway would be gravel except for the gutter area which would be asphalt. Keith Landa made a motion to accept the application for review, 2nd by Chris McCartney, all in favor. **Accepted & Continued**

33 Lake Drive South, map 20, block 4, lot 99+103-106, natural stone step pedestrian access to waterfront and boulder retaining wall for patio area. Olliver, owner/Hines, agent. Ellen Hines, landscape architect, present, representing the owners. Maps reviewed, discussed stairs to lake and difficulty of the project. Carolyn mentioned that the silt fences are coming down and noted erosion when she visited the site, also asked about how they will access the site and how they will do the work. Tom Quigley asked for topography, contours, Ms. Hines said she has a survey she can provide. Carolyn Rowan made a motion to accept the application for review, 2nd by Keith Landa, all in favor. **Accepted & Continued**

Old Business

115 Shortwoods Road, map 10, block 18, lot 2, Extend existing rock wall along pond edge and in yard, grade existing yard, Michael Mancuso. Owner present. Tim Simpkins and Ernie Dech visited the site and spoke with the owner. Discussed consulting a landscape architect re: wetlands plants. Owner states he wants to do a knee-high natural stone wall along the yellow line on the drawing and then transition to a fence. Owner said he will need 2 truckloads of fill and 1½ truckloads of topsoil. Discussed non-disturbance area on pond side of wall and silt fencing on pond side during construction of wall. Ernie Dech made a motion to approve the application with the following stipulations:

- Erosion controls are placed on the pond side during construction of the wall and grading
- Wall will be knee high in height, natural stone
- Non-disturbance zone on pond side of the wall except for natural plants that can be planted w/a planting plan submitted to the Commission by the owner.

Second by Carolyn Rowan, all in favor. **Approved w/stipulations**

Correspondence

E-mail from The Pond and Lake Connection re: Treatment of pond on 97 Shortwoods Rd.- Commission discussed that they will send a letter to DEEP

E-mail from DEEP re: Forested Wetlands Soils Workshop.- Carolyn Rowan said she is interested in going.

Administrative

Approve Meeting July 19, 2022- Chris McCartney made a motion to approve the 7-19-22 meeting minutes as written, 2nd by Carolyn Rowan, all in favor except for Keith Landa who abstained. **Approved**

Conservation issues for the Town of New Fairfield- Carolyn Rowan discussed the increase in bear sightings in town.

Adjournment

Chris McCartney made a motion to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Ernie Dech, all in favor. **Adjourned at 8pm**

Received by email on 08/18/2022 @ 2:20 p.m.
by Chrystie M. Bontempo, Asst. Town Clerk, New Fairfield