

Conservation/Inland Wetland Commission

Town of New Fairfield

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Minutes

Tuesday December 21, 2021 7:15 PM

Zoom Meeting

Meeting Moderator: Quintin Flowers

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, Keith Landa, Carolyn Rowan, Margaret DiTullio and EEO Tim Simpkins. Lisa Zustovich took the meeting minutes.

Violations

2 Bear Mtn. Rd, map 24, block 21, lot 2.4, clearing lot with regulated wetlands and no permit, Robin Marwaha & Guncha Bagga/owner. No owner/rep present. Tim Simpkins and Tom Quigley visited the site. Owner cleared trees along Ball Pond Brook. Owner will submit an application. **Continued**

14 Bogus Hill Rd, map 10, block 21, lot 2, work without necessary permits, Isuf Nezaj & Ylber Hoti/owners. Owner present and stated they are working on getting a survey done. She said they will have an application submitted for next month's meeting. The Commission asked for photos of the property prior to the work that was done. The Commission also requested a drainage plan, erosion control plan and permeable vs impermeable surfaces. Owner instructed not to do any more work. **Continued**

New Business

53 Saw Mill Rd, map 19, block 13, lot 1, clear brush on property to extend yard, William Fichthorn/owner. No owner/rep present. There was clearing into the wetlands. Tim Simpkins and Tom Quigley visited the site and spoke with the owner. Commission discussed needing a better map showing work done vs not done. Keith Landa made a motion to accept the application for review, 2nd by Jerry Schwalbe, all in favor. **Accepted & Continued**

7 Astoria Drive, map 32, block 8, lot 3+4, construct single family dwelling with driveway, Dale E. Halas/applicant. No owner/rep present. Tom Quigley visited the site. Driveway discussed. Commission members encouraged to visit site. Commission needs to see distance to the wetlands, cut and fill contours, house site staked, and stock pile location. Carolyn Rowan made a motion to accept the application for review, 2nd by Chris McCartney, all in favor. **Accepted & Continued**

79 Lake Drive N., map 15, block 1, lot 56-58, repair seawall, approx. 80ft., Thomas & Nancy Walsh/owner, Ralph Langham/applicant. Ralph Langham present representing the owner. Mr. Langham said he has been in touch with First Light. Seawall is deteriorating; work is below the 440 line. Mr. Langham said any fill removed will go up the hill and covered to be reused. Any concrete debris will be removed from site. Commission requested a better map showing access, stockpile and spot elevations. Chris McCartney made a motion to accept the application for review, 2nd by Keith Landa, all in favor. **Accepted & Continued**

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. Owner Mr. Krayn present along with Ellen Hines, Landscape Architect. Planting plan submitted. Discussed putting a time limit for finishing the planting. Jerry Schwalbe made a motion to approve the application with the stipulation that the planting be done by June 15, 2022, 2nd by Carolyn Rowan, all in favor. **Approved w/stipulations**

Ball Pond Outlet, removal of vegetation and invasives in the brook. Retain professional organization for work, Ball Pond Advisory Committee/applicant. Larry Marsicano present, he met with Tim Simpkins at the site on 11/21/21. He does not recommend removing the cattails – not the entire plants- because there is water flowing. He feels invasives should be identified and a plan made to remove and replace. Removing leafy vegetation and cutting cattails down (not removing entire plants) in outlet discussed for better water flow. Matt Vogt from NE Aquatic Services said the cattails need to be contained to prevent overgrowth. He recommended removing the batch of cattails from the outlet completely. Maintaining cattails would need to be done annually per Mr. Vogt. Area resident Mary Yulo wanted to know if there was a better way to measure water flow and height of water. Gauges that can be installed to track and measure the height of the water was discussed. Ball Pond Resident Charles Pavarini said he felt the outlet needs to be cleared so water can freely flow. Ball Pond resident Stephen Smith said he feels the water level is the highest he's seen it. Elissa Johnson said she feels cattails are important for wildlife. Jerry Schwalbe made a motion to approve the application with the following stipulations:

In order to continue the natural flow of water from Ball Pond to Ball Pond Brook, the Ball Pond Advisory Committee is permitted to:

1. Manually remove cattails, phragmites, and debris from the mouth of the drainage culvert not to exceed 6 feet across the opening, and not below the natural pond bottom.
 2. At any time remove invasive vegetation, and remove debris from the drainage grate.
 3. Dispose of vegetation and debris removed from the area offsite and away from the pond and drainage channel.
 4. The New Fairfield Environmental Officer will be consulted prior to any removal of vegetation.
- 2nd by Chris McCartney, all in favor. **Approved w/stipulations**

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. Owner present. Commission has no issue with this application. No further discussion. Chris McCartney made a motion to approve the application, 2nd by Margaret DiTullio, all in favor. **Approved**

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 storm water management, Simlake LLC/owner. Steven Sullivan present representing the applicant. Maps reviewed and discussed. Discussed 12" yard drain for overflow, discussed putting riprap on the west side. Construction sequence discussed- phasing and inspection by EEO between phases discussed. Septic location discussed and noted on map. Discussed silt fencing, Mr. Sullivan said they can add staked hay bales. Carolyn Rowan made a motion to approve the application, 2nd by Keith Landa, all in favor. **Approved**

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. Maps reviewed, silt fencing discussed. Photos of a previous job for reference reviewed. Carolyn Rowan made a motion to approve the application, 2nd by Chris McCartney, all in favor. **Approved**

Correspondence

Administrative

Approve Meeting November 16, 2021. Chris McCartney made a motion to approve the 11-16-21 meeting minutes as written, 2nd by Carolyn Rowan, all in favor. **Approved**

Conservation issues for the Town of New Fairfield. No discussion

Adjournment Tom Quigley made a motion to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Carolyn Rowan, all in favor.
Adjourned @ 8:50pm

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by: Holly Z Smith, Asst. Town Clerk, New Fairfield