

Conservation/Inland Wetland Commission
Town of New Fairfield
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Meeting Minutes
Tuesday July 16, 2024
7:15 PM
Zoom Meeting

Call to Order

Tom Quigley called the regular meeting of the Conservation/Inland Wetland Commission to order at 7:17pm.

Members in Attendance

Tom Quigley, Chris McCartney, Keith Landa, Ernie Dech, Carolyn Rowan, Frank Yulo (alt), Ann Brown (alt) and EEO Tim Simpkins. Lisa Zustovich took the meeting minutes.

Appointments

Tom Quigley appointed Frank Yulo and Ann Brown to voting status.

Violations

16 Barnum Rd. No Owner or rep present. EEO Tim Simpkins said he had received complaints and visited the site along with Tom Quigley and Ernie Dech. There is a catch basin in the driveway which was backing up. The owner dug the pipe up which is in wetlands and took the spoil he dug out and placed it in the wetlands. There is also a swale in the backyard that he dug out and brush he pushed into a pile. He was told to stop all activity. Tim encouraged Commission members to go see the property/activity. Owner plans to plant a wildflower mix, line the depression he created with stone and clean up the brush. Per Tim, the owner is submitting an application for August. **Continued**

New Business

1 Bogus Hill Rd, MBL 6/4/96.3, Install 6 Boulder Steps. No owner or rep present. EEO Tim Simpkins said he had received several complaints on the activity at this property. Scott's Landscaping contractor was putting in plants and 6 bluestone steps, based on an approval from First Light. He did not know he needed Wetlands permit. The bluestone steps were installed from the road to a more level area to get to the lake. Per Tim there was no impact, and that they did a good thing with the planting on First Lights property. Distance to the lake (from last step) is approx. 50-60 feet. Admin approval discussed. It's all vegetative, work is complete. Carolyn Rowan made a motion to accept the application for review, 2nd by Keith Landa, all in favor. Tom Quigley made a motion to approve administratively, 2nd by Chris McCarthy, all in favor. **Accepted & Continued for Administrative Approval**

Old Business

15 Orehill Rd MBL33/1/8, 3,4,5,7 Arden Ave MBL34/17/1.5, 13,34/17/3-4, 34/17/1+2, 34/18/21-24, 21 Merlin Ave, MBL34/18/2, 23 Merlin Ave MBL34/18/3, Extend culvert from headwall by installing a structure and extend into site as phase I of drainage improvements and stormwater management measures proposed in phase II and phase III by the Town of New Fairfield, Felix Rubin/owner, Joshua Stacey/owner, Town of New Fairfield/owner & applicant, Karen Tracy/owner. Mike Mazzucco present, representing the applicant. New drawings provided, reviewed and discussed. Drainage calculations discussed. Mr. Mazzucco explained that they were replacing the drainage pipe to a larger 42" pipe that would then

transition to a 48" then 5' diameter pipe which is showed on the map. Keith Landa made a motion to approve the application, 2nd by Chris McCarthy, all in favor. **Approved**

146 Ball Pond Rd, map 34, block 9, lot 2, Existing house to be razed, construct new house within existing footprint and new septic system, revised plan -Mario Ricci Jrthey /owner. Steven Sullivan present, representing the applicant. Updated maps provided, reviewed and discussed. They are converting the existing walkway and paved section of driveway to gravel. This reduces the proposed impervious coverage from 30.9% to 26.5%. Construction fence noted on map behind silt fence. Removal of invasive phragmites and mugwort noted. Per Erich Diller, Architect, they are rebuilding the foundation with poured concrete and footings. No stock piles. Carolyn Rowan made a motion to approve the application, 2nd by Ann Brown, all in favor. **Approved**

Correspondence

Revised plan 146 Ball Pond Rd- Previously discussed

15 Ore Hill Rd.- Drainage Proposal- Previously discussed

Administrative

Approve Meeting June 18, 2024. Ernie Dech made a motion to approve the 6-18-24 meeting minutes as written, 2nd by Chris McCartney, all in favor except Carolyn Rowan who abstained. **Approved**

Conservation issues for the Town of New Fairfield. Carolyn Rowan said she saw a boat on the lake pulling building refuse and asked if this was a violation. It looked like some could potential fly/fall into the lake. Who could we call about this? First Light? DEEP?

There was a discussion about educating residents about when a Wetland permit is needed, do's and don'ts in wetlands and near watercourses. The Commission discussed doing a series of columns in the town paper to educate residents.

Adjournment

Carolyn Rowan made a motion to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Chris McCartney, all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8pm.

Received by email on 07/22/2024 @ 4:10 p.m.
by Chrystie M. Bontempo, Asst. Town Clerk, New Fairfield