

*Conservation/Inland Wetland Commission
Town of New Fairfield
4 Brush Hill Road
New Fairfield, CT 06812*

*Regular Meeting
June 19, 2007
Library Meeting Room*

Call to Order

Pat Del Monaco called the meeting to order at 7:20pm.

Members in Attendance

Pat Del Monaco, Jennifer Licht, Jeff Main, Gerry Schwalbe, & Tom Quigley. Minutes were taken by Lisa Zustovich.

Notice of Violation

**2B Stonebrooke Dr, Map 33, Block 1, Lot 105H &
1 Arden Ave, Map 34, Block 1, Lot 3. Cutting of trees in wetlands. Picinich.**

Brush was cut and piled in wetlands. The Commission instructed Mr. Pininich to remove the brush from the wetlands. EEO Tim Simpkins will follow up. **Continued.**

61 Sail Harbour Dr, Construction of Patio by Candlewood Lake, Map 3, Block 3, Lot 14.

Itzler. As per Tim Simpkins, he received a complaint from the CLA about the construction of a patio. The owner stated that the area was constructed for golf cart parking. Work is done. The Commission instructed Mr. Itzler to submit an application with a new survey showing work already done. **Continued.**

22 Sunset Drive, Construction of wall by Candlewood Lake, Map 11, Block 2, Lot 6, Deluke.

Owner has submitted an application. **Deferred to New Business.**

New Business

22 Sunset Drive, Construction of a wall by Candlewood Lake, Map 11, Block 2, Lot 6, Deluke.

Owner Mr. Deluke present. Portion of work already done. Owner wants to go to the seawall (not beyond). As per Mr. Deluke 1st Light Power has been notified and wants more information. Drawing have been done by Paul Hiro and will be available for next months meeting. The house is still under construction-99% complete. Jeff Main stated that he felt they should amend the permit for the house to include this project rather than have a new application. Mr. Deluke was informed that the Commission needs to see the survey, distance of disturbance to the lakes edge and a design plan. Tom Quigley made a motion to accept this application as an amendment to the original application, second by Gerry Schwalbe, all in favor. **Accepted for review & Continued.**

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2 Misty Brook Lane, Cutting trees adjacent to a stream, Map 2, Block 4, Lot 12, Pace. Owner Maria Pace present. Approx. 8 trees have been cut down (some black birch, some white ash). Trees removed were diseased or dead as per owner. Stumps have been grounded (not pulled). Pat Del Monaco commented that she felt the removing of dead trees was a permitted activity. Tom Quigley agreed, stating he felt it was a maintenance activity. Owner stated she plans to remove about 5 more trees that are dead or dying. The Commission stated that they would like to see the area planted with natural vegetation. Mrs. Pace stated they have already started planting fern and cattails. The Survey shows a small portion of a wall that the owner wants to extend. The Commission informed Mrs. Pace that they need to see the following information at the next meeting:

- Distance from the area of disturbance to the brook
- Well and septic locations
- Contours
- How work will be done.

Tom Quigley made a motion to accept the application for review, second by Gerry Schwalbe, all in favor. **Accepted for review and Continued.**

9 Peralta Street, SFD, Map 32, Block 7, Lots 3, 4 & 5, Reilly Construction, Inc. Joe Reilly present. Survey reviewed. Driveway runoff discussed. There are 2 wetlands on property. The Commission instructed Mr. Reilly that they need to see the distance from area of disturbance to the wetlands and roof litter drains. Jennifer Licht made a motion to accept the application for review, second by Gerry Schwalbe, all in favor. **Accepted for review and Continued.**

Gerry Schwalbe made a motion to amend the agenda under New Business to include 1, 3 & 5 Knollcrest Rd, second by Jennifer Licht, all in favor.

1, 3, 5 Knollcrest Rd., Reconstruct Bulk Head and attach a dock. Bret Gautrau and Darel Peck. This bulk head is on a shared right of way in front of 7 Knollcrest Rd (home owners-The Dunkleys). Owners stated they need to replace the hardware on the bulk head since the original hardware was severed. They need to re-point the wall and update the dock. The dock will float (dock will be 12' x 12'). The Commission notified the owners that they need to see a survey or property map showing proposed work. Specific details are needed regarding what will be done to the seawall. Tom Quigley stated he felt no application was needed. He feels this is a repair. Jennifer Licht stated this seemed like something that would be approved administratively. Jeff Main made a motion to accept the application for review, second by Jennifer Licht. Pat Del Monaco, Gerry Schwalbe, Jeff Main, and Jennifer Licht in favor. Tom Quigley opposed. **Accepted for review and Continued.**

Old Business

58 Fairfield Drive, Drainage improvements & erosion, sediment control, Map 33, Block 1, Lots 102 & 103, Cioffelletti. Peter Young was present representing the owner. Mr. Young stated that they plan to rip rap the existing eroding channel and use existing boulders to create a boulder check dam. They plan to have an area designated as a Conservation Easement. Planting of the edges discussed. Drawings reviewed & discussed. Gerry Schwalbe voiced concern with a low point area at the road. He questioned whether the catch basin and pipes can handle increased flow. The Commission needs to see drainage calculations.

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Tom Quigley stated that the site is steep and discussed armoring the walls of the ravine. Site for future proposed dwelling discussed. There is an existing foundation on the property. Tom Quigley discussed moving future proposed dwelling up to that location. Proposed septic is only 60 feet from wetlands. The Commission will not allow anything (with regard to septic) closer than 75 feet. Waltraud Jackel has lived in the area for 40 years. She lives adjacent to the property. Mrs. Jackel stated that a lot of water comes thru this property and goes into Putnam Lake. She also stated that the property is very steep. Mrs. Jackel said she feels it is a beautiful piece of wildlife property with a lot of water. The Commission needs to see the following at the next meeting:

- Drainage calculations
- Planting plan
- Alt. plan (armoring)
- The % of slope from 170 grade

Continued.

85 Pine Hill Rd, Construction of a Pond, Map 9, Block 1, Lot 2B, Reilly. Owner Pat Reilly present along with Jim Mellett who is helping him on this application. Mr. Reilly plans to dig a pond coming off the brook. He wants to enhance the wetlands. It was discussed whether or not the wetlands in question were state regulated. Gerry Schwalbe questioned whether the owner will need to contact the Army Core of Engineers. The Water Table was discussed. Mr. Reilly will supply this information at the next meeting. Mr. Reilly stated that the previous owner's daughter said the state use to come in and dredge the brook. EEO Tim Simpkins instructed Mr. Reilly to contact the CT DEP and also get a letter from the Army Core of Engineers. Pat Del Monaco stated that she felt this is a significant impact to the stream and wetland area. She feels this project would result in a significant change to the wetlands. Jeff Main stated that the proposed project would re-route the stream. Watershed discussed. Jim Mellett stated that native trout come to this area but can not survive. They plan to dig the pond to a depth of 18 feet which will help the trout survive. Removing invasives discussed. Improving the habitat of amphibious creatures and native brook trout discussed. Mr. Reilly discussed an area of the stream that is loaded with fragmites that he plans to remove. Mr. Reilly also wanted to put a second shallower pond in. There are a lot of turtles in the area that could hibernate in the mud (as per Jim Mellett). Mr. Mellett also stated that he is having a Botanist come to the site and identify the invasive species. Tom Quigley questioned how they plan to remove sediment from the area. De-watering the sediment while dredging discussed. Tom Quigley stated that the Commission should contact their own expert. He suggested the Commission contact Sean Hayden from N.E. Conservation to review this application. The Commission needs the following for next months meeting:

- To know whether or not the area is regulated by CT DEP or the Army Core of Engineers
- Grading and contours
- Sequence of Construction
- Plan for fill removal

Continued.

49 Lake Drive North, Amend the existing permit to include the tear down of ½ a house and repair the foundation, Map 14, Block 1, Lots 35 & 36. McGurk. John McGurk present. The foundation has been poured and back filled. The area has been seeded and hayed. Erosion control measures are in place. An as-built survey has been submitted. Tim Simpkins stated that their erosion control measures are excellent. The new foundation was done on the original footprint.

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Gerry Schwalbe made a motion to approve the application, second by Jeff Main, all in favor.
Approved.

124 Lake Drive South, Hochstetter. Ian Hochstetter present. Drawings reviewed. Proposed wall is approx. 20 feet from the lake. Jennifer Licht made a motion to amend the existing permit, second by Jeff Main, all in favor. **Approved.**

Correspondence

Letter from Art Fasig re: requesting an extension of permit on 6 Spinning Wheel Lane.

History of the application discussed. Tom Quigley stated that if they extend the permit it should be stipulated that he has a proper drainage plan for the driveway and better erosion controls. As per Tim Simpkins, they are waiting for additional requested information from Mr. Fasig. Mr. Simpkins stated that the area is stable, re-vegetated and the driveway is paved. Water goes into a sump hole off the driveway.

Letter from the Planning Commission with regard to the Lapse of sub-division approval on Columbia Drive. The Army Core changed the location of the detention basins.

Permit Application for the Use of Pesticides in State Waters re: Williams Pond. The Commission received this information for informational purposes.

Project Clear invitation to attend on June 27, 2007. Commission members received invitations.

Letter from Attorney Neil Marcus, re: Penna, 126 Route 37. Letter of withdrawal of application.

Administrative

Approve Legal Fees- None.

Approve May 15, 2007 meeting minutes. Tom Quigley made a motion to approve the 5-15-07 meeting minutes, second by Jennifer Licht, all in favor. **Approved.**

Discuss regulations, fees and application. Commission members were informed to submit any changes to Gerry Schwalbe. A public hearing will be necessary before new regulations and fees can go into affect.

Conservation Issues for the Town of New Fairfield. None

Adjournment

Jennifer Licht made a motion to adjourn, second by Gerry Schwalbe, all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm.