

**Conservation/Inland Wetlands Commission
Town of New Fairfield
4 Brush Hill Road, New Fairfield, CT 06812
Regular Meeting
New Fairfield Senior Center
November 18, 2008
7:15pm**

Call to Order

Patricia Del Monaco called the meeting of the Inland Wetlands Commission to order at 7:15pm.

Members in Attendance

Patricia Del Monaco, Tom Quigley, Gerry Schwalbe, Mary Aragonés, Jennifer Licht and Niev Duffy. EEO Tim Simpkins present. Minutes were taken by Lisa Zustovich.

New Business

None

Old Business

34 Windmill Rd, Additions, deck, porch, detached garage & driveway, Map 10,Block 1, Lots 18 & 19, Kraska. Tammy, Project Consultant Expediter from Permit Me Please, present representing the Kraska's. Mr. & Mrs. Kraska also present. New survey maps with requested information provided. The driveway is very steep. They propose to reconstruct the driveway and construct a new stone wall-by the driveway-closest to the house which will act as a retaining wall. Pat Del Monaco stated that there were no elevations shown on the map. Pictures were provided to help show steepness of the area. Footings for the wall will be 36" wide and the wall will be no higher than 4 feet. The owner stated that from the garage to the road the change in grade will be no more than 2 feet. The proposed new front entrance with porch would be 5'6" wide by 4' long. The deck will be on sonotubes. Silt fence for erosion control is already in place. They will put up a second row of silt fence or hay bales (whatever the Commission thinks is best). Half of the sunroom in the back of the house will be demolished. Tom Quigley informed the owners that a demo fence will be needed. Septic location discussed. The area of the existing structure is 44.6 feet to the 440 line; then there is another 70 feet to the waters edge. This brings them to over 100 feet to the waters edge. Owners stated that there is a seawall present at the waters edge. Gerry Schwalbe questioned where the run-off will go. Catch basin locations and driveway run-off discussed. A conversation was had regarding adding another catch basin. Roof drainage also discussed. The owners would like to start work ASAP. As per owner, any excavated material will be re-used. It will be stock piled till spring. The Commission informed the owners that the stock pile needs to be stabilized with silt fence around it and that it needs to be covered (with mulch material, fabric or planted). Jennifer Licht made a motion to approve the application with the following stipulations:

New drawings need to be submitted to show the following:

- Seawall
- Stock pile with silt fence and cover
- Construction fence for demo area and to protect septic area from excavator
- Show how drainage will be handled

The above needs to be shown prior to getting stamped approval. Second by Gerry Schwalbe, all in favor. **Approved with stipulations**

287 Route 39, Working on retaining wall adjacent to Squantz Pond, Map 6, Block 6, Lot 5, Cantrell. Mr. Cantrell present along with Richard Smith who represented him. New drawings submitted. All work is done. Mr. Cantrell stated that he didn't know a permit was needed. Both walls were existing. The seawall was only re-faced; the 2nd wall was refaced and made higher. The deck was removed. Owner has no plans to replace the deck. Septic locations and elevations have been added to the plans. The septic information is inaccurate as per Mr. Smith. Mr. Smith explained the inaccuracies of the septic tank and leaching field locations. Photos of the walls were shown. Mr. Smith stated that he had sent a letter to Mr. Wood from First Light. He has also called and left a message for him, but has not yet been able to reach him. Mr. Cantrell said he would also eventually like to re-face a 3rd wall that is up closer to the house. Pat Del Monaco informed the applicant that he can not get issued a wetlands permit until they receive approval from First Light. Gerry Schwalbe made a motion to approve the application, second by Mary Aragones, all in favor. **Approved**

3 Coves End, In-ground pool, Map 15, Block 9, Lots 8 & 9, Schiff. Ernest & Jeff Tuney from Four Seasons Pools present, representing the owners. Pool dimensions-11 x 24. Flipping the pool discussed to give more distance from the septic. Property is relatively flat where the pool will go and location is almost 200 feet from the wetlands. New septic system will be going in. Jennifer made a motion to approve the application, second by Mary Aragones, all in favor. **Approved**

44 Old Road-Vaughn's Neck, Replace seawall, dock, stairs & decks, repair & replace retaining walls, new patios and landscaping with walkways, Map 3, Block 1, Lot 10, Sekelsky. Mr. Sekelsky present. New drawings showing drainage & distances to lake and photos of the seawall provided. Area is all graded and ready for seed. Septic system and tank locations were also added to the drawings. Owner received approval letter from Brian Wood at First Light. Wall will be between 2-3½ feet high. They are not raising the grade and not making the wall higher. Wall will go under dock to support it. Tom Quigley made a motion to approve the application, second by Jennifer Licht, all in favor. **Approved**

160 Ball Pond Road, Map 34, Block 9, Lot 9+11.1, Miltenberger/Michele Holmes, LLC. No owner or representative present. There has been a petition submitted regarding this application. The application is being moved to a Public Hearing. Tim will inform Ms. Holmes that she needs to submit an updated drawing with the changes/corrections that the Commission had requested. **Moved to Public Hearing.**

The date for the Regular Meeting with the Public Hearing for December has been changed to Monday, December 15, 2008 @ 7pm. Location of the meeting to be determined.

Correspondence

- New information on 3 Covers Lane, distance to lake existing septic and pool information- Previously discussed.
- Petition for Public Hearing, re: 160 Ball Pond Road- Previously discussed.
- New Maps from M. Holmes, re: 160 Ball Pond Road-Received

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Administrative

- Approve October 21, 2008 Meeting Minutes-Tom Quigley made a motion to approve the 10/21/08 meeting minutes, second by Gerry Schwalbe, all in favor, **Approved**
- Approve September 16, 2008 Meeting Minutes-Tom Quigley made a motion to approve the 9/16/08 meeting minutes, second by Jennifer Licht, all in favor, **Approved**
- Schedule of Meetings for 2009-Mary Aragaones made a motion to approve the schedule of meetings for 2009, second by Tom Quigley, all in favor, **Approved**
- Conservation issues for the Town of New Fairfield-Tom Quigley stated that a car went into the Sunswept Drive bio-filter and got back out. It was noted that the bio-filter was in need of a cleaning. Tim Simpkins will notify Bob Rzasz and request that it be cleaned.

The Commission discussed having a stenographer present or to video tape public hearings.

Adjournment

Tom Quigley made a motion to adjourn, second by Jennifer Licht, all in favor.
Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.