

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

**Regular Meeting Minutes
New Fairfield Senior Center-Community Room, 33 Route 37
September 21, 2010
7:15pm**

Call to Order

Pat Del Monaco called the meeting of the New Fairfield Inland Wetlands Commission to order at 7:25pm.

Members in Attendance

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

Notice of Violation.

134 Lake Drive South, Creating a path to Candlewood Lake, Map 25, Block 1, Lot 39, Lee. Ralph Gallagher present, representing Mr. Lee. Creating a path to the lake without a permit. EEO Tim Simpkins was called to the site by a neighbor. Mr. Gallagher does not have a permit but will submit one for next month's meeting. There is an existing set of stairs. Areas will be below grade and then they will be at grade to an area where some fill will be needed. Commission needs to see the Dimension of the path, distance to the lake, and limits of disturbance around the path. **Continued**

71 Candle Hill Rd, filling and grading adjacent to wetlands, Map 6, Block 4, Lot 38, Dwight.

No owner present. EEO Tim Simpkins said there had been a fire and the house was torn down. A contractor started re-grading the property. Tim received a complaint from a neighbor and went to the site. **Continued**

New Business

4 Harbour View Drive, Modify existing permit to include walkway to a new bulkhead for new dock, Map 2, Block 4, Lot 34, Falk. Owner/Young, agent. Peter Young present, representing the owner. The current dock is in an old illegal channel dug by a previous owner. The channel had been filling in with silt and the dock now sits in about 8" of water. They plan to remove the old dock and install a new bulk head and dock in a new location as specified on the maps. Plan being presented has been approved by Brian Wood of First Light. Peter Young submitted a letter of consent from Brian Wood. Jennifer Licht made a motion to amend the permit to include removal of existing dock and construction of a new bulkhead and dock as specified, second by Mary Aragonés, all in favor. **Amendment of permit approved**

69 Bogus Hill Road, Build seawall with bulkhead for dock, Map 11, Block 2, Lot 28, Denaro,

owner/Young, agent. Peter Young present, representing the Denaro's. Mr. Young submitted a letter of consent from Brian Wood of First Light. All work is below the 440. There is an existing seawall. They want to continue the seawall to protect the waterfront. They will follow the contour of the land. Wall will be 3' high. The wall will be hand built with stone and cement and be approximately 130' in length. Plan to move the dock that sits on the property line to the middle of the property. Steep bank shoreline existing now that is eroding. Tim Simpkins asked to indicate on the maps how they will access the dock. Peter Young will bring pictures of the site to the next meeting. Applicant needs to supply the following information for next month's meeting: show length of wall on map, dock details, walkway from existing steps to bulk head. Mary Aragonés made a motion to accept the application for review, second by Jennifer Licht, all in favor, **Accepted & Continued.**

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Old Business

14 Bay Drive, Golf cart path to waterfront, Map 15, Block 12, Lots 3-5, Buckley, applicant/Thuesen, owner/Young, agent. Ralph Gallagher present, representing Mr. Buckley. Mr. Gallagher submitted a letter of intent from Brian Woods. He also submitted drainage calculations. Culverts discussed. Mr. Gallagher said the path is 11%, it is a golf cart/foot path and will be made out of gravel. Maps provided. Mr. Gallagher said there will be no cut and fill, just putting trap rock on the ground and then grading down. They are at grade from the road to approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way thru lot 9. They will not be touching the rest of the property. They will have areas of fill ranging from 2-5 feet, all crushed stone. Mr. Gallagher said the path will be 6' with 3-4 feet of disturbance, fill/grading. Tim Simpkins requested the area be staked before the next meeting. The steepest area from the culvert to the beginning of the fill area is approx. 80-100 feet. Gerry Schwalbe suggested that fencing or a railing be put on the sides of the road in this area. Commission members will visit the site before the next meeting. The Commission requested an extension on the application which was granted by Mr. Gallagher.

Extension granted & Continued.

1 Lost Trail, Restore existing pond, fill and re-grade yard, Map 5, Block 1, Lot 13, Buffington. Mr. Buffington present and submitted a hand drawn, detailed map to scale showing requested information. Mr. Buffington said that during the spring the water runs hard but the drainage pipe is under 4-5' of silt. Proposed plans are to remove material from the pond and place fill in area noted on map. Plan is to remove 50-60 sq cubic yards. Per Mr. Buffington, when the pond was first made it was 6-8' deep, presently it has filled in to approx. 2' deep. He would like to do the work now while there is no water in it. Gerry Schwalbe worried about erosion control. Tim Simpkins said the owner will need to obtain an erosion control permit. Owner said he will stabilize fill area with seed. Mary Aragonés made a motion to approve the application with the following stipulations:

- An Erosion control permit is obtained
- Erosion control measures are approved by the EEO in the area where fill is going to be placed
- Area is stabilized within a week of the fill being placed on west side of property
- Erosion control is inspected prior to construction
- Work is to be done during a dry season

Second by Gerry Schwalbe, all in favor. **Approved w/stipulations.**

3 North Drive, Garage with room above and relocate driveway, Map 19, Block 7, Lot 21, Yoho.

Tracy Yoho present. Requested information-distance from addition to stream, elevations and septic-added to map. 52' is the distance from the stream-which is an intermittent water course consisting of road drainage per Tim-to the addition. Gerry Schwalbe said they should have silt fence. Gerry Schwalbe made a motion to approve the application with the stipulation that a silt fence is installed along the stream area from the property line on the North side to the landing, second by Mary Aragonés, all in favor.

Approved w/stipulations.

33 Deer Run, Addition, deck, walkways and redo driveway, Map 15, Block 1, Lots 129-131, Schultes/owner, Berman/agent. Jeffery Berman, architect and owner Mr. Schultes present. Propose to add to the existing house. Currently there is a 1 story house with a basement and a detached 2 car garage. Plan to build a 2nd floor with 3 bedrooms onto the house and connect the garage. The property is steep, maps reviewed. Gerry Schwalbe asked about final grading. Grading discussed, photos reviewed. Pat Del Monaco noted that there is not much distance from the disturbance to the lake. Mr. Berman stated there is 35' from the disturbance to the lake. The building addition will sit on ledge. Elevations discussed, drainage system installation discussed-there is presently no gutters are on the house. Discussed changing the location of the drainage system and looking at the option of putting the pipes under the structure.

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(33 Deer Run continued)

Septic tanks and pump chamber installation discussed with regard to grade changes and disturbance. The Commission needs to see:

- Erosion control measures
- Specific finished planting plan
- More information on storm water management
- Sequence of construction including what type of excavation equipment will be used

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Correspondence

Letter from attorney Neil Marcus, re: Matranga right-of-way/Woodcreek Rd- Pat Del Monaco said she felt the Commission needs more information to see if proposed work is considered maintenance or if an application is needed.

Property Survey Map for 3 North Drive, Yoho-Considered under Old Business.

Drainage & SE management plan for 33 Derr Run, Schultes-Considered under Old Business.

Administrative

Approve August 17, 2010 Meeting Minutes. Deferred voting on 8-17-10 minutes till next month's meeting since there are not enough members present at this meeting that were present at last month's meeting.

Conservation issues for the Town of New Fairfield. No discussion

Adjournment

Mary Aragonese made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Gerry Schwalbe, all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.