

**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  
May 17, 2011  
7:15pm**

**Call to Order**

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

**Members in Attendance**

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

\*Tom Quigley made a motion to vote 164 Ball Pond Road, repair to beach on Ball Pond Road onto the agenda under New Business, 2nd by Mary Aragonas, all in favor.

**Notice of Violation**

**20 Hilldale Road, Cutting trees and clearing the lot, Map 44, Block 4, Lots 71, 43 & 45, Bakacs.** No owner present. Per Tim Simpkins, the owner lives in New Jersey and plans to be here for the June meeting. Tim said he received a complaint from a neighbor. The owner cut a lot of trees for a view of the lake. Some of the trees are adjacent to the wetlands. **Continued**

**New Business**

**331 Route 39, Addition, demolish - rebuild garage and repair foundation of garage, Map 6, Block 5, Lots 1-3, Gonzalez.** Owners Paul Agastini and Rosanna Gonzalez present. Plan to add a 2 story addition. Propose to replace the foundation under old garage with 12" concrete block, approx. 40' of foundation. The shaded area on one of the drawings = 2nd story addition, area near driveway = area of foundation to be replaced. New deck shown on drawings was permitted in 2005 per owner. Commission needs to see area of foundation that needs to be replaced marked on plan as well as distance of disturbance to the lake and septic location. Contours discussed-area relatively flat per Tim Simpkins. Gerry Schwalbe made a motion to accept the application for review, 2nd by Jennifer Licht, all in favor.  
**Accepted and Continued**

**64 Lake Drive South, Demolish & rebuild house with decks, wood bridge and stairs, remove part of driveway & addition of retaining wall for parking area, some site work. Map 20, Block 1, Lots 27-29, Alagha, owner/Dominick Pilla, agent.** Jorel Vaccaro from Dominick Pillar Associates present representing the owner. Plan to demolish entire house and foundation and rebuild on same footprint and removing parking area, garage will remain. No work will be done below the 440. Stock pile location discussed-needs to be marked on plans. Storm water management plans and new maps provided, reviewed and discussed. Retaining wall discussed, Mr. Vaccaro said owner is leaning towards terraced walls. Commission needs to see a sequence and plan of construction, an erosion control swquences has been provided. Erosion control shown on maps, locations discussed. Discussed collection of surface water drainage, Mr. Vaccaro said they are reducing the impervious surface. Right now water sheet flows down the driveway. Applicant needs to indicate how run off will be handled. Roof liter drains-how will drainage be handled? Planting-no planting plan, during erosion control, they will temporarily seed the area, Commission needs to see a permanent planting plan. Tom Quigley said he would like to see 4 foot orange construction fences up to catch debris during demolition.

For the next meeting, the Commission needs to see the following information:

- \* Stock pile locations
- \* Sequence and plan of construction
- \* Indicate how run off will be handled
- \* Roof Liter drains-indicate how drainage will be handled
- \* Permanent planting plan

Tom Quigley made a motion to accept the application for review, 2nd by Mary Aragonés, all in favor.

**Accepted & Continued**

**164 Ball Pond Road, Beach area repair/erosion control, Steve Merullo, for the Town of New Fairfield, agent.** Steve Merullo present. Tim Simpkins, Cynthia Stevens and other members of the Friends of Ball Pond along with Steve Merullo met at the site. Ball Pond Beach area has erosion issues from road drainage off Rte 39, there is no curb on the road. Steve said they tried a silt fence last fall to help prevent erosion but it failed. Steve has been in touch with the state regarding installing a temporary curb on the east side of Route 39 in the area on Ball Pond beach. This would be to allow them to plant grass and time for the grass to grow to stabilize the area, then curb would be removed. After installing the curb they would then build a 1 1/2 foot high fieldstone retaining wall 10-12 feet from the water. Then level the area with topsoil and grass to secure area. Steve met with the State permit director and filled out an application for a temporary curb. Mr. Merullo expressed concern regarding waiting till next month's meeting because they will miss the planting time frame for planting the grass. Pat Del Monaco suggested doing an administrative approval of the application to expedite it due to erosion and grass planting time frame. Cynthia Stevens said the Friends of Ball Pond are in favor of the administrative approval to help the process move faster so they don't miss the planting time for growing the grass to stabilize the area.

They propose to fill a 20 foot area. They would build a 1 1/2 foot wall and add 2-3" of fill to area that is to be planted. The wall will be built 10-12 feet off the water and will run the length of the beach area- approx 126 feet. Tom Quigley recommended creating a swales.

Pat Del Monaco said she will meet with Tim Simpkins at the site and give administrative approval for them to get started, so they can start planting and secure the area. Then the applicant will come back to next months meeting with the final plan of what will be done. Mary Aragonés made a motion to accept the application for review, 2nd by Jennifer Licht, all in favor. **Accepted & Continued**

### **Old Business**

**141 Shortwoods Road, Addition, fill and grade, addition to driveway, Map 10, Block 19 Lot 20.1, Pedersen.** Mr. Pedersen present. One change to the plans, would like to make the garage 5 feet wider. Removed the fill from the drawings next to the garage as discussed last month. New maps with requested information provided. Tom Quigley made a motion to approve the application, 2nd by Gerry Schwalbe, all in favor. **Approved**

**47 Beaver Bog Road, Re-application to construct a driveway, expired permit #W-05-003, Maps 10 & 14, Blocks 18 & 3, Lots 1 & 2, Finch.** Owner present along with Mike Mazzucco, Civil Engineer. Applicant submitted a letter with a timeline for work to be performed which was reviewed and discussed. Gerry Schwalbe said he would like to see the applicant consolidate the time frame. Jennifer Licht made a motion to approve the application with the stipulation that all work outline in the plan be completed by the end of October and the 6 phases be done as close together in time as possible. If there are any changes from this, the owner has to come back to the Commission and tell them what the changes are going to be, 2nd by Mary Aragonés, all in favor. **Approved w/stipulations**

**8 Sylvan Road, Detached garage and pool location, Map 24, Block 2, Lot 9, Fagan.** Gary Price of Allied Excavation present, representing the owner. New maps with requested information provided. Distance of disturbance-pool to water = 396 feet. Distance of disturbance-garage = 440 feet. Tom Quigley made a motion to approve the application, 2nd by Jennifer Licht, all in favor. **Approved**

**14 Bay Drive, Transfer of existing permit # I/W-08-000002 to John Dietrich.** Gerry Schwalbe made a motion to approve the transfer of the permit between Kent & Stephanie Thuesen to John Dietrich, 2nd by Jennifer Licht, all in favor. **Approved**

**1 Partridge Lane, Modified permit # I/W 10-000033 to include a hallway to connect the house to the garage, Map 20, Block 4, Lots 93 & 111, Wagenheim, owner/Al Sacco, agent.** Mr. Sacco present. Commission reviewed map with brief discussion. Tom Quigley made a motion to approve modification of permit # I/W 10-000033, 2nd by Jennifer Licht, all in favor. **Approved**

### **Correspondence**

**New Map for 141 Shortwoods Road-** Previously discussed

**Letter from Rober Doscher, Re: Spruce Ridge Estates Subdivision-** Discussed conservation easement and limits of disturbance. Conservation easement is now flagged. Per Tim Simpkins, they cut into the conservation easement. The Commission discussed having the applicant come back before them and also discussed serving a notice of violation. Pat Del Monaco said she will go take a look at the site.

**The Habitat-**Commission members received a copy, no discussion.

### **Administrative**

**Approve April 12, 2011 meeting minutes.** Jennifer Licht made a motion to approve the 4-12-11 minutes, 2nd by Mary Aragonas, all in favor. **Approved**

**Conservation issues for the Town of New Fairfield.** No discussion

### **Adjournment**

Gerry Schwalbe made a motion to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Mary Aragonas, all in favor. **Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm**