

Conservation/Inland Wetlands Commission
Town of New Fairfield
4 Brush Hill Road, New Fairfield, CT 06812
Regular Meeting Minutes
NF Senior Center-Community Room, 33 Route 37
June 21, 2011
7:15pm

Call to Order

Patricia Del Monaco called the meeting of the New Fairfield Inland Wetlands Commission to order at 7:20pm.

Members in Attendance

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

Violations

20 Hilldale Road, Cutting trees & clearing the lot, Map 44, Block 4, Lots 71+43+45, Bakacs.

Owners present. House is a vacation home per owners. Trees were taken down 2 years ago. Wetlands are at the base of the hill, activity is 150 feet from the wetlands per Tim. Tim said there has been no erosion or damage to the wetlands from this activity. Area where trees were taken down is on an extremely steep hill. Trees were taken down to create a view corridor. Photos of area reviewed and discussed. Tom Quigley said the slope looks stabilized. Pat Del Monaco said she will meet with Tim Simpkins at the property. They will make sure this activity falls within the review area and if an application is necessary. Tim Simpkins will then contact the owners. **Continued**

New Business

33 Route 37, Pedestrian Bridge, Map 19 & 43, Blocks 16 & 1, Lot 1 & 1REC, Town of New Fairfield, John Hodge, First Selectman. John Hodge present along with Jeanine Armstrong from Milone and MacBroom. Per Ms. Armstrong they are proposing a 6' wide by 50' long pedestrian foot path over Ball Pond Brooke, leading to the site of the historical houses with a path to each house. There will be a small amount of grading and concrete abutments in the wetlands area. Per Ms. Armstrong the total impact area-including temporary access- is 0.053 acres. They have received a Conditional Letter of Map Provision from FEMA and have also received approval from DEP to do this project inside the 100 year flood plane. Ms. Armstrong will supply the Commission with a copy of the FEMA approval. The Commission requested a Construction Sequence for the next meeting. Mary Aragonas made a motion to accept the application for review, second by Gerry Schwalbe, all in favor. **Accepted & Continued**

132 Gillotti Road, Potable water supply wells, Map 39, Block 9, Lot 1, Aquarion Water Co, owner, Michael Shortell, applicant's representative. Michael Shortell present. This application is regarding the Gillotti Well Field (Ball Pond Water District) Well 11. Per Mr. Shortell, this is an active well that has been there for over 10 years. This well is 10 feet from a small wetlands pocket per Mr. Shortell. The CT Dept of Health requires a separation distance for wells that pump in excess of 10 gpm's to be 50 feet. He proposes to fill an area within the 50 ft radius to comply with the Ct DPH requirements. The project would take 2 weeks and would be done during the drought period (late August).

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They would re-vegetate the swale which will mitigate any flooding off site. They do not anticipate any flooding on neighboring properties. Applicant will supply information on alternatives for next month's meeting. Tom Quigley made a motion to accept the application for review, second by Mary Aragoes, all in favor. **Accepted & Continued**

95 Route 37, SFD, Map 13, Block 5, Lot 2.7, PJB Development LLC, owner, Spruce Ridge Craftsment, agent. Joe and Tom from Spruce Ridge Craftsmen present. It is stated in the sub-division approval that they need to come back before the Wetland Commission before building on the lot. Maps reviewed and discussed. Septic moved further from the wetlands than previously planned due to better soils in the new location. Erosion controls provided. Mary Aragoes made a motion to accept the application for review, second by Gerry Schwalbe, all in favor. **Accepted & Continued**

186 & 119 Ball Pond Road, Restore slope, create berm, rain gardens, remove/plant trees & dock, Map 36, Blocks 18A & 1, Lots 2+3 & 1. Sandee McClowry & Mark Spellman. Ms. McClowry said they would like to restore the area to it's previous state. She said it's the only area on Ball Pond that has that raised area. They want to put a berm around the area and put some rain gardens. They would also like to put a small dock and cut down some swamp maples. There is a small existing dock. Contours not provided. Applicant asked to supply an A2 survey. She is working with a landscape architect. Applicant also asked to supply those plans to the Commission. Applicant needs the following for next month's meeting:

- A2 Survey
- Proposed changes to be added to Survey
- Show what completed grading and slopes will look like
- Berm location
- Erosion control measures

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

Old Business

331 Route 39, Addition, demolish-rebuild garage & repair foundation of garage, Map 6, Block 5, Lots 1-2, Gonzalez. Owner present. Erosion control discussed-silt fence. Demolish garage, pulling out old stone foundation. Distance of disturbance is 63 feet from garage to water's edge and 12 feet to the 440 line. Tom Quigley requested that orange construction fence be put up during demolition. Tom Quigley made a motion to approve the application with the stipulation that a construction fence be used during demolition and silt fence be used where discussed, second by Mary Aragoes, all in favor.

Approved w/stipulations

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64 Lake Drive South, Demolish & rebuild house with decks, wood bridge and stairs, remove part of the driveway & addition of retaining wall for parking area, some site work. Map 20, Block 1, Lots 27-29, Alaha, owner/Dominick Pilla, agent. Dominick Pilla present. Maps reviewed.

Requested information from last meeting reviewed/discussed. Commission did not received sequence of construction (page SP04 not included in packet) Mr. Pilla had a copy of page SP04 which was review and discussed. Drains and rain gardens discussed. Location of drinking water well discussed-proposed well is at least 75 feet from septic. Propose to remove a part of the driveway and replace it with pavers. Silt fence, construction fence and stock pile locations shown on maps. Planting plan provided and discussed. Gerry Schwalbe made a motion to approve the application, second by Mary Aragonés, all in favor. **Approved**

164 Ball Pond Road, Beach area repair/erosion control, Steve Merullo for the Town of New Fairfield. Steve Merullo present. 2 erosion swales, approx 2' wide each discussed. Propose to wrap swales in filter fabric and put trap rock, build a fieldstone wall with silt fence below. Propose to do this work to stop erosion and to create a park area. Plan to leave sand at the water's edge and level area above fieldstone wall. Areas on either side of both swales will be seeded. If the filter fabric/trap rock swales hold, they will place topsoil and seed over them. Gerry made a motion to approve the application with the stipulation that Steve Merullo come's to next month's meeting with an update, second by Tom Quigley, all in favor. **Approved w/stipulations**

Correspondence

* **Letter from Terry Froehlich, Re: Pond issue at 402 Route 37.** Terry Froehlich present and said that there is erosion into her pond from activity on the property next to her-logging 2 properties over from her (YMCA property). Ms. Froehlich said that they placed their staging area on the residential property next door to her. The activity has been going on (on & off) for a year. She also claimed that dirt was pushed into a wetlands area on the neighboring property causing muddy sediment to come onto her property and fill in areas of her pond. Also, she said that there has been clearing on the residential property next door where wetlands are present. Pat Del Monaco will walk the property. The Commission asked Tim Simpkins to issue an Notice of Violation to the YMCA.

* **New map for 331 Route 39**-previously discussed

* **E-mail from Paul Bruno Re: Plan of Conservation & Development**-Paul Bruno from the Planning commission was present and explained that the Plan of Conservation & Deveolpment is review/revise every 10 years and that it is up for review. Mr. Bruno wants the Conservation Commission's input/participation in updating/revising the plan.

Administrative

Approve the May 17, 2011 Meeting Minutes-Tom Quigley made a motion to approve the minutes as written, second by Mary Aragonés, all in favor. **Approved**

Conservation issues for the Town of New Fairfield-No discussion

Adjournment

Mary Aragonés made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Gerry Schwalbe, all in favor.

Adjourned at 9:30pm.