

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

Tuesday, October 16, 2012

New Fairfield Senior Center – Community Room, 33 Route 37 – 7:15 PM

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, Jennifer Licht, Gerry Schwalbe, Joan Archer and EEO Tim Simpkins.
Minutes were taken by Lisa Zustovich.

Appointments

None

Violations

150 Ball Pond Rd, digging of a trench adjacent to Ball Pond, map 34, block 9, lot 4, Raso. No owner/representative present. **Continued**

55 Bogus Hill Rd, constructing walls without permits, map 11, block 2, lot 21, Robertson. Owner has submitted an application. **Deferred to New Business**

New Business

91 Lake Dr So, improvements to shoreline with dock, retaining wall & patio, map 25, block 1, lot 25, Stella, owner/McCoy, agent. No owner or representative present. Maps and application reviewed. Discussed what is existing-floating dock, walkway, house, part of the wall and what is proposed. New septic is proposed but not to be installed at this time. Commission needs to see the limits of disturbance of the access road and wall, how much fill is needed and a cross section-site section- thru the patio and wall area. Jennifer Licht made a motion to accept the application for review, 2nd by Gerry Schwalbe, all in favor. **Accepted & Continued**

55 Bogus Hill Rd, Bolster existing retaining wall, map 11, block 2, lot 21, Robertson. Owners present. They repaired existing wall. Owners have contacted Frist Light and have met with Brian Wood. Approximately 6" or earth was moved to level the area. Owners will not be able to attend the next meeting but will come to the December meeting. Tom Quigley made a motion to accept the application for review, 2nd by Joan Archer, all in favor. **Accepted & Continued**

3 Weldon Woods Rd, Single Family Dwelling, map 22, block 7, lot 33A.8, Garamella, Trustee/DeVista, Applicant. Approved lot for a SFD. Septic is 89 feet from wetlands (Ball Pond Brook). Commission needs the distance to the wetlands for the house and driveway. Jennifer Licht made a motion to accept the application for review, 2nd by Gerry Schwalbe, all in favor. **Accepted & Continued**

6 Weldon Woods Rd, Single Family Dwelling, map 22, block 7, lot 33A.4, Garamella, Trustee/DeVista, Applicant. There is an existing house on the East side of the property. Wetlands are on the west side. The Commission needs to see the distance of disturbance to the wetlands. Tom Quigley made a motion to accept the application for review, 2nd by Jennifer Licht, all in favor. **Accepted & Continued**

Old Business

10 Sylvan Road, amend and extend existing permit # I/W-08-000038-Revised, map 25, block 2, lot 9.2, Wild. Mr. Wild and Erich Diller present. New drawings supplied with more detail plus planting plan. They plan to hand dig some areas that are not accessible by machine. Silt fencing locations discussed. Cart path is existing. Applicant proposes a foot path/walkway to the water. Stonewall would be 20 feet long, approximately 3' high. Owner has easement to build steps and other work and will supply a copy of the easement. Tom Quigley said the owner needs to put silt fencing around the stockpile. Discussed installing filter fabric while building stairs. Owner plans to install 120 stairs. Gerry Schwalbe made a motion to approve the amendment of permit # I/W-08-000038-Revised and 5 year extension of permit to June 2018 with the stipulation that they provide a copy of the easement, 2nd by Jennifer Licht, all in favor. **Approved w/stipulations**

35 Lake Dr North, Deck, foundation & patio, map 15, block 1, lot 23, Schultes, owner/Fuller, contactor Kevin Fuller present, New maps provided and reviewed. Mr. Fuller spoke with Brian Wood who will come to the site on Thursday regarding stairs to lake and to inspect the seawall. The slate patio is being removed and the area will be seeded. 4 yards of topsoil will be added to area where the patio had been. The seawall is existing. They will need to remove the deck to take the stone veneer off the house and then put 2 new footing and replace deck in the same area. The Commission needs to see the details of the steps. Owner has permission to work on the deck only. The rest of the application is continued to next month. No stockpiles. **Continued**

41 Old Road. Owner present. Owner would like to scale back on the originally approved planting plan. The owner will bring back a revised planting plan for approval next month. **Continued**

31 Deer Run, Retaining wall, septic system, garage, addition & new driveway, map 15, block 1, lot 127/128, Mayhew. Owners present along with Ralph Gallagher. New drawing provided. Grading of driveway provided. Driveway will be made of pervious material. Water currently coming off of Deer Run is eroding the property. Owner proposes to capture the water in a large rip-rap. Plans include adding a code compliant septic system. Also want to add a garage. Pat Del Monaco said she is concerned about the project because the property is fairly steep and that the front will be basically clear-cut. She also feels that the septic system is a tremendous project to install. The septic is 35' from the lake. The Commission discussed having a Site Walk and also discussed whether this application should go to a Public Hearing. They would like to see alternate locations for the septic system. Ralph Gallagher said he would explore the lot across the street and test the soil to see if it is suitable for a septic system. The wall for septic area was discussed. The wall is to hold back fill for septic, wall height is about 8 feet. There is a structurally engineered design for the wall. The Commission felt the septic system location and installation along with wall construction and location is a significant activity. They are concerned about clear cutting the area-which is steep & currently stable- for access to the septic area. Nancy Lago, from Jeffery Berman Architect, discussed their planting plan. Tim Simpkins suggested having the applicant stake the area for the Commission to do a site walk. The 440 line is currently staked. The Commission scheduled a Site Walk for Nov 10th @ 10am. Tim O. who is on the Board of Directors for Candlewood Isle said he was concerned about the impact that this project would have on the neighbors and the Isle and is concerned about drainage. **Continued**

35 Bogus Hill Rd, Constructing walls w/o permits, map 7, block 2, lot 1.4, Rhodes. Owner was unable to attend tonight's meeting. Owners will come to next months meeting. **Continued**

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Correspondence

*Letter/e-mail from Jim Robinson, re: 31 Deer Run, includes letter from John McGurk, re: 31 Deer Run-

Previously discussed

*Maps for 10 Sylvan Road-**Received and reviewed**

*Letter from Peter Young re: 35 Bogus Hill Rd to continue to next meeting- **No discussion**

*Letter from CACIWC re: 35th Annual Meeting & environmental Conference- **No discussion**

*2012 Municipal Inland Wetland Commissioner Training Program, Segment 3- **Tim suggested Joan go to the training program**

Administrative

Approve Meeting September 18, 2012 Meeting minutes- Tom Quigley made a motion to approve the minutes as written, 2nd by Jennifer Licht, all in favor. **Approved**

Conservation issues for the Town of New Fairfield- Briefly discussed 150 Ball Pond Rd, owner was injured in a car accident and is in a wheelchair. Tim met him at the property and discussed having him vegetate the area.

Adjournment Tom Quigley made a motion to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Gerry Schwalbe, all in favor.
Meeting adjourned at 9:15pm