

Conservation/Inland Wetland Commission
Town of New Fairfield
4 Brush Hill Road, New Fairfield, CT 06812
(203) 312-5640
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 18, 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/rep present. **Continued**

5 Harliquin Drive, grading, clearing and pulling stumps, map 10, block 10, lot 10, Skaarva.
Owner has an open valid permit. **Deferred to Old Business**

55 Bogus Hill Rd, constructing walls without permits, map 11, block 2, lot 21, Robertson.
No owner present. **Continued**

35 Bogus Hill Rd, constructing walls without permits, map 7, block 2, lot 1.4, Rhodes.
Peter Young present, representing the owners. They have an application.
Tom Quigley made a motion to amend the agenda under New Business to include 35 Bogus Hill Rd, second by Jennifer Licht, all in favor. **Voted on agenda under New Business, Deferred to New Business**

New Business

35 Lake Dr North, Deck, foundation & patio, map 15, block 1, lot 23, Schultes, owner/Fuller, contractor. Kevin Fuller present, representing the owner. Plan to do pier foundation with great beam. They will be taking the patio out and planting grass. Mr. Fuller has been in touch with Brian Wood from First Light. Test holes were dug outside, around the house. They need to take stone veneer off the foundation. They have put up 2 rows of silt fencing. Mr. Fuller plans to jack hammer and hand dig inside the house. They will be putting in 24" sonotubes. Tom Quigley said he was ok with permitting the foundation work only but wants to see better drawings and description of the sonotube foundation. Pat Del Monaco will go to the site with Tim Simpkins. Joan Archer made a motion to accept the application for review with the understanding that the Commission will allow work to go forward on the foundation only, second by Gerry Schwalbe, all in favor. **Accepted & Continued**

31 Deer Run, Retaining wall, septic system, garage, addition & new driveway, map 15, block 1, lot 127/128, Mayhew. Ralph Gallagher present, representing the owner. Plans provided and reviewed. Discussed existing house, proposed house and proposed garage with new driveway. Septic system discussed. Per Ralph, regarding the retaining wall, Brian Wood wants riprap. Driveway will be pervious pavers, staying below the 20% limit. Storm water management discussed. There will be a grate drain across Dear Run and in front of the house. Tim Simpkins informed Ralph he needs to provide grades above the 475. They will be abandoning the existing well, new well location discussed. Calculations done for a 25-year storm, Tom Quigley requested calculations for a 50-year storm. Requested for the next meeting: topography, wall design, more detail of driveway wall and calculations for a 50-year storm. Tom Quigley made a motion to accept the application for review, second by Jennifer Licht, all in favor. **Accepted & Continued**

8 Spruce Ridge Drive, remove rocks, add topsoil and grass seed, map 1, Block 2, lot 1.4, Balestra. Mr. Balestra present. There is a 75-foot non-disturbance from the wetlands. Mr. Balestra was working between 75'-150' from the wetlands. He removed one big stump. He removed stones-too big to remove by hand-with a mini excavator. Part of the work is done; owner said he still needs to apply topsoil and seed. Pat Del Monaco said she would visit site and give administrative approval if it is ok with the Commission. Gerry Schwalbe made a motion to accept the application for review, second by Joan Archer, all in favor. **Accepted & Continued**

35 Bogus Hill Road, Constructing walls w/o permits, Map 7, Block 2, Lot 1.4, Rhodes Peter Young present representing the owner. This was previously a Notice of Violation. Owners constructed a walkway to the lake with retaining walls and steps. Work is complete. Peter Young suggested the Commission do a site walk. Tim Simpkins suggested requiring a planting plan. Applicant needs to supply the Commission with the following information:

- Height of walls
- Elevations
- A2 Survey
- Planting plan

They also need to pay a fine for doing the work without a permit. Jennifer Licht made a motion to accept the application for review, 2nd by Tom Quigley, all in favor. **Accepted & Continued**

Old Business

35 Lavelle Ave, built/rebuilt seawall without permit, map 2, Block 7, lot 18, Barber. No permit yet from First Light but has been in touch with Brian Wood. Wall is same height, same location as the old wall. Tom Quigley made a motion to approve the application, second by Jennifer Licht, all in favor. **Approved**

24 Sunset Drive BH, building, excavating & site work, map 11, block 2, lot 9, Arpaia, Steward. Ralph Gallagher present, representing the owner. Propose improvements to driveway including stairs to lower level. Pervious owner never got a permit, either did current owner. Plans/drawings reviewed and discussed. Drainage discussed. Existing work vs proposed work discussed. No work below 440 line. Currently the septic tank and pump station are under the deck. They plan to abandon the tank and use the pump station to pump to two septic tanks in a new location. House will have a generator. Pump station will be hooked up to the generator. Tim Simpkins said they should consider a planting plan below the lower wall. Existing paved driveway is being removed and replaced with a pervious block. Tom Quigley made a motion to approve the application with the following stipulations:

- The applicant present a planting plan for the west side of the property between the storm water galley and the lake
 - Provide information (specs) on the material to be used on the driveway
- Second by Gerry Schwalbe, all in favor. **Approved w/stipulations**

10 Sylvan Road, amend and extend existing permit # I/W-08-000038-Revised, map 25, block 2, lot 9.2, Wild. Owner present. Work to stairs will be done by hand when not easily accessible. Owner wants to put steps from the lawn area to the lake with a hand railing. Steps will be pinned to ledge. No trees will be removed. Owner wants to put a patio by the lake. Patio would be crushed gravel with pavers. 10-foot long retaining wall discussed. If owner plans to put up a structure by the lake, he will have to come back before the Commission if he does not include it with this application. Commission needs to see the following information:

- Dimensions of the patio and material to be used
- Typical detail of the steps
- More information on the retaining wall-height, length, material to be used
- Dimensions and information on the proposed structure near the lake.

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5 Harliquin Drive, modify existing permit # I/W-08-000048, map 10. block 10, lot 10, Skaarva. No owner present. Permit is still valid. Owner wants to modify existing permit. Work is done. Owner pulled stumps, graded area, seeded and hayed. Discussed having owner not doing anything below the 440-don't cut except for lake access. Tom Quigley would like to give owner access to the lake but have a buffer. Jennifer Licht made a motion to approve the application with the stipulation that they have a non-disturbance zone-the width of the property-15 feet in depth, measured from the lake with the exception of a 20 foot wide path for lake access, 2nd by Gerry Schwalbe, all in favor. **Approved w/stipulations**

Correspondence

Letter from Mary Aragonas, re: notice of resignation. Tom Quigley wanted to thank Mary for her years of service to the Commission.

Letter to Michael Skelsky, re: 44 Old Road. Tim Simpkins showed plan, told owner to have plan modified and he agreed

Letter from First Light Power Resources, Susan Babcock, re: 5 Harlequin Dr, Skaarva. Previously discussed

Administrative

Approve Meeting July 17, 2012 & August 21, 2012 Meeting minutes. Joan Archer made a motion to approve the July 17, 2012 minutes as written, second by Tom Quigley, all in favor.

Approved. Jennifer Licht made a motion to approve the August 21, 2012 minutes as written, second by Joan Archer, all in favor except Tom Quigley who abstained. **Approved**

Conservation issues for the Town of New Fairfield. No discussion

Adjournment

Gerry Schwalbe made a motion to leave the Regular Meeting and enter into Executive Session, 2nd by Tom Quigley, **all in favor.**

Tom Quigley made a motion to exit Executive Session and rejoin the Regular Meeting, 2nd by Jennifer Licht, **all in favor**

Jennifer Licht made a motion to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Joan Archer, all in favor.

Adjourned @ 9:40pm