

Conservation/Inland Wetland Commission
Town of New Fairfield
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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday August 22, 2017

7:15 PM

Call to Order

Tom Quigley called the meeting of the New Fairfield Conservation /Inland Wetlands Commission to order at 7:20pm.

Members in Attendance

Tom Quigley, Gerry Schwalbe, Jennifer Licht, Kris Hall, Christina McCartney and EEO Tim Simpkins. Lisa Zustovich took the meeting's minutes.

Violation

35 Illion Rd, cutting trees and disposing them near/in the wetlands, map 35, block 10, lot 9,10,16-19, Vasquez.

Owner Vladimir Vasquez present and apologized stating that he did not know he needed a permit for the work he had done. Owner cut some trees and disposed of the wood in and near the creek and drainage swale. Tim Simpkins stated that there is still an open permit for this property and discussed amending the permit to include remediation for this current activity. Commission discussed that the owner needs to remove the wood chip and dirt, bring back to original grade and remove the boulder. He also still needs to put in the rain garden from the original permit. Tim will work with owner to correct the issues. **Continued**

35 Sail Harbour Dr., constructing a golf path down to lake, map 3, block 3, lot 1, Montesano. Vinny Montesano present. Work is done. Owner has submitted an application. **Deferred to New Business**

New Business

33 Route 37, create woodchip walking path, Memorial area w/flag pole, bench and raised flower bed, concrete path extension, and plants in wetland area, map 19, block 16, lot 1, Town of New Fairfield, Susan Chapman, First Selectman. Tony Idarola, Town Engineer and Russ, Public Works Supervisor present. Looking to extend an existing trail behind the Senior Center so that it meets up to the existing bridge. This will provide safe access to view the Ball Pond Brook, giving residents a walking path, especially senior residents who utilize the Senior Center. There will be no heavy machinery used. Existing vegetation-light brush and weeds- will be removed and taken off site. The path will be made using all natural wood chips. The application also includes extending a small paved area off an existing paved driveway to gain access to a planned sitting area that will also include a 911 memorial. Paving it will make it handicap accessible. No trees will be removed except 1 dead tree and so dead tree branches. Tony Idarola requested Administrative Approval. The Commission denied the request for Administrative Approval, they would like a chance to visit the site. Jennifer Licht made a motion to accept the application for review, 2nd by Christina McCartney, All in Favor except for Kris Hall who recused herself. **Accepted & Continued**

15 Erin Dr., 2 story attached garage with breezeway, map 23, block 15, lot 21, Serokosz. Owners Mark and Jessica Serokosz present. Owners no longer plan to have a breezeway. Owners went before the ZBA to eliminate the breezeway. The garage will be attached directly to the house. Application is for garage only. Maps reviewed and discussed. The finished garage will be 31 feet from the stream. The area is very flat/level. The stream is only wet when it rains, there is no standing water according to the owner. Tom Quigley visited the site and stated there is a wall present that protects the wetlands. Septic is in the backyard. Gerry Schwalbe made a motion to accept the application for review, 2nd by Kris Hall, all in favor. **Accepted & Continued**

2 & 4 Rose Lane, clean out existing drainage ditch for Joyce Hill Community behind 2 & 4 Rose Lane (majority of work behind 2 Rose Ln, map 10, block 16, lots 50 + 49, Altman/owner (2 Rose Ln) Bowers/owner (4 Rose Ln).

Allen and Rhonda Altman who reside at 2 Rose Lane present. No owner present for 4 Rose Lane. Owners want to clean out existing drainage ditch. Tom Quigley visited the site and shared pictures he took of the area. Areas of the ditch have filled in over time which now causes flooding from those areas. They also plan to create a berm on the low side. Discussed Administrative approval. Jennifer Licht made a motion to accept the application for review, 2nd by Kris Hall, all in favor. Tom Quigley made a motion to have application approved administratively with the stipulation that the width of the ditch will be no more that 15 feet wide and the contractor will work with Tim, 2nd by Christina McCartney, all in favor. **Accepted for Administrative Approval w/stipulations**

35 Sail Harbour Dr, create golf crat trail down to lake, map 3, block 3, lot 1, Montesano. Previously a notice of violation. Owner Vinny Montesano present. Work is complete. Owner installed a path made of crushed stone down to the lake. All work was done above the 440 line. Khris Hall voiced concern over a small area of erosion she noted midway down the path. Commission needs to see a planting plan and signed engineer plans and report for the wall. The Commission also asked the applicant to have his engineer look into the area of erosion. Gerry Schwalbe made a motion to accept the application for review, 2nd by Kris Hall, all in favor. **Accepted & Contined**

Old Business

9 Patterson St, build detached garage/shed, map 32, block 9, lot 27+28, Knisley. No owner present. Owner told Kris Hall that he would not be attending the meeting because he has no plans to do any work till next year. Tim Simpkins said he would reach out to the owner and ask him to either extend or withdraw his application. **Continued**

35 & 37 Lake Dr. South. (to be combined), New Single Family dwelling with septic, well & driveway, map 20, lot 6 and 8.2-14 + 5.2-8.1, Mead, owner/ Mazzucco, agent. Engineer Mike Mazzucco present, representing the owner. New maps provided, reviewed and discussed. Applicant went before ZBA and obtained a variance for a new house design. The new plans include a narrower width of the house, rotating the house and moving it approx. 10feet south, addition of storm water management off the NW corner of the house, erosion control. House his 200 feet from the wetlands within the Commission's upland review area. Jennifer Licht made a motion to approve the application, 2nd by Kris Hall, all in favor. **Approved**

42 Beaver Bog Rd, connecting addition from house to garage, map 13, block 6, lot 1.1, Rodriquez/owner, Allen/agent. Contractor Mark Allen present, representing the owner. Plan to connect the house addition to the garage. The slope of the property is wooded and stable according to Tim Simpkins. There will be no foundation, addition will be on 6 piers. It will be open underneath; the area has a current cement patio. Distance to wetlands is 85 feet. Christina McCartney made a motion to approve the application, 2nd by Jennifer Licht, all in favor. **Approved**

39 Ball Pond Rd E, concrete platform and steps to water, map 22, block 5, lot 20, Becker. No Owner present. **Continued**

Correspondence

Additional information for 39 Ball Pond Rd East, Becker. Commission members received copies

Additional information for 42 Beaver Bog Rd, Rodriguez. Previously discussed

Letter from First Light Power Resources, re: Notice of Violation 35 Sail Harbour Drive. Previously discussed

Administrative

Approve Meeting July 18, 2017 minutes. Jennifer Licht made a motion to approve the 7-18-17 meeting minutes as written, 2nd by Gerry Schwalbe, all in favor **Approved**

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

Adjournment Kris Hall made a motion to adjourn the meeting of the New Fairfield Conservation/Inland Wetlands Commission, 2nd by Jennifer Licht, all in favor. **Adjourned @ 8:25pm**