

Conservation/Inland Wetland Commission
Town of New Fairfield
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Meeting Minutes
Tuesday February 13, 2018

Call to Order

Tom Quigley called the meeting of the Conservation/Inland Wetland Commission to order @ 7:15pm.

Members in Attendance

Tom Quigley, Gerry Schwalbe, Jennifer Licht, Christina McCartney, Carolyn Rowan, Keith Landa, Kathleen DiTullio, and EEO Tim Simpkins. Lisa Zustovich took the meeting minutes.

New Business

55 Lavelle Ave, repair & replace stone, boat ramp, stabilize slope and landscaping, map 2, block 7, lot 28, Ashley. Diane Ashley present. Work is below the 440 line. Owner said they will be doing a stabilized slope instead of the wall because it is what First Light wants. They are reducing the footprint of the shed, cutting 4' off the back of the shed per First Light. Work is within 500 feet of Sherman, owner said Sherman has been notified. Contours discussed, area is flat per Tim Simpkins. Pictures of the property provided, reviewed and discussed. Swale, runoff and rain gardens discussed. No septic or well present in the area where work is to be done. Administrative approval discussed in order to get work done and area stabilized before the water level rises. Cristina McCartney made a motion to accept the application for review, 2nd by Jennifer Licht, all in favor. Christina McCartney made a motion for application to be approved administratively, 2nd by Gerry Schwalbe, all in favor. **Accepted & Continued for Administrative Approval**

*****The Commission discussed that the decision on the approval is not setting a precedent, all work on the application is outside the Commissions jurisdiction and time constraints were taken into consideration. Applications are reviewed and decided on, on a case by case basis. *****

Old Business

25 Misty Brook Lane, Single Family Dwelling with septic, well & driveway, map 2, block 4, lot 26, Larry Turk & Meredith Blair/ applicant, Gottlieb/owner, Gallagher, agent. Ralph Gallagher present along with architect Eric Diller. Ralph provided information requested at last meeting which included finished grades, alternate storm water management (sub surface), information on driveway drainage, bulkhead and dock being shown on maps, and limits of disturbance. Detailed planting plan not yet provided. Applicant will have to come back before the Commission with their planting plan prior to building permit being issued. Per Mr. Diller once the owners have final house plans they will have final planting plans. He also said if there are any changes to the footprint of the house (than what is shown on the plans) the applicant has to come back before the Commission.

There was a discussion regarding making more planting areas and/or enlarging the planting areas shown on the drawings. Storm water management and rain gardens discussed. Trees remaining and trees being removed discussed. Keith Landa made a motion to approve the application with the stipulation that plantings on the SE corner of the property extend to the property line within 65-foot buffer and that rain

garden will be used instead of sub surface option, 2nd by Carolyn Rowan, all in favor. **Approved w/stipulations**

Correspondence

Letter from Northwest Conservation District re: Continued support of the NWCD. 2018 Connecticut Land Conservation Conference. Tim said if anyone was interested in attending let him know. Conference is March 17, 2017.

Administrative

Approve Meeting January 23, 2018 minutes. Gerry Schwalbe made a motion to approve the 1-23-18 meeting minutes, 2nd by Keith Landa, all in favor except Jennifer Licht and Christina McCartney who both abstained. **Approved**

Conservation issues for the Town of New Fairfield. No discussion

Adjournment

Kathleen DiTullio made a motion to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Carolyn Rowan, all in favor. **Adjourned @ 8:05pm.**