

Conservation/Inland Wetland Commission
Town of New Fairfield
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Meeting Minutes

February 19, 2019

7:15 PM

Call to Order

Chairman Tom Quigley called the meeting of the Conservation/Inland Wetland's Commission to order at 7:20pm.

Members in Attendance

Tom Quigley, Gerry Schwalbe, Christina McCartney, Keith Landa, Margaret DiTullio and EEO Tim Simpkins. Lisa Zustovich took the meeting minutes.

Violations

53 Bogus Hill Rd., construction of numerous walls within 200' of Candlewood Lake without permits, map 11, block 2, lot 20, Krauland. No owner or representative present. Mr. Krauland passed away, his widow said she will try to come to a meeting soon to get a permit for work done. All work was done above the 440 line. **Continued**

New Business

6 Lake Circle, Garage w/driveway, two small addition, repair septic system & SWMP, repair existing seawall, map 20, block 5, lot 12, Lynders/Sartain, owners, Micoli/Virbickas, agents. Dianius Virbickas from Artel Engineering present, representing the owner. Maps reviewed & discussed. Plans include adding exterior stairs on the side of the house, a covered porch at the main entrance, and to replace the existing garage that was damaged by a storm. Plans also include replacing the septic system and installing a leaching system on the north side of the home. Erosion control measures -silt fencing- discussed. Distance of disturbance is 65 feet from the lake. Mr. Virbickas will add distance of disturbance to the maps. Christina McCartney made a motion to accept the application for review, 2nd by Keith Landa, all in favor. **Accepted & Continued**

226 Route 37, Addition to existing garage and dwelling, map 13, block 6, lot 9, McCarthy. Owner Robert McCarthy present. The barn was destroyed by a storm. Instead of replacing the barn the owners would like to expand the garage. The wetlands are 180 feet from area of disturbance. Maps and photos reviewed and discussed. Gerry Schwalbe made a motion to accept the application for administrative approval, 2nd by Margaret DiTullio, all in favor. **Accepted & Continued for Administrative Approval**

10 Cecelia Lane, renovation of dwelling, construction of garage, patio, deck, walkways, expansion of driveway and SWMP, Giafone, owner, Micoli/Virbickas, agents. Dianius Virbickas from Artel Engineering present, representing the owner. Distance of disturbance is 120 feet from the wetlands. Owners want to add a 3rd floor to their current raised ranch home. Septic system discussed, design has been approved and will be added to the drawings. Distance of disturbance to the lake also needs to be added to the drawings. There will be 3 sets of infiltration systems. Keith Landa made a motion to accept the application for review, 2nd by Christina McCartney, all in favor. **Accepted & Continued**

8 East Lane/7 Shore Drive, Shoreline restoration etc., map 10, block 1, lot 1A & 2, Candlewood Yacht Club, Corbo/owner, Chalifoux/agent. Tracy Chalifoux present, representing the owner. Application is for shoreline repair. All work is below the 440 line. Maps and photos reviewed and discussed. Plan is to stabilize the shoreline using large boulders and a buffer of native plantings. Letter of filing consent received from First Light. Keith Landa made a motion to accept the application for administrative approval, 2nd by Gerry Schwalbe, all in favor. **Accepted & Continued for Administrative Approval with the stipulation that they can begin work immediately if approved by First Light**

57 Bogus Hill Rd, Deck, walkway, landscaping & repair seawall & stairs with site work, map 11, block 2, lot 22, Fichera/owner, Micoli & Virbickas/agents. Dianius Virbickas present, representing the owners. Maps reviewed and discussed. Owners want to replace the existing deck. Distance of disturbance is approx. 55 feet from the wetlands. Stock pile/staging area discussed and will be added to maps. Margaret DiTillio made a motion to accept the application for administrative approval, 2nd by Keith Landa, all in favor. **Accepted & Continued for Administrative Approval**

Old Business

24 Sunset Dr., Permit for work already completed, map 11, block 2, lot 9, Steward/owner, Adams/agent. No owner or representative. Letter of extension received. **Continued**

Workshop

Discuss revision of regulations. Deferred to later date to be determined.

Selectman's Report Regarding the Shoreline Management Plan

Selectman Kris Hall discussed the meeting she attended regarding the SMP. New Fairfield submitted comments to First Light prior to today's meeting. Candlewood Lake Authority also submitted comments to First Light. The current SMP expires March 2019. At the meeting they discussed the timeline of the SMP, how often they would meet with stakeholders and that they are working on a plan on how/when to report data. They also discussed buffer gardens; they are proposing that when an applicant gets a permit for a limited activity there would be a condition to the permit that the applicant must install a buffer garden within 3 years of the permit. If the applicant obtains a permit for a significant activity the condition of the permit would be that the applicant has 1 year to install a buffer garden. It was also discussed that they would be basing work to be done by a project boundary line rather than the 440 line. Fees were also discussed at the meeting. New Fairfield will be submitting a 2nd set of comments, Kris Hall asked for input from the Commission. Kris Hall said there would be a public meeting on 2/27/19 from 7-9pm @ the Heritage Inn in Southbury, Ct. Commission members were encouraged to attend if available.

Correspondence

Connecticut Land Conservation Conference. Commission members received information

Administrative

Approve Meeting January 15, 2019 minutes. Christina McCartney made a motion to approve the 1-15-19 meeting minutes as written, 2nd by Margaret DiTillio, all in favor except Gerry Schwalbe who abstained. **Approved**

Conservation issues for the Town of New Fairfield. No discussion

Adjournment

Gerry Schwalbe made a motion to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Keith Landa, all in favor. **Adjourned @ 8:30pm.**