

Conservation/Inland Wetland Commission
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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday October 20, 2020 7:15 PM (Eastern Time)

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Call to Order

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

Meeting Moderator: Paul Gouveia

Members in Attendance

Tom Quigley, Jerry Schwalbe, Joan Archer, Christina McCartney, Keith Landa, Margaret DiTullio, Carolyn Rowan and EEO Tim Simpkins. Lisa Zustovich took the meeting minutes.

Violations

6 Byebrook Court, Clearing, grading and soil disturbance near wetlands, map 13, block 2. Lot 1.4, Audo. Applicant submitted an application. **Deferred to New Business**

5 Sylvan Road, construction of stairs down to Candlewood Lake, map 25, block 2, lot 9.1, Ramesh & Yaskodhara. No owner or representative present. Photos reviewed and discussed. Stairs built without a permit. Work is done, no trees were removed. Commission will tell owner to submit an application. **Continued**

New Business

10 Merlin Ave, Single Family Dwelling, map 34, block 4, lots 21&22.1, Traore Management, LLC/Robinson-Traore. Ms. Robinson-Traore present. There is a swale and an intermittent stream on the property. There is no well, water will be provided through Aquarion. Commission members asked if the house location and driveway have been staked and if the wetlands have been flagged. Per applicant this has not been done yet as they had not had immediate plans to build. The Commission needs to see the wetlands delineated on the maps as well as the distance of a proposed house site to the wetlands. The Commission also needs the house location and driveway staked. Commission members encouraged to visit the site once this is done. Carolyn Rowan made a motion to accept the application for review, 2nd by Keith Landa, all in favor. **Accepted & Continued**

6 Byebrook Court, grass field & pond, map 13, block2, lot 1.4, Audo/owner, Spruce Ridge Craftsmen, Reilly/agent. Joe Reilly present. This property was previous approved, these plans were reviewed at the meeting. Tom Quigley noted wetlands on the map on the left. Work was done without permits; work is complete. Mr. Reilly said they cleared the property of trees and created a pond on the northeast side and that the property has been seeded and grass has grown in nicely and property is stabilized. Mr. Reilly stated that they installed silt fencing prior to starting work and that the silt fencing is still in place. Jerry Schwalbe asked if the pond was created in the wetland's boundary, per Mr. Reilly it was. Per Tom Quigley yes, a portion of the wetlands was affected. Mr. Reilly said he does need to go back and add topsoil and reseed an area that had some runoff when they were raking and seeding. Carolyn Rowan asked about adding a buffer between the grass and the wetlands. It was discussed that the owners do not plan to add any fertilizer and only plan to cut the field about twice a year. Commission agreed that a buffer would not be necessary under these circumstances. Kevin a property owner in the area commented that he attended the meeting to hear about the application and has no issues with it. Keith Landa made a motion to accept the application for review, 2nd by Christina McCartney, all in favor. **Accepted & Continued**

Old Business

Hudson Road & Harmon Road, New storm catch basin & outlet piping & new rip rap, map 37, blocks 6, 7 & 8, Road right of way near lots 4 & 35, 4 & 4. Antonio Iadarola for Town of New Fairfield. Tony Iadarola, Engineer for the Town of New Fairfield, present. Temporary 15" drainage pipe discussed. Mr. Iadarola stated that it is delineated on the drawings inside the existing pipe and is included in the plan narrative. Mr. Iadarola also stated that he had met with the State of NY Public Works Commissioner and he is okay with this repair project. Christina McCartney made a motion to approve the application, 2nd by Joan Archer, all in favor. **Approved**

1A Brush Drive, New storm manhole & outlet piping, rip rap & minor cleanup, map 24, block 12, lot 2, City of Danbury/owners, Antonio Iadarola for Town of New Fairfield. Tony Iadarola, Engineer for the Town of New Fairfield, present and stated that this is a significant drainage issue causing erosion and impacting drinking water for the City of Danbury. There is a drainage pipe on Brush Drive that drains to an area that is eroding. The plan is to drain to a deep drainage basin. From the drainage basin water would go to a plunge pool then to a riprap channel and from there to check dams. This plan will slow the velocity of the water and remove sediment. New Fairfield is funding the repair because the runoff is coming from NF and draining into and effecting a parcel owned by Danbury. Jerry Schwalbe made a motion to approve the application, 2nd by Keith Landa, all in favor. **Approved**

2-4 Bay Dr., Single Family Dwelling, Map 15, Block 12, lots 10&11, Ellen D Mohr, Trustee. Gregg, attorney for Ellen Mohr, present. Information requested at last month's meeting provided, maps reviewed and discussed. Septic has been approved. Carolyn Rowan made a motion to approve the application, 2nd by Margaret DiTullio, all in favor. **Approved**

314 Route 39, Renew permit # I/W-15-000026 Demolis house & rebuild, correct drainage & inground pool. Map 2, block 5, lot 13&14, Stefan Reznic. No owner/rep present. Wetlands discussed, maps reviewed. Keith Landa made a motion to approve the renewal of permit #I/W-15-000026, 2nd by Christina McCartney, all in favor. **Approved**

Correspondence

New map from R. J. Gallagher for 2-4 Bay Drive- previously reviewed/discussed.

Letter from Society of Soil Scientists of Southern New England-no discussion.

Administrative

Approve Meeting September 15, 2020- Margaret DiTullio made a motion to approve the 9-15-20 meeting minutes as written, 2nd by Joan Archer, all in favor. **Approved**

Conservation issues for the Town of New Fairfield-no discussion.

Adjournment Carolyn Rowan made a motion to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Jerry Schwalbe, all in favor. **Adjourned**

The Commission discussed Jane McGowan's retirement at the end of the month. The Commission discussed how her knowledge of what the Commission does is invaluable and that it will be quite a job to fill her shoes. Tom Quigley made a proclamation that whereas Jane McGowan has been invaluable to the Commission for many years and whereas she is retiring with great honor we issue a proclamation of many thanks and congratulations on her journey forward, 2nd by Jerry Schwalbe, all in favor. We will miss you Jane!