

## ***Conservation/Inland Wetland Commission***

### ***Town of New Fairfield***

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## **Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday November 17, 2020 7:15 PM**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/94241372627>

Meeting ID: 942 4137 2627

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### **Call to Order**

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

**Meeting Moderator:** Paul Gouveia

### **Members in Attendance**

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

### **Violations**

**5 Sylvan Road, construction of stairs down to Candlewood Lake, map 25, block 2, lot 9.1, Ramesh & Yaskodhara.** Owners have submitted an application. **Deferred to New Business**

### **New Business**

**16 Bogus Hill Rd, removal of stairs, map 10, block 21, lot 1, Benson.** No owner or representative present. This application was previously denied. The stairs were built without permits. The Bogus Hill Association wants the stairs removed. Tim Simpkins and Tom Quigley went to the site. They have given the applicant permission to begin removing the stairs prior to next month's meeting, before the ground starts to freeze. Keith Landa made a motion to accept the application for review, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jerry Schwalbe, all in favor. **Accepted & Continued**

**5 Sylvan Road, construction of stairs down to Candlewood Lake, map 25, block 2, lot 9.1, Ramesh & Yaskodhara.** Joe Reilly present, representing the owner. This was previously a violation, steps were built without permit. Per Mr. Reilly the steps were built on a steep slope, over boulders and ledge. The Commission members have seen photos of the work that was done. Work is complete. Chris McCartney made a motion to accept the application for review, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joan Archer, all in favor. **Accepted & Continued**

**12 Gillotti Rd, Consolidated School Project, map 23, block 16, lot 15, Town of New Fairfield/owner, Langan Engineering and Environmental Services.** Katy Gagnon, Senior Project Manager @ Langar Engineering present. Tom Quigley said there is a small portion of this project that is within the upland review area. Jerry Schwalbe asked what purpose of the site will be after demolition. Ms. Gagnon said that the programs currently at Consolidated are moving to Meeting House Hill School. They plan to demo a portion of Consolidated and create a school bus parking lot. The remainder of the building will become a bus dispatch building. The current bus parking lot is located on the Meeting House Hill School site. Areas outside the new parking lot will be converted to grass or a meadow mix on the steep slopes. Tom Quigley asked the applicant to add the septic system for the bus dispatch building and planting to the plan. Jerry Schwalbe asked about the existing septic system for Consolidated. Ms. Gagnon stated that the system is located on the Meeting House Hill site. Jerry Schwalbe made a motion to accept the application for review, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Keith Landa, all in favor. **Accepted & Continued**

**54 Gillotti Rd, New Fairfield High School Project, map 23, block 16, lot 11, Town of New Fairfield/owner, Langan Engineering and Environmental Services.** Katy Gagnon, Senior Project Manager @ Langan Engineering present. Tom Quigley said that the wetland concerns are the upland review areas on the main driveway and over on the wetland side near the westside driveway. Per Ms. Gagnon the proposed plan is to demo the high school (keeping the middle school) and constructing a new high school building. They will also be reconfiguring the drop off area, some of the parking lots and a new driveway (on the west side of the property) to Gillotti. They will not be touching the playing fields or leaching fields and maintaining the existing wells. The west side existing driveway will be shifted over and will be pulled further from the wetland. Drainage discussed. They will have an above ground bio-retention basin (shown on maps) to mitigate storm water. They will also have an underground detention system that will offset the flow. Joan Archer made a motion to accept the application for review, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Margaret DiTullio, all in favor. **Accepted & Continued**

### **Old Business**

**6 Byebrook Court, grass field & pond, map 13, block2, lot 1.4, Audo/owner, Spruce Ridge Craftsmen, Reilly/agent.** Joe Reilly present, representing the owner. Work is done, property is stable. Work was done without permits. The Commission discussed penalties for doing work without permits. Mr. Reilly said the point of the project was to create a field to go with the adjacent field to improve the look of the landscape. The Commission said they would impose the \$500 additional fee for completing work without a permit. Keith Landa made a motion to approve the application, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chris McCartney, all in favor. **Approved**

**10 Merlin Ave, Single Family Dwelling, map 34, block 4, lots 21&22.1, Traore Management, LLC/Robinson-Traore.** Ms. Robinson-Traore present. They plan to pipe 20-30 feet of the culvert next to the intermittent water course, near where the house is to be built. The septic is in the back of the property behind the house. Joan Archer made a motion to approve the application, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jerry Schwalbe, all in favor. **Approved**

**Extending and transferring permit-8 Lake Drive.** No owner or representative present. Owner needs to extend the permit to sell the property and transfer the permit to the new owners. Joan Archer made a motion to extend the permit for 8 Lake Drive, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Keith Landa, all in favor. **Approved**  
Chris McCartney made a motion to approve the transfer of the permit for 8 Lake Drive, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Margaret DiTullio, all in favor. **Approved**

### **Correspondence**

**Connecticut Land Conservation Council Membership.** Commission members have not received any information regarding this. Discussion if needed will be continued to the next meeting, once they receive information.

### **Administrative**

**Approve Meeting October 20, 2020.** Chris McCartney made a motion to approve the 10-20-20 meeting minutes as written, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jerry Schwalbe, all in favor. **Approved**

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

**Adjournment** Margaret DiTullio made a motion to adjourn the meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joan Archer, all in favor. **Adjourned @ 8:00pm.**