

**SHERMAN INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSE COMMISSION
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
JANUARY 30, 2014**

PRESENT: Linda Berger, Vice Chairman, Robin Zitter, Mickey Goldfine, Frank Galasso, Mike Humphreys, Hank Von Ancken, Ernie Dech, Enforcement Officer Ron Cooper, Trish Viola, Clerk.

ABSENT: Tom Zinn, Chairman, David Schneider.

Vice Chairman Berger called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

Vice Chairman Berger asked Commissioner VonAncken to fill in as a voting member in the absence of Commissioner Zinn.

Vice Chairman Berger asked Commissioner Dech to fill in as a voting member in the absence of Commissioner Schneider.

I. SITE WALKS
Nothing to report.

II. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Angela & Sam Simons – 6 Glen View Drive – Application 20-13

(Renovations to existing pool deck & replacing retaining walls within the regulated area)

No one attended the meeting representing Mr. & Mrs. Simon. Enforcement Officer Cooper read into the record the application regarding what the property owner would like to do. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Humphreys made a motion to approve this application with the following conditions:

- (1) Permit on site for the duration of project.
- (2) The applicant must contact the Natural Diversity Data Base for their response before starting work.
- (3) The applicant must contact Enforcement Officer Cooper before starting work.
- (4) The applicant must obtain direction from Selectman's Office & Public Works Supervisor regarding the removal and replacement of guard rails on Leach Hollow Road before using the access way off Leach Hollow Road.
- (5) Access way on to property off Leach Hollow Road is to pass and re-pass. It does not include re-grading or widening of the existing path and only a small utility vehicle can be used.
- (6) This permit allows the activity associated with the access off Leach Hollow Road to the project for 90 days from the start of the project.
- (7) The erosion and sediment controls shown on the map must continue to the west and also to the east and north around the pool house. Due to the steepness of the grade on the access path, erosion controls materials must be available on site and installed across the "path" every night, over weekends and during storm events. All other erosion controls to be in place for the duration of project and any additional controls that Enforcement Officer Cooper requires.
- (8) At the end of the 90 days (see note # 6) the access way must be stabilized seeded and hayed.
- (9) This permit is for work to be done only on existing pool deck (patio) and retaining wall and only within their existing footprint.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Galasso. Motion passed unanimously. Granted.

2. **Greg Migliorisi – 16 Locust Lane – Application # 24-13**

(Construct floating dock, ramp, concrete bulkhead, cut trees, 4 ft. stone wall with steps and dig test holes for septic all within the regulated area).

Clerk Trish Viola told Commissioners that Mr. Migliorisi was unable to attend the meeting, and that Mr. Migliorisi faxed a letter to the Commissioners to be read into the record. Vice Chairman, Berger read into the record the letter that gave information regarding the planting plan, access into the property and stone wall. Commissioners reviewed the plan that was submitted. This plan also showed a dwelling location and septic design. Clerk, Trish Viola told Commissioners that at this time the applicant doesn't have Health Approval for the septic design. Commissioners were to review the area only for what was described on the application. Commissioners had some concerns regarding how the plants would be protected from the deer, and that the house and septic design should be crossed off this plan for now, until an application is submitted for dwelling and septic. Also Enforcement Officer Cooper stated that this application will need to contact the Natural Diversity Data Base and the Commission would like to see the response of it. After a long discussion, Commissioners agreed to an extension on this application. Will be on next month's agenda.

3. **Town of Sherman – Town Owned Bridges/Structures – Application # 25-13**

(Minor repairs and maintenance on bridges/structures within the regulated area)

A copy of the report was given to all Commissioners to review. Enforcement Officer Cooper told Commissioners that he will put together a list of what jobs will be done first for next month's meeting. Commissioners will review the report. Enforcement Officer Cooper requested to continue this application until next month's meeting. Commissioners agreed to continue this application. Will be on next month's agenda.

III. NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Lance Rogers – 21 Jericho Road North – Schedule A**

(Timber Harvest)

No one attended the meeting representing Mr. Rogers. Enforcement Officer Cooper told Commissioners that Mr. Rogers has hired Connwood Forester, Inc. and has submitted a Forest Stewardship plan for his 144 acres for 2013-2023. Enforcement Officer Cooper briefly described to the Commissioners what they would like to do. Commissioners have scheduled a site walk for 2-8-14 with a snow date of 2-9-14 and special meeting to follow in the field to determine if this is a schedule A.

2. **J. Bicho/E.Salamack – 3 Echo Lane North – Permit # 24-11**

(Modification – Install Jacuzzi, flagpole, weeping wall & seawall all within the regulated area)

Ms. Ellen Salamack attended the meeting. Ms. Salamack described to the Commissioners what they would like to do. A copy of First Light Letter of Consent was submitted with the application. The letter of consent states – a stone barrier: native stone or rip-rap as needed to prevent erosion at existing shoreline – existing vegetated buffer areas may be enhanced with native planting overtime. Including proposed canopy trees (a picture of tree was shown) – weep wall constructed at location of existing boulders. Dry-laid wall at 4ft. or less in height and a flagpole. Ms. Salamack revised her application to add a planting plan. After a brief discussion, Commissioners scheduled at site walk for 2-8-14 with a snow date of 2-9-14. Will be on next month's agenda.

3. **Laura Baxter – 164 Route 39 North – Schedule A**

(Timber Harvest)

Mr. Shawn Emmons of EMMONS Tree & Landscape Service attended the meeting representing Laura Baxter. Mr. Emmons described to the Commissioners what they would like to do. Mr. Emmons told Commissioners that they are looking to do a horse paddock on the upper part of the property, removal of invasive species and thinning of the dead ash on the hill side. All work would be distant from any areas of wetlands or watercourses. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Goldfine made a motion to approve this as a Schedule A. Commissioner Humphreys seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Granted

**4. Holy Trinity Church – 15 Route 37 Center – Application # 01-14
(Walkway within the regulated area)**

Mr. Mitchell Frizzell of the Boys Scouts attended the meeting representing Holy Trinity Church. Mr. Frizzell explained to the Commissioners what he would like to do for his Eagle Scout project. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Zitter made a motion to have Enforcement Officer Cooper approve this application, seconded by Commissioner Galasso. Motion passed unanimously. Granted.

**IV. REVIEW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT:
PERMITS – EXTENSIONS – ANY VIOLATIONS:**

Permits:

Permit # 34-09 – Sherman Library – 1 Rt. 37 Center – Enforcement Officer Cooper reported work is complete.

Permit # 05-11 – Town of Sherman – Spring Lake Rd. – Enforcement Officer Cooper reported work is complete however, will remain on the list for now.

Permit # 03-12 – Timber Trails Assoc. Timber Trail Road – Enforcement Officer Cooper reported work is complete.

Permit # 13-13 – Daryl Hall – 27 Chapel Hill Rd. – Enforcement Officer Cooper reported work is in progress.

Permit # 15-13 – Jay Cayado – 2 Mary Bee Lane – Enforcement Officer Cooper reported work is complete.

Permit # 17-13 – Joan O’Brien – 4 Echo Road – Enforcement Officer Cooper reported work is complete.

Extension:

Nothing to report.

Reports:

Nothing to report.

Violations:

Gloria Chiesi – 29 Deer Run Trail – Violation # 05-12

Enforcement Officer Cooper told Commissioners that he spoke with the owner and will have a plan for next month’s meeting.

**V. MINUTES:
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING 11-19-13**

Commissioner Dech made a motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Commissioner Ziffer. Motion passed unanimously. Granted

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING 12-17-14

The meeting was canceled due to snow.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE:

- A. Connecticut Dept. Energy & Environmental Protection regarding Special Waste Disposal Authorization of Terrestrial Invasive Plants or Species.
- B. Affidavit of Publication November 2013.
- C. Connecticut Wildlife – November/December 2013.
- D. Connecticut Dept. Energy & Environmental Protection regarding Notice of Interest to Modify General Permit for Water Resources Construction Activities.
- E. Letter from Cuddy & Feder, LLC regarding New Cingular Wireless Proposed Telecommunications Facility in New Milford.
- F. Connecticut Federation of Lakes booklet The Voice for Connecticut’s Lakes.
- G. Copy of email from Commissioner Berger regarding A Newsletter for Municipal Inland Wetlands Agencies.

Commissioner Galasso made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Humphreys. Motion passed unanimously.

As there was no further business the meeting ended at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Frank Galasso
Secretary

Prepared by Trish Viola, Clerk

