

**SHERMAN INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSE COMMISSION
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
SEPTEMBER 16, 2014**

PRESENT: Linda Berger Vice Chairman, Mike Humphreys, Frank Galasso, Mickey Goldfine, Hank VonAncken, Ernie Dech, Trish Viola, Clerk.

ABSENT: Tom Zinn, Chairman, David Schneider, Enforcement Officer Ron Cooper.

Vice Chairman, Linda Berger called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

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

I. SITE WALKS – SEPTEMBER 6, 2014

Peter Kuring – 5 Coote Hill Road – Application # 20-14

(Removing trees, bushes and planting shrubs along lake and installing floating dock bulkhead all within the established review area).

Clifford Butscher – 11 Old Forest Road - Application # 21-14

(Construct New Single Family Dwelling, Well, Septic, Driveway, Sheds, Dock, walking path & associated grading all within the established review and upland review area).

II. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Peter Kuring – 5 Coote Hill Road – Application # 20-14

(Removing trees, bushes, planting shrubs along lake & installing floating dock bulkhead all within the established review area).

Mr. & Mrs. Kuring attended the meeting. Vice Chairman, Linda Berger read into the record the minutes of the site walk. Vice Chairman, Linda Berger also read into the record the comments from Enforcement Officer Cooper's e-mail. Commissioners reviewed the pictures and the plan that Officer Cooper had taken of the property. Mr. Kuring described in detail to the Commissioners what he would like to do. Mr. Kuring revised the plan to show where the dock will be located. After a long discussion, Commissioner Galasso made a motion to approve this application with the following conditions: (1) permit to be available on site during the work – (2) meet with Enforcement Officer Cooper and owner's mitigation plan designer to discuss the yellow area marked on the plan regarding the trees to be removed and what invasive plants should be remove - (3) contact Enforcement Officer Cooper before starting work – (4) owner withdrew the bulkhead on application but retained the installation of a floating dock – (5) Enforcement Officer Cooper to approve, if needed, rip rap around the drainage pipe – (6) no mowing in the wetlands area – (7) no stumps to be removed – (8) the area of "high mow" (maintained at approximately 5 inches high) was located on the plan at the meeting dated 9-16-14. Commissioner Goldfine seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Granted

2. Clifford Butscher – 11 Old Forest Road – Application # 21-14

(Construct New Single Family Dwelling, Well, Septic, Driveway, Sheds, Dock, walking path & associated grading all within the established review and upland review area).

Mr. Paul Szymanski, Agent of Arthur H. Howland & Assoc. attended the meeting representing Mr. Butscher. Vice Chairman, Linda Berger read into the record the minutes of the site walk. Mr. Szymanski submitted revised plans per comments made at the site walk and delete the proposed walking path and explained to the Commissioners what they would like to do. Commissioner Goldfine made a motion to approve this application with the following conditions: (1) permit on site during construction – (2) contact Enforcement Officer Cooper before starting work. Commissioner Humphreys seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Granted.

III. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Paul Delforno – 12 River Oaks Lane – Application # 22-14

(Construct New Single Family Dwelling, Garage, Well, Septic, Driveway all within the established review area).

Mr. Ralph Langham, agent attended the meeting representing Mr. Delforno. Mr. Langham described to the Commissioners what they would like to do. Vice Chairman, Linda Berger also read into the record the comments from Enforcement Officer Cooper's e-mail. Mr. Langham was informed that information regarding drainage from the driveway, roof leaders and sheet flow down slope will need to be addressed. Commissioners reviewed the plans and requested that Mr. Langham have a survey showing the complete property. Commissioners accepted the application and scheduled a site walk for 10-4-14. Will be on next month's agenda.

2. Kenneth Litwack – 5 Saw Mill Road – Application # 23-14

(Phase I – remove and replace existing deck same footprint – Phase II – reset flagstone path and path near dock, rebuild existing retaining wall, rebuild existing steps down to dock and rebuild or fix dock all within the established review area).

Mr. Daylan Barese, agent attended the meeting representing Mr. Litwack. Mr. Barese described to the Commissioners what they would like to do. Mr. Barese told Commissioners that he has received a Letter of Consent from First Light. Vice Chairman, Linda Berger also read into the record the comments from Enforcement Officer Cooper's e-mail. Mr. Barese, agent was informed that he has to mail the Natural Diversity Data Base form. Mr. Barese told Commissioners that at this time he will only be doing the work regarding the removing and replace the existing deck. At some point within the year Phase II will take place. Commissioners reviewed the plans and scheduled a site walk for 10-4-14. Will be on next month's agenda.

3. Kathryn Wriston – 57 Wakeman Hill Road – Application # 24-14

(Install a dry hydrant at Little Deer Pond)

Mr. Bruce Hickey, agent attended the meeting representing Ms. Wriston. Mr. Hickey described to the Commissioners what they would like to do. Vice Chairman, Linda Berger also read into the record the comments from Enforcement Officer Cooper's e-mail. Mr. Hickey was informed that he may have to contact the New York City Watershed. Commissioners accepted the application and scheduled a site walk for 10-4-14. Will be on next month's agenda.

4. Robert Weinberg – 7 Orchard Rest Road – Application # 25-14

(Repair septic system all within the established review area).

Mr. Allen Beatty of Beatty Construction attended the meeting representing Mr. Weinberg. Mr. Beatty described to the Commissioners what they would like to do. Vice Chairman, Linda Berger read into the record the comments from Enforcement Officer Cooper's e-mail. Officer Cooper will prepare the paper work for the Natural Diversity Data Base. Commissioners accepted the application and schedule a site walk and special meeting for 9-25-14.

5. Town of Sherman – 7 Orchard Rest Road – Application # 26-14

(Clean out culverts all within the established review area).

Enforcement Officer Cooper submitted this application for the Town of Sherman. Beatty Construction will be doing the work while they are on site repairing the septic system. Vice Chairman, Linda Berger read into the record the comments from Enforcement Officer Cooper's e-mail. Officer Cooper will prepare the paper work for the Natural Diversity Data Base. Commissioners accepted the application and scheduled a site walk and special meeting for 9-25-14.

6. Jonathan Muir – 23 Ledgewood Drive – Application # 27-14

(Removing trees and installing a spa all within the established review area).

No one attended the meeting representing Mr. Muir. Vice Chairman, Linda Berger read into the record the comments from Enforcement Officer Cooper's e-mail. No Natural Diversity Data Base is required. A copy of First Light Consent Letter was submitted with the application. Commissioners reviewed the plans and scheduled a site walk for 10-4-14. Will be on next month's agenda.

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

Violations:

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

Vice Chairman, Linda Berger read into the record the comments from Enforcement Officer Cooper's e-mail stating that Mr. Peter Young met with Enforcement Officer Cooper on Friday 9-12-14 and stated that he was meeting with the applicant this weekend and that Mr. Young will have an application for next month's meeting.

Reports:

Nothing to report.

Permits:

Nothing to report.

Extension:

Nothing to report.

V. MINUTES:

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Page # 3 – Under Permits – line 13 (delete) is (add) he. Commissioner Humphreys made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected, seconded by Commissioner Galasso. Motion passed unanimously. Granted

VI. CORRESPONDENCE:

- A. Copy of A Newsletter for Municipal Inland Wetlands Agencies – August 2014.
- B. Letter and CD from Candlewood Lake Authority regarding the overall management of Candlewood Lake.
- C. Affidavit of Publication – 8-27-14.
- D. Copy of Annual Report of Commission Activities Wetlands – Fiscal Year 2013-2014.
- E. Registration Form for CACIWC Workshops on 10-31-2014.

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

As there was no further business the meeting ended at 9:30 p.m.

Prepared by Trish Viola, Clerk

Respectfully submitted,
Frank Galasso
Secretary