

**SHERMAN INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSE COMMISSION
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
JULY 21, 2015**

PRESENT: Tom Zinn, Chairman, David Schneider, Linda Berger, Frank Galasso, Mike Humphreys, Mickey Goldfine, Ernie Dech, Enforcement Officer Ron Cooper, Trish Viola, Clerk.

ABSENT: Hank VonAncken

Tom Zinn, Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

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

I. SITE WALKS - JUNE 22, 2015

Samual Edelman – 55 Briggs Hill Road – Application # 12-15

(Proposed Pond dredging, landscaping & placement of boulders within the established review area).

Josh DeWind – 61 Briggs Hill Road – Schedule A

(Repair existing dam, dredge a portion of the pond and stabilize the western stream bank all within an established review area).

Town of Sherman – Briggs Hill Road – Application # 13-15

(Stabilize the eroded swale on the south side of Briggs Hill Road within the established review area).

SITE WALKS – JUNE 26, 2015

Keith & Diane Thuesen – 14A Jericho Road North – Application # 11-15

(Install driveway within the upland review area & established review area).

Town of Sherman Happy Acres – 2 Taber Road – Schedule A

(Back fill existing culvert pipe)

Zolton Tuba – 45 Wanzer Hill Road – Application # 14-15

(Repair Two Docks, trim brush along shoreline, repair/replace fence and restore beach-replace approx 2 yards of sand all within the established review area).

II. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Keith & Diana Thuesen – 14A Jericho Road North – Application # 11-15

(Install driveway within the upland review area & established review area).

No one attended the meeting representing Mr. & Mrs. Thuesen. Chairman Zinn read into the record the minutes of the site walk. Enforcement Officer Cooper told Commissioners that he had called and left a message for Mr. Thuesen regarding attending the meeting; however no one returned his call. Commissioners scheduled another site walk for 8- 11-15. Commissioners agreed to continue this application until next month's meeting. Will be on next month's agenda.

2. **Samual Edelman – 55 Briggs Hill Road – Application # 12-15**
(Proposed Pond dredging, landscaping & placement of boulders within established review area).
Mr. Paul Szymanski, of Arthur Howland & Assoc attended the meeting representing Mr. Edelman. Chairman Zinn read into the record the minutes of the site walk. Also read into the record a letter from Naromi Land Trust President, Margery Josephson. Mr. Szymanski explained to the Commissioners what they want to do. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Goldfine made a motion to approve this application with the following conditions: (1) permit on site during construction – (2) contract Enforcement Officer Cooper before starting work – (3) work will begin as soon as possible while the weather is dry – (4) pond to remain at the same elevation – (5) the dock and the beach will not to be replaced – (6) agent agreed to Naromi Land Trust request that survey pins be set along the west & southwest sides of the Unencumbered Tract from Briggs Hill Road to the mapped U pole SNET # 1402. Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Granted.
3. **Town of Sherman – Briggs Hill Road (Town Right of Way) – Application # 13-15**
(Stabilize the eroded swale on the south side of Briggs Hill Road within the established review area).
Chairman Zinn read into the record the minutes of the site walk. Enforcement Officer Cooper asked Mr. Szymanski, of Arthur Howland & Assoc would he stay at the table to discuss this application and speak to it from an Engineer point of view. Enforcement Officer Cooper described to the Commission and Mr. Szymanski what the Town would like to do. Mr. Szymanski told Commissioner from an Engineer review this should be no problem. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Galasso made a motion to have Enforcement Officer Cooper approve this application, seconded by Commissioner Schneider. Commissioners requested that (1) check dam at least twice-(2) no grubbing-(3) mowing not to be lower than 6 inches. Motion passed unanimously. Granted
4. **Zolton Tuba – 45 Wanzer Hill Road – Application # 14-15**
(Repair two docks, trim brush along shoreline, repair/replace fence and restore beach – replace approx. 2 yards of sand all within the established review area).
No one attended the meeting representing Mr. Tuba. Chairman Zinn read into the record the minutes of the site walk. Enforcement Officer Cooper read into the record the information from First Light’s Letter of Consent and his meeting with the agent and First Light. Commissioners scheduled another site walk for 8-11-15. Commissioners agreed to continue this application until next month’s meeting. Will be on next month’s agenda.
5. **Town of Sherman – Happy Acres – 2 Taber Road – Schedule A**
(Back fill existing culvert pipe)
Chairman Zinn read into the record the minutes of the site walk. Enforcement Officer Cooper told Commissioners that this work was already done, and the application has come in after the fact. Officer Cooper was told this was an emergency situation. After walking the site, Officer Cooper informed the Town that they needed a permit for this work. Enforcement Officer Cooper also told Commissioners that the material that was used to back fill the culvert pipe had included knotweed, an invasive species that had been removed from the roadsides and placed in the Town yard. It was agreed that the Town road crew should be made aware of this issue. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Berger made a motion to approve this as a Schedule A, seconded by Commissioner Galasso. Motion passed unanimously. Granted.

Commissioner Berger also made a motion to have a letter written to the First Selectman regarding needing a permit for the work that was done, seconded by Commissioner Goldfine. All Commissioners will receive an e-mail of the letter for their approval.

III. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Christian Hoagland – 20 Terrace Drive – Application # 15-15

(Replacement of failed retaining walls along edge of lake all within the established review area).

Mr. Paul Szymanski, of Arthur Howland & Assoc attended the meeting representing Mr. Hoagland. Mr. Szymanski described to the Commissioners what they would like to do. Commissioner Galasso made a motion to have Enforcement Officer Cooper approve this application, seconded by Commissioner Goldfine. Motion passed unanimously. Granted

IV. REVIEW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT:

PERMITS – EXTENSIONS – ANY VIOLATIONS:

Permits:

Permit # 22-09 – Town of Sherman – Fox Run Detention Basin – Enforcement Officer Cooper reported that the First Selectman is having an Engineer look at the plan regarding the basin.

Permit # 30-10 – Samuel Edelman – 12 Briggs Hill Road – Enforcement Officer Cooper reported work is complete.

Permit # 23-13 – Michael Carpanzano – 9 Locust Lane – Enforcement Officer Cooper reported the foundation is in and work is still in progress.

Permit # 05-14 – Edward O’Neill – 74 Route 39 North – Enforcement Officer Cooper reported work is complete.

Permit # 12-14 – Sean Hilderbrand – 2 Fox Run – Enforcement Officer Cooper reported work is in progress.

Permit # 20-14 – Peter Kuring – 5 Coote Hill Road – Enforcement Officer Cooper reported work is complete.

Permit # 03-15 – Gerard & Kathy Diemer – 15 Anderson Road – Enforcement Officer Cooper reported work is still in progress.

Extension:

Nothing to report.

Violations:

Nothing to report.

Reports:

Permit # 03-13 – Roger Oppenheimer – 12 Chimney Hill Road - Enforcement Officer Cooper told Commissioners after following up with the Engineer on this plan, one of the conditions on this permit to install a (rain garden) can’t be done anywhere on the site. Commissioner Berger made a motion to remove this condition (install a rain garden), seconded by Commissioner Galasso. Motion passed unanimously. Granted

Enforcement Officer Cooper told Commissioners that work was done without a permit to replace an existing septic tank that was located 50 feet from a pond. Mr. Joel Judd was the contractor for the property owner. Mr. Judd attended the meeting and told Commissioners that he replaced the tank because it was an emergency and that the home owner needed to have a working septic. Commissioners agreed that a permit was required. Mr. Judd will let the home owner know and will come in to fill out an application.

Enforcement Officer Cooper told Commissioners that he attended a training class and will email all Commissioners the information that was provided.

Commissioner Dech told Enforcement Officer Cooper that he had taken pictures of a possible violation and will submit the pictures to him for review.

V. MINUTES:

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING 6-16-15

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

SPECIAL MEETING IN THE FIELD – 6-22-15

Under Paragraph 3 – line 3 (delete) nay (add) abstained. Commissioner Dech made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected, seconded by Commissioner Goldfine. Motion passed unanimously. Granted

VI. CORRESPONDENCE:

- A. Connecticut DEEP's Training for Municipal Inland Wetlands Agencies 2015
- B. Affidavit of Publication – June 10, 2015
- C. Affidavit of Publication – June 10, 2015
- D. Affidavit of Publication – June 24, 2015

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

As there was no further business the meeting ended at 8:40 p.m.

Prepared by Trish Viola, Clerk

Respectfully submitted,
Frank Galasso
Secretary