

**SHERMAN INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSE COMMISSION
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
JANUARY 17, 2017**

PRESENT: Frank Galasso, Chairman, Robert Putnam, Mike Humphreys, David Schneider, Mickey Goldfine, Enforcement Officer Ron Cooper, Trish Viola, Clerk
ABSENT: Ernie Dech

Chairman, Frank Galasso called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

I. SITE WALKS – JANUARY 15, 2017

Robert Putnam – 19 Orchard Rest Road – Application # 25-16

(Landscaping Buffer Plan, – install shoreline boulders, new bulkhead, run electrical line for lighting and repaving of driveway all within the established review area).

II. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Hedy Cihanck – 23 Candlewood Lake Drive – Violation # 04-16

(Clearing of Trees/Understory, Blocking (Filling) A Watercourse with Cut Tree Branches/Brush Debris and Channelizing A Watercourse within an established Review Area without the Required Permit/License).

No one attended the meeting representing Ms. Cihanck. Enforcement Officer Cooper told Commissioners that he had a meeting with the applicant and her daughter Alice on December 22, 2016. Officer Cooper explained to the applicant that the debris needed to be cleaned out of the stream. Officer Cooper submitted new photos showing the subsequent clean up by the steam, where most brush and debris had been removed. The owner will be meeting with First Light to file for a Letter of Consent and submit a plan and planting list. Officer Cooper told Commissioners that in the spring, the owner will submit an application and a Letter of Filing Consent from First Light to this Commission. Commissioners agreed to move this Violation under Review Enforcement Officer Report at this time.

Commissioner Putnam recused himself.

1. Robert Putnam – 19 Orchard Rest Road – Application # 25-16

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Mr. Putnam attended the meeting. Chairman, Galasso read into the record the minutes of the site walk. Mr. Putnam explained to the Commissioners what he would like to do. Mr. Putnam asked to modify this application to include repaving of the driveway. Mr. Putnam revised the plans at the meeting, removing all other proposed work shown on the plan including: Retaining Walls, Stone Patio, Proposed Pool House, drainage, and forced main septic. This additional work may be proposed later under a separate application. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Humphreys made a motion to approve this application with the following conditions: (1) permit must be on site and available for the duration of the permitted activity – (2) contractor/owner must contact Enforcement Officer Cooper at least 48 hours in advance to schedule a preconstruction meeting. – (3) all erosion and sedimentation controls must be in place and inspected by Enforcement Officer prior to the start of any work – (4) all activities that are approved by the Commission are limited to those authorized by First Light in their letter of Filing consent including electrical and gas and potable water lines buried from the existing dwelling along the driveway – (5) all work to be completed during the lake draw down and all E&S controls that are temporally installed during construction below the mean high water elevation must be removed before the lake level is raised

– (6) temporary run off area off the utility trench to be directed into the E&S controls area - (7) no fertilizer in buffer area, other than materials already in plants containers.
Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Granted

Correct Application Number from #26-16 to #01-17

III. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Clate & Justin Korsant –Map 20/Lot 8 Spring Lake Road – Application # 01-17

(Repair Dam as required by DEEP)

Mr. Randy Locascio, agent attended the meeting representing the Korsants. Mr. Locascio described to the Commissioners what they would like to do. Commissioners reviewed the pictures that were submitted. Commissioners accepted the application and schedule a site walk for 1-28-17 with a snow date of 1-29-17. Will be on next month's agenda.

IV. REVIEW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT:

PERMITS – EXTENSIONS – ANY VIOLATIONS:

Permits:

Permit # 21-14- Clifford Butscher – 11 Old Forest Road – Officer Cooper reported that the garage and dock are not done yet.

Permit # 23-15 – Hugh Delage – 37 Holiday Point Road – Officer Cooper reported that the pond has been dredge and no work on the garage has been done yet.

Permit # 14-16 – Doug Cushnie – 44 Mill Pond Road – Officer Cooper reported work has begun.

Permit # 20-16 – Town of Sherman – Veteran's Field – Officer Cooper reported no other work has been done at this time.

Extensions:

Nothing to report

Violations:

See above.

Reports:

Nothing to report.

V. MINUTES:

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

VI. CORRESPONDENCE:

- A. USDA National Agroforestry Center – Newsletter
- B. Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection – Permit Application for the Use of Pesticides in State Waters:
 1. Pepper Pond – 149 Route 37 South
 2. Spring Lake – 20 Spring Lake Road
- C. Letter from Naromi Land Trust regarding – Letter of Support for Grant Request to Preserve Eastman Land Adjacent to the Herrick Preserve.
- D. Copy of application to the Town of New Milford regarding Road Drainage Improvements in Candlewood Lake estates.
- E. Affidavit of Publication – 1-5-17
- F. Connecticut Bar Association Education & Training for Land Use Commissions.

Commissioners had a long discussion regarding the letter requested by Naromi Land Trust. Based on the short time frame, and uncertainty as to the appropriateness, a decision was made to refrain from writing a letter at this time.

Commissioner Goldfine made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Putnam. Motion passed unanimously.

As there was no further business the meeting ended at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Humphreys
Secretary

Prepared by Trish Viola, Clerk

