

**SHERMAN INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES COMMISSION
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
MARCH 21, 2017**

PRESENT: Frank Galasso, Chairman, David Schneider, Mickey Goldfine, Ernie Dech, Enforcement Officer Ron Cooper, Trish Viola, Clerk

ABSENT: Mike Humphreys, Robert Putnam.

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

I. SITE WALKS – MARCH 4, 2017

Kevin Murray 39 Wanzer Hill Road – Application # 03-17

(Construct Barn, driveway, septic, underground utilities and fencing all within the established review area).

Scott Mill – 24 Wagon Wheel Road – Application # 02-17

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

Jonathan Press – 9 Worden Point Road – Application # 04-17

(Addition – expand the footprint and expand and rebuilt existing deck and construct new patio all within the established review area).

Chairman Galasso informed Commissioners that we have an application to add to the agenda under New Business: –

Town of Sherman, Full Circle Farming – 2 Taber Road – Schedule A (Fencing)

Commissioner Schneider made a motion to add this Schedule A application to the agenda. Commissioner Dech seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

II. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Scott Mill – 24 Wagon Wheel Road – Application # 02-17

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

Mr. Doug DiVesta, Civil Engineering and Mr. Mill attended the meeting. Chairman Galasso read into the record the minutes of the site walk. Mr. DiVesta submitted revised plans showing the setbacks from the brook and some drainage information that the Commission requested. Mr. DiVesta described to the Commissioners the changes that were made. Enforcement Officer Cooper had concerns regarding the size of the infiltrator invert pipe. Mr. DiVesta and Enforcement Officer Cooper will discuss any adjustments in the field that need to be done. Mr. DiVesta revised the plan dated 3-21-17 at meeting regarding the adjustments that may be needed. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Goldfine made a motion to approve this application with the following conditions: (1) permit on site during the duration of the project (2) contact Enforcement Officer Cooper before starting work – (3) all erosion controls to be in place (4) owner responsible for the culvert to be cleaned out – (5) any adjustments that may be needed in field approved by Enforcement Officer. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dech. Motion passed unanimously. Granted

2. **Jonathan Press – 9 Worden Point Road – Application # 04-17**
(Addition-expand the footprint and expand and rebuilt existing deck and construct new patio all within the established review area).
Mr. Jonathan Press and Mr. Steve Laser, agent attended the meeting. Chairman Galasso read into the record the minutes of the site walk. Commissioners had requested information regarding the roof water drainage and no new information at this time was received. Mr. Press will meet with Enforcement Officer Cooper regarding what is needed. Commissioners agreed to continue this application until next month. Will be on next month's agenda.

3. **Kevin Murray – 39 Wanzer Hill Road – Application # 03-17**
(Construct Barn, driveway, septic, underground utilities and fencing all within the established review area).
Mr. Murray attended the meeting. Chairman Galasso read into the record the minutes of the site walk. (See Below – Violation # 02-17)

III. **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Kevin Murray – 39 Wanzer Hill Road – Violation # 02-17**
(Excavation/grading, construction of a fence, construction of sheds/temporary structures and filling in or near wetlands all within the established review area without the required permit/license).
Mr. Murray attended the meeting. Chairman Galasso read into the record the Notice of Violation for both properties. (39 Wanzer Hill Road) and (41 Wanzer Hill Road). Commissioners reviewed the pictures of both sites. Mr. Murray explained to the Commissioners regarding the violations at both sites. Mr. Murray stated that some of the work was already there when he purchased the property. Mr. Murray stated he would remove the sheds/temporary structures. Commissioners have several concerns regarding the violations. After a long discussion, Chairman Galasso suggested to Mr. Murray that he might like to withdraw his application #03-17 until all the work on the violations has been taken care of. After a long discussion, Mr. Murray would like to continue his application and try to come up with a plan regarding the fence for next month's meeting. Commissioners will walk the site again on 4-4-17. Will be on next month's agenda.
2. **Kevin Murray – 41 Wanzer Hill Road – Violation # 03-17**
(Excavation/grading by applying millings to the existing driveway and the construction of a fence all within an established review area without the required permit/license).
(See Above – Violation # 02-17)
3. **Blake Preferred Realty – 2 Shore Drive – Application # 07-17**
(Tree removal, drill well, repair front stoop, repair rear decks, repair gravel driveway, repair shed and decks according to First Light – all within the established review area).
No one attended the meeting representing Blake Preferred Realty. Enforcement Officer Cooper described to the Commissioners what they would like to do. Officer Cooper asked the Commissioners if they could drill the well as soon as possible. Commissioners agreed to have Officer Cooper approve only the well to be drill at this time. Commissioners accepted the application and scheduled a site walk for 4-11-17. Will be on next month's agenda.
4. **Julia Bicho/Ellen Salamack – 8 Echo Lane South – Violation # 01-17**
(Clearing of trees/understory, excavation/grading, construction of retaining walls and filling with earthen materials within an established review area without the required permit/license).
Ms. Ellen Salamack and Ms. Julia Bicho attended the meeting. Chairman Galasso read into the record the Notice of Violation. Ms. Salamack explained to the Commissioners that she has purchased this home and was unable to get insurance for the home due to rotted trees that could possibly fall on the home. Ms. Salamack also told Commissioners that she was repairing the retaining walls and didn't know she needed a permit. Commissioners reviewed the pictures of the site that Enforcement Officer Cooper had taken. Commissioners scheduled a site walk for 4-4-17. Will be on next month's agenda.

5. **Julia Bicho/Ellen Salamack – 8 Echo Lane South – Application # 08-17**
(Removal of existing Dwelling & shed – Construct New Single Family Dwelling with attached Garage & Driveway – Expansion of original footprint of existing dwelling – new rear deck and relocate septic tank, installation of catch basins and storm water management system & buried propane tank all within the established review area).
(See Above) Commissioner accepted the application and will be walking the site on 4-4-17. Will be on next month's agenda.
 6. **Timber Trails Association – Timber Lake Road – Application # 09-17**
(Maintenance work on Timber Trails Dam).
No one attended the meeting representing Timber Trails Association. Chairman Galasso explained that this is maintenance to the dam required by DEEP. Commissioners accepted the application and scheduled a site walk for 4-4-17. Will be on next month's agenda.
 7. **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).
(See Below)
 8. **Hedy Cihanck – 23 Candlewood Lake Drive – Application # 06-17**
(Stabilization of stream – clear stream – clear brush/rotted wood – remove fallen trees – slate steps in the low area all within the established review area).
No one attended the meeting representing Ms. Cihanck. Enforcement Officer Cooper described to the Commissioners the application and the letter of Filing Consent from First Light with the plan. Commissioners reviewed the pictures of the site and what work will be done. Enforcement Officer Cooper had concerns on how the trees would be removed from the lake. Officer Cooper will contact Ms. Cihanck to question the removal of the trees. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Goldfine made a motion to have Enforcement Officer Cooper approve this application with the conditions that need to be enforced. Commissioner Dech seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
 9. **Town of Sherman – Full Circle Farming – 2 Taber Road – Schedule A**
(Fencing)
No one attended the meeting representing Town of Sherman. Enforcement Officer Cooper explained to the Commissioners what they would like to do. Commissioners accepted the application and schedule a site walk and special meeting to determine if this is a Schedule A.
- IV. **REVIEW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT:**
PERMITS – EXTENSIONS – ANY VIOLATIONS:
Permits:
Permit # 25-16 – Robert Putnam – 19 Orchard Rest Road – Enforcement Officer Cooper reported work was done before the snow storm and has taken pictures of the site.
Extensions:
Nothing to report
Violations:
See Above
Reports:
Nothing to report
- V. **MINUTES:**
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Commissioner Schneider made a motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Commissioner Dech. Motion passed unanimously. Granted

VI. CORRESPONDENCE:

- A. Affidavit of Publication – 3-2-17
- B. Affidavit of Publication – 3-2-17
- C. Affidavit of Publication – 3-16-17
- D. Connecticut Wildlife – January/February 2017
- E. CACIWC – The Habitat – Winter 2017

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

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

Prepared by Trish Viola, Clerk

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Humphreys
Secretary