

LITCHFIELD INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
March 10, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.
Remote Meeting by Live Internet Video Stream and Telephone

Call to Order: Vice Chairman Barbara Brower called the remote meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Members Present: Barbara Brower, Jack Healy, Frederick Minck, Jack Hamill and Brooke Healy. Also present were Dennis Tobin, Ph.D, Wetlands Agent, and Ann Combs, Recording Secretary. First Selectman Denise Raap hosted Zoom.

Members Absent: Anthony Paradise, Robert Blazek, Abby Conroy

Appointment of Alternates: Motion: F. Minck moved and J. Hamill seconded the motion to seat Brooke Healy as a regular voting member. All voted aye and the motion carried.

APPLICATION CONSIDERATIONS

1. Nitkowski- Buell Road (Map 070/015/02A)

3/10/21

Single family home construction with proposed driveway, septic and well

Gary Giordano, PE and Land Surveyor, was present to represent the applicant. He reviewed the application and noted George Malia has flagged the wetlands. He surveyed the property and said there are two wetlands on the property and one intermittent watercourse shown on the survey map. He sited the septic system, house and well within the regulated area but without disturbance to any wetlands.

Motion: J. Hamill moved to approve the application of David and Nicole Nitkowski, Buell Road, Map 070/015/02A, for a single family home construction with proposed driveway, septic and well.

Second: J. Healy

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

APPLICATION RECEPTIONS

2. Fisher – 61 Tallmadge Lane

3/10/21

Addition to house with driveway for a one car garage

Dennis McMorro, Berkshire Engineering and Surveying, explained the activity. Noel Fisher is the owner, with a .4 acre lot. George Malia has flagged the wetlands. Is in a disturbed wetland area with an old storm pipe going through the wetlands. Mr. Fisher would like to create a one-car garage under the house, with driveway. D. McMorro will ask if he plans to pave the driveway. Commissioners may call to visit.

3. Greenstone Investments – 1311 Bantam Road

3/10/21

Pave portions of existing gravel driveway and parking area

Dennis McMorro, Berkshire Engineering and Surveying, was present for Greenstone Investments (Cozy Hill Campground). He showed the map with wetlands and regulated areas highlighted. They would like to pave the entry driveway (Area 1, within regulated area) up to the office/house area. Area 2 was previously

approved for paving, but they would like extend the paving from Area 2 into Area 3. This will minimize erosion and reduce maintenance.

AGENT DETERMINATIONS

4. Litchfield Distillery (JPD Realty) – 569 Bantam Road

3/10/21

Permit modification for building reconfiguration

Dr. Tobin explained that they changed the configuration of the building so that the separated shed building has been combined into the one building. There is no change in the soil erosion sediment control plan. He issued them an Agent Determination.

5. White Memorial Foundation – Whitehall Rd. (Map 171/060/001)

3/10/21

Emergency stonewall/retaining wall repair to Chickadee Bridge abutment area

Executive Director Lucas Hyder provided some very nice photos and drawings that show the stone foundation of the Chickadee Bridge in White Memorial and how the stones have heaved and moved. They have a rock pile down in back of Ongley Pond where they can bring up some stones for reinforcement in this dry laid stone wall. They will keep the rubble at the base. Dr. Tobin issued an Agent Determination.

PERMIT EXTENSION

6. Veerman – 401 South Street

3/10/21

Extension of permit #CC00001223 for single family house construction with utilities until 4/13/2026

Dr. Tobin said this is simply an extension of the permit for another five years.

Motion: J. Healy moved to extend this permit another five years.

Second: J. Hamill

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

7. Construction Permits - Litchfield Housing Trust – Gagarin Place, Torrington Rd. – CC#00001197:

Dr. Tobin said Cynthia Rabinowitz of Northwest Conservation District is continuing her inspections. He said he would call this week to find out the status of the construction.

NERP – Tractor Supply – Torrington Road: Dr. Tobin reported that NERP asked if they could start lot clearing and foundation work before they have the permits, and he said no and explained the process.

8. Approval of Minutes of February 10, 2021

Motion: J. Healy moved to approve the meeting minutes of 2/10/21.

Second: B. Healy

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

9. Correspondence

- CT Pond Services, for pesticide application at Tapping Reeve Village pond
- 3/4/21 Letter from Ron Viola Re Silicon Ranch Solar Project
- First Selectman's letter to the CT Siting Council e Silicon Ranch solar project asking for mindfulness of neighbors and the Town' Plan of Conservation and Development. When the project is done, there needs to be decommissioning bonds so that the land can be brought back to its original state.
- J. Morosani letter to R. Blazek re permit that was granted in 2019 and questioning what was granted.

Adjournment

Motion: B. Healy moved to adjourn at 7:44 p.m.

Second: J. Healy

Vote: All voted aye and the motion carried.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ann D. Combs".

Ann D. Combs, Recording Secretary