



# TOWN OF ROXBURY CONNECTICUT

Inland Wetlands Commission

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## ROXBURY INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING JUNE 28, 2016

### MINUTES

#### CALL TO ORDER

Acting Chairman Engel called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Members Present: John Smoliga, Andy Engel, Rob Horrigan, and Sue Fitch

Alternates Present: Andrew Wood

Others Present: Brian Neff, Tricia Reilly, Nancy and Rod Fyfield, Elliot Johnson and Mr. & Mrs. Fish.

#### SEATING OF MEMBERS

Acting Chairman Engel seated members Smoliga, Engel, Horrigan. Alternate Wood was seated for Dirienzo.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Regular Meeting, May 24, 2016

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the 05/24/16 Regular meeting. By Smoliga, seconded by Fitch and carried unanimously 5-0.

#### COMMUNICATION WITH THE PUBLIC

N/A

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N/A

#### OLD BUSINESS

Gary Steinman / Town of Roxbury – 7 South Street – Boardwalk over wetlands on hiking trail (Applicant requested postponement until July meeting)

#### NEW BUSINESS

Evergreen Landowners Assoc. - Relocate catch basin at intersection of Evergreen Drive & Lane; Enlarge catch basin on Evergreen Lane

Tricia Reilly and Nancy & Rod Fyfield came forward. Photos of the site and a survey was viewed. They explained that they would like to fix the drainage problem which creates a ditch during heavy rains. The water runs out to Route 67 and into the Shepaug River. There is an existing catch basin that is not working which they would like to move to be more effective. They have spoken with a couple contractors that have suggested several options to remedy the problem. The Commission recommended that an engineer be hired to assure this is done correctly. Additionally, there are concerns with the fact that this drains into the Shepaug River. The applicants agreed to return next month with an engineered plan.

Root / 112 Sentry Hill Rd. - Deck extension

Elliot Johnson came forward as the builder for this project. There is a barn on the back side of the property where they would like a deck extended. This would require four sonotubes 55 feet from the pond. There is a steep grade that exceeds 10%. The excavation will be by hand to lessen the possible impact. The Commission suggested that silt fence be utilized due to the close distance to the pond. It was agreed that this application could be approved contingent upon the WEO's site visit and approval.

MOTION: To approve Root / 112 Sentry Hill Rd. - Deck extension as a regulated activity contingent upon the WEO's

site visit and approval, erosion control must be in place and no machinery shall be used for digging or concrete. By Engel, seconded by Smoliga and carried unanimously 5-0.

Booth / 75 Old Roxbury Road - Construct Accessory Building ( Lot Line Rev.)

Brian Neff came forward with a proposal for a sky scape. The proposed location was noted as near the tennis court on the map. It was explained that a lot line revision is required to add this accessory structure. It will be within the regulated area and 75 feet from wetlands. It was noted that the limits of disturbance may be more like 50 feet. This is a level area that will drain toward Carriage Lane. The area is accessible for equipment; however, a little clearing may be necessary for this 75 x 75 foot envelope. Mr. Neff advised that the structure plans are not yet available, but he would like to have them for presentation at the next meeting. Members Engel, Smoliga and Horrigan agreed to view this site separately.

Fish / 102 North Street - Clear debris in pond/stream; selective tree cutting

Bob Fish came forward with a property survey and noted that a pond exists on the west of their property; however, it is overgrown by brush. They would like to pull it out with a backhoe to expose the existing pond. Mostly barberry that has grown into the pond will be removed. He noted the location of the concrete wall and that the pond is silted in; however, there are no plans to clean it out until they can clear and assess the site. The members agreed that this will most likely be a maintenance activity, but they would like to first view the site.

Mr. Fish spoke to a forester and would like to selectively cut all the ash trees to open up a pathway that was previously existing which was called Old Generation Rd. The area would be 50 feet by 1000 feet. Mr. Fish agreed to stake the site so Members Horrigan and Wood can perform a site walk. The Commission requested that the forester's plan be presented at the next meeting. It was suggested that the forester be present as well.

Mr. Horrigan noted that substantial wetlands are showing on the side of the property where logging might occur on a map drafted by Neff with wetlands identified by Mike Temple.

**WEO REPORT**

**PENDING REVIEW/FOLLOW UP**

Nogid – 53 Southbury Road

McCulloch/33 Rocky Mountain Road - Clarification letter sent (see attached)

**MOTION:** To adjourn the meeting at 8:20 P.M. By Smoliga, seconded by Fitch and carried unanimously 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jai Kern*

Tai Kern, Secretary

*Minutes are filed subject to approval by the Roxbury Inland Wetlands Commission*

cc: B. Henry, R. Dirienzo, P. Hurlbut, J. Conway, G. McTaggart and G. Steinman