



# TOWN OF ROXBURY CONNECTICUT

Inland Wetlands Commission

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## ROXBURY INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING JULY 26, 2016

### MINUTES

#### CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Engel called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Members Present: Russell Dirienzo, Andy Engel, and Sue Fitch

Alternates Present: Andrew Wood and Daniella Papas (7:40)

Others Present: Trudy Swenson, Brian Neff, Jim Gillespie, Mr. & Mrs. Fish, and Bill Horrigan.

#### SEATING OF MEMBERS

Chairman Dirienzo seated members Fitch, Engel, Dirienzo and Alternate Wood was seated for Horrigan.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting - June 28, 2016

A correction was made to note that Daniella Papas was present as an alternate at this meeting.

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the 06/28/16 Regular meeting as amended. By Engel, seconded by Wood and carried unanimously 4-0.

#### 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)

Gary Steinman was not present. An e-mail dated 6/17/16 from Gary Steinman answering most of the Commission's questions was reviewed. Trudy Swenson was present and reported that the material to be used for the boardwalk posts has not yet been determined; however, the Conservation Commission is sensitive to the adverse effects of pressure treated wood. Andy Engel recommended western red cedar or a composite material. Ms. Swenson noted that they will use one of the recommended materials for the posts. The plan dated 5/3/16 entitled Joey's Trail Site Plan was reviewed.

MOTION: To approve the application of Gary Steinman / Town of Roxbury – 7 South Street – Boardwalk over wetlands on hiking trail as an exempt recreational activity. The fee of \$150 paid shall be returned. By Dirienzo, seconded by Engel and carried unanimously 4-0.

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

Brian Neff reported that he met with the applicants; however, they are still contemplating what they would like to do. The Commission asked that the WEO contact the applicant regarding the status of this application and advise that they have not completed the State form. The application will be denied due to administrative incompleteness if this form is not submitted.

Alternate Daniella Papas arrived 7:40 and was seated for Smoliga.

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

Brian Neff came forward and presented plan entitled James Turrell Skyspace dated 7/20/16. Mr. Dirienzo questioned whether there is an alternate location that is outside the wetland area. Mr. Neff described the infiltration trench design for runoff.

Mr. Engel reported on his site walk. He described the site and reported that he does not see that there will be any impact to the wetlands at this location.

MOTION: To approve as a regulated activity the application of Booth / 75 Old Roxbury Road - Construct Accessory Building (Lot Line Rev.). By Engel, seconded by Wood and carried unanimously 5-0.

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

Mr. Fish came forward with Jim Gillespie and reviewed the property boundary survey with the Commission. He advised that they would like to only clear the brush near the pond at this time with the intent to see what work may need to be done. He will chip the brush and use it around the property as needed.

Mr. Fish explained that Jim Gillespie is present as a licensed forester to review a plan dated 7/26/16 for selective tree cutting. Mr. Fish noted that he would like to have the ash removed from the site. Mr. Gillespie reported that there are about seven intermittent streams on this property. He indicated the access way would be through the driveway. Stumps will remain in the ground. Most of the ash is dead or declining. The sugar maple will be left. This will be a maintenance operation. The site is sloped downhill and he recommends berms at trail ends and reseeding of skid trails.

Mr. Fish described the possibility of putting in a driveway off of Route 199; however, he realizes that an engineered plan will be required for this type of an activity. The Commission agreed that an engineered plan would be required for such an activity. Mr. Fish will come forward in the future with a plan for this activity.

MOTION: To approve as exempt maintenance activity the application of Fish / 102 North Street - Clear debris in pond/stream; selective tree cutting. By Dirienzo, seconded by Engel and carried unanimously 5-0.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Dr. Patricia Yarberry Allen – 36 South Street - Tick spraying

Withdrawn

Horrigan – 32 Battle Swamp Road - Pond dredging

Mr. Bill Horrigan came forward as the agent for this application with a plan dated 7/21/16 entitled Pond Dredging. He explained that grass and weeds are growing in this one acre pond and fish will not live in it due to the temperature. The pond needs to be dredged. Mr. Dirienzo acknowledged that the proper controls are included in the plan and advised that it is best to do this maintenance activity while it is dry. Mr. Bill Horrigan noted that the dam is also leaking and will be repaired as part of this activity.

MOTION: To approve as a maintenance activity the application of Horrigan – 32 Battle Swamp Road - Pond dredging contingent upon the WEO being notified prior to work start and approving that all controls are in place in accordance with the plan before going forward. This activity shall be done only during a dry period with no forecast of heavy rains. The WEO shall visit the site upon completion of the activity to confirm that the area is properly restored. By Dirienzo, seconded by Fitch and carried unanimously 5-0.

**WEO REPORT**

The Commission reviewed the WEO Report dated 7/26/16 which included items listed under Pending Review/Follow Up as well as Hodges, Gregorian and Arnet properties as new enforcement matters under review.

**PENDING REVIEW/FOLLOW UP**

- Root - 112 Sentry Hill Rd. - Approval contingent upon WEO site assessment

- Nogid – 53 Southbury Road - Project supervision
- Seibel- 18 Booth Road - Pond dredging
- Transylvania Rd. - Road drainage project

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. By Wood, seconded by Papas 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