



TOWN OF ROXBURY CONNECTICUT

Inland Wetlands Commission

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ROXBURY INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING OCTOBER 25, 2016

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

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

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

Others Present: Brian Neff, Charlie Jackson, Fran Hodge

SEATING OF MEMBERS

Chairman Dirienzo seated members Engel, Dirienzo, Horrigan, Smoliga and Fitch.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting - September 27, 2016

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the 09/27/16 Regular meeting. By Engel, seconded by Fitch and carried 4-0-1. Smoliga abstained.

COMMUNICATION WITH THE PUBLIC

N/A

OLD BUSINESS

Oberkirch – 127 River Road – Single-family dwelling

Chairman Dirienzo reported that Sean Hayden will view site this tomorrow. An extension was given for another month.

McDonald – 6 Baker Road – Accessory Building

Brian Neff came forward and reported that the barn is as far from wetlands as possible and in a flat area. He noted the erosion control and stock pile area on the map and confirmed that frost footings will be used. No formal driveway is being proposed and no leader drains are to be used.

Rob Horrigan voiced concerns with what will be stored in the barn due to its proximity to wetlands. The proposal is 33 feet from wetlands and disturbance will be 16 feet from the wetlands. Mr. Neff reported that the barn is to be used for general storage. It is stated on the plan that farming type usage will not be permitted.

MOTION: To approve the application of McDonald – 6 Baker Road – Accessory Building as a regulated activity. By Smoliga, seconded by Fitch and carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Jackson – 30 Falls Road – Selective tree cutting

Charlie Jackson came forward with the Site Development Plan dated 1/4/15. He would like to selectively cut a 60 foot wide area of mostly hemlocks for a view of the river and will stay at least 50 feet from the wetland. He agreed to flag the trees he would like to remove and Fitch will view the site.

MOTION: To add Hodges - 18/20 Chalybes Rd. - Pond dredging. By Dirienzo, seconded by Engel and carried unanimously.

Hodges - 18/20 Chalybes Rd. - Pond dredging

Chairman Dirienzo reminded the group that tree cutting was approved by this Commission. Since then Mr. Dirienzo and WEO Cody viewed the site regarding the tree cutting and other business related complaints. He did not find a problem with the tree cutting that was done or any wetland related concerns.

Chairman Dirienzo advised that Mr. Hodge has a right to dig out the pond as a maintenance activity. Mr. Hodge came forward and confirmed that he has no intention of enlarging the pond. He agreed to stake the existing pond. He will place the silt temporarily near the pond and use it on site to fill a dip and will take balance off site. The plan is to go no further than 5-6 feet deep, which should open up spring. Hay bales and silt fencing will be using for the stock pile area.

MOTION: To approve the application of Hodges - 18/20 Chalybes Rd. - Pond dredging as maintenance. No fee shall be collected. By Dirienzo, seconded by Fitch and carried unanimously.

MOTION: To add to the agenda the application of Booth - 31 Grassy Hill - Removal of Invasive Vegetation from Regulated Area. By Horrigan, seconded by Engel and carried unanimously.

Booth - 31 Grassy Hill - Removal of Invasive Vegetation from Regulated Area

Brian Neff came forward regarding removing invasives within the regulated and wetland area by hand. He noted the two proposed areas for this activity on Soil Erosion & Sediment Control Plan dated 10/22/16. He confirmed that only invasives will be removed and the native species will remain untouched.

MOTION: To approve the application of Booth - 31 Grassy Hill - Removal of Invasive Vegetation from Regulated Area as a nonregulated maintenance activity. By Dirienzo, seconded by Smoliga and carried unanimously.

WEO REPORT - The WEO Report dated 10/20/16 was included in the members' packets.

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 8:00 P.M. By Engel, seconded by Horrigan and carried unanimously.

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