

**TOWN OF GOSHEN
INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2016 – 7:15PM**

PRESENT: Chairman Tom Stansfield, Danielle Breakell, Allen Kinsella, Lorraine Lucas, Ray Turri, and Rick Wadhams; Martin Connor, AICP, Town Planner/Inland Wetlands Enforcement Officer.

ABSENT: None.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Tom Stansfield called the meeting to order at 7:15PM. The proceedings were recorded digitally, and copies are available in the Land Use Office in Town Hall.

2. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

No business was discussed.

3. READING OF THE MINUTES:

A. September 1, 2016 regular meeting.

MOTION Mr. Wadhams, second Mr. Kinsella, to approve the minutes of the September 1, 2016 regular meeting as written; the motion carried 5-0-1 with Mr. Turri abstaining.

4. OLD BUSINESS:

A. The Torrington Country Club, Inc., 250 Torrington Road – Reconstruction of 3rd Hole Bridge and Redecking of 2nd and 11th Hole Bridges in the Regulated Area.

Jerry Traub addressed the Commission on behalf of the applicant. The Commission briefly reviewed the plans submitted for this application. Mr. Connor stated that he recommended approval as he did not believe this was a significant activity.

MOTION Ms. Lucas, second Mr. Turri, to approve the application in the matter of **The Torrington Country Club, Inc., 250 Torrington Road – Reconstruction of 3rd Hole Bridge and Redecking of 2nd and 11th Hole Bridges in the Regulated Area**; unanimously approved.

B. Chris Wright, 50 Cottage Grove Road – Shoreline Stabilization.

Mr. Connor explained that the applicant was unable to be present for this meeting. The Commission briefly reviewed the materials submitted as a part of the application.

MOTION Mr. Turri, second Mr. Kinsella, to approve the application in the matter of **Chris Wright, 50 Cottage Grove Road – Shoreline Stabilization**; unanimously approved.

C. The Torrington Savings Bank, 55 Sharon Turnpike – Regrade Parking Lot to Drain into Existing Raingarden and Relocate Outlet Pipe in the Regulated Area.

Dennis McMorrow, PE, of Berkshire Engineering & Surveying, LLC addressed the Commission on behalf of the applicant.

Mr. McMorrow explained that the grading completed when the bank had been constructed did not appear to have been completed as per the approved plans. The water quality basin shown on the plans had been constructed; however, since the grading was not performed correctly, water now flowed down the connector road between the bank and the plaza next door, as well as around the basin, and toward the basement of the plaza.

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Mr. McMorrow explained that the Bank proposed to regrade the front of their parking area in order to direct the water toward the basin, as originally intended and approved by the Commission. Additionally, an existing pipe on the plaza side of the connector road would be abandoned; a new pipe underneath the Bank side of the connector road would be installed. Water would still be directed toward the adjacent wetlands; however, the outlet into the wetlands would be further away from the plaza. Lastly, a trench drain would also be installed underneath the connector road adjacent to the Bank parking area.

Mr. McMorrow explained that the goal was to keep water from the Bank's property off the plaza property. He said that, as a small portion of the work would be occurring on the plaza property, the Commission had requested at last month's meeting that a letter of authorization from the owner of the plaza should be submitted to demonstrate the applicant had permission to conduct this work. Mr. McMorrow explained that he had verbally confirmed this authorization and had requested the written authorization from the plaza owner; however, it had not been received as of this meeting. He said the applicant was amenable to a continuance to the November meeting in order to obtain the written authorization.

Mr. Connor stated that the Commission could, if they so chose, issue an approval with the condition that written authorization must be furnished to the Land Use Office prior to the commencement of work. He said that he had spoken with both the Bank and the plaza owner, and he suspected both parties were eager to start the work; they would likely all not want to wait another month.

MOTION Mr. Stansfield, second Mr. Turri, to approve the application in the matter of **The Torrington Savings Bank, 55 Sharon Turnpike – Regrade Parking Lot to Drain into Existing Raingarden and Relocate Outlet Pipe in the Regulated Area** with the condition that written authorization from the owners of 61 Sharon Turnpike, giving permission for work proposed on their property as a part of this application, is to be submitted to the Inland Wetlands Enforcement Officer prior to the commencement of any work; unanimously approved.

D. Howard Noreika for Goshen Family Holdings II, LLC, 56 Cottage Grove Road – Shoreline Stabilization.

Jason Dismukes, PE, addressed the Commission on behalf of the applicant. Mr. Dismukes explained that he had prepared a detail of the work proposed, which he then distributed to the Commission members. The stone wall would be mortared from behind so the mortar would not be visible when looking at the wall. Four-inch perforated pipe would be placed to act as a weep hole; the pipe would be flush with the face of the wall. Filter fabric and crushed stone would be placed behind the wall.

MOTION Mr. Turri, second Mr. Kinsella, to approve the application in the matter of **Howard Noreika for Goshen Family Holdings II, LLC, 56 Cottage Grove Road – Shoreline Stabilization**; unanimously approved.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Todd Thompson, 3 Lake Shore Drive – Shoreline Stabilization.

Todd Thompson addressed the Commission regarding this matter. Mr. Thompson stated that Mr. Connor had requested a cross-sectional drawing of the proposed wall, which he submitted to the Commission. Mr. Thompson said that they planned to follow the existing shoreline and would not bring any equipment onto the lake bed.

MOTION Mr. Turri, second Ms. Breakell, to accept the application in the matter of **Todd Thompson, 3 Lake Shore Drive – Shoreline Stabilization** and to schedule it for discussion at the November 3, 2016 regular meeting; unanimously approved.

B. Maria Moscarillo, 29 Lake Shore Drive – Shoreline Stabilization.

Maria Moscarillo addressed the Commission regarding this matter. Ms. Moscarillo explained that she proposed to repaint the wall at her shoreline as the stones had shifted and fallen into the lake. She distributed pictures of the existing wall for the Commission to view.

MOTION Mr. Turri, second Ms. Breakell, to accept the application in the matter of **Maria Moscarillo, 29 Lake Shore Drive – Shoreline Stabilization** and to schedule it for discussion at the November 3, 2016 regular meeting; unanimously approved.

C. Robert Krupinski for Andrew Applebaum, 372 East Hyerdale Drive – Construct Patio Near Shoreline.

Robert Krupinski addressed the Commission regarding this matter. Mr. Krupinski submitted written authorization from the property owner to act on their behalf. He explained that the Applebaums wished to construct an 11' x 17' patio 16 feet from the shoreline. Mr. Krupinski said that no excavation was required as the patio would be at grade. No equipment other than a hand shovel would be used. Ms. Lucas verified that the patio would be 16 feet from the shoreline wall, not from the current water level; Mr. Krupinski responded affirmatively.

MOTION Mr. Turri, second Mr. Kinsella, to accept the application in the matter of **Robert Krupinski for Andrew Applebaum, 372 East Hyerdale Drive – Construct Patio Near Shoreline** and to schedule it for discussion at the November 3, 2016 regular meeting; unanimously approved.

MOTION Mr. Stansfield, second Mr. Turri, to amend the agenda to address item #8A first and then return to the agenda as written; unanimously approved.

8. OTHER BUSINESS PROPER TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION:

A. Jay & Mary Katherine Bate, 60 Cottage Grove Road – Modification of Permit #16-07-01AD to Include Shoreline Stabilization.

Mr. and Mrs. Bate were present to discuss this matter. Mr. Connor explained that he had issued an agent determination in July 2016 for repair of an existing patio. However, given the low water level at Tyler Lake, the property owners are now interested in repairing the existing shoreline wall. Mr. Connor said that the Commission, if they so chose, could modify the existing permit for the patio repair to include the work on the wall.

Mr. Bate submitted pictures of the existing shoreline wall, along with plans for the wall and the stairs. He said that the wall would be mortared from behind, and crushed stone and filter fabric would also be placed behind the wall.

MOTION Mr. Turri, second Mr. Kinsella, to approve the modification of permit #16-07-01AD issued to Jay & Mary Katherine Bate, 60 Cottage Grove Road, to include shoreline stabilization work per the plans submitted at this meeting; unanimously approved.

6. INLAND WETLANDS ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT:

The Commission reviewed Mr. Connor's enforcement report for the period from September 2nd through October 6th.

MOTION Mr. Kinsella, second Mr. Wadhams, to accept the Enforcement Report for the period from September 2, 2016 through October 6, 2016; unanimously approved.

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7. CORRESPONDENCE:

The Commission reviewed information regarding the upcoming annual conference of the Connecticut Association of Conservation and Inland Wetlands Commissions. The conference is to be held Saturday, November 12th in Rocky Hill.

The Commission also received a copy of a letter dated September 1, 2016 which was sent to Raul Pino, Commissioner of the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health from Attorney Frederic Lee Klein on behalf of The Torrington Water Company regarding a Request to Correct Threat to Public Water Supply in reference to the proposed sewer transmission line between the Woodridge Lake Sewer District's water pollution control facility and the City of Torrington sewer system.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION Mr. Turri, second Mr. Stansfield, to adjourn at 7:45 PM; unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

**Stacey M. Sefcik
Land Use Commissions Clerk**

