

*Town of Killingworth
Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission
Killingworth, Connecticut 06419*

Regular Meeting
#12-3

March 13, 2012

Chairman G. Rockwell called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

Members present: G. Rockwell, T. Doyle, E. Auer, R. Huebner, G. Johnson, D. Cronin
Enforcement Officer C. Jefferson was also present.

Members absent: none

Visitors: Angus McDonald, Richard Snarski, Keith Bishop, Roger Nemergut, Douglas and Irene Buttendorf, Bruce Dodson, Sue Davenport, Mark Kelly, Esq., Dave Gumbart

Minutes: The minutes of the February 14, 2012 Regular Meeting were approved by a consensus of the members.

Enforcement Officer's Report: Cathie Jefferson reported on the following:

1. The February building permit list was distributed to commission members.
2. She emailed the information about the online Municipal Inland Wetlands Commissioners' Training Program to commission members.

OLD BUSINESS

A. J. Villegas permit application for pasture area – 167 River Road

At the January 10th IWWC meeting, Mr. Villegas submitted a request for a permit for creating pasture land as a result of receiving a letter of complaint about conducting an activity in the wetlands. Angus McDonald represented Mr. Villegas at tonight's meeting. Photos of the property were submitted, along with a site plan that Mr. McDonald says shows the existing conditions of the site, not proposed activities. Richard Snarski had flagged the wetlands this winter. According to Mr. Snarski, the stream channel is still cutting itself down. A backhoe will be used on both sides of the stream to pull the banks back and stabilize them. The wood chip and brush piles will be removed and a wetland seed mix will be used for vegetation. Sedges will also be put in every 16' to protect the site. Other alternatives were also discussed. Concerns about the velocity and volume of the water were discussed. A soil erosion plan and a planting plan will be submitted. Because this application is nearing the 65 day review time limit, a letter was submitted requesting an additional 60 days for the commission to review this application.

B. D. Swensen permit application for deck construction, septic system repair, patios and retaining walls – 90 Route 148 (Saw Mill Hollow)

Commission members conducted a site inspection on February 25th. Engineer Roger Nemergut submitted a revised plan for the project. Revisions were made as a result of discussions with the local and state health departments. The septic system, water service, deck construction and fuel tank removal are all part of this application. Renovations of any structures will need building permits and those will be applied for as needed. The sluice is not part of this application; a determination has to be made on what is wrong with it before any proposal can be made. *A motion was made by T. Doyle and seconded by G. Johnson to approve the project as discussed and shown on the revised plan. The motion carried.*

NEW BUSINESS

A. Proposed amendments to the IWWC Regulations and Wetlands Map

The Public Hearing on the proposed amendments to the IWWC Regulations and the Town of Killingworth Wetlands Map was held this evening just prior to the regular meeting. *T. Doyle moved, seconded by G. Johnson, to approve the amendments as proposed. The motion carried unanimously.* April 1st will be the effective date of these amendments. They will be submitted to the Town Clerk by that date.

B. D. & I. Buttendorf (owner), K. Bishop (applicant) application for wetland review for farm pond and irrigation pump – 147 Pond Meadow Road

A review application has been submitted for activities related to the cranberry bog on the adjacent Evarts property. Mr. and Mrs. Buttendorf have agreed to have part of their land included with the cranberry bog which will result in a better layout of the farm pond and give additional room to manage the bog and cranberry operation. Keith Bishop discussed the proposal and requested that the engineered farm pond be determined to be an as-of-right activity. The pond will be an engineered pond. *T. Doyle moved, seconded by G. Johnson, to approve the project as an as-of-right activity and therefore no permit will be required. The motion carried.* David Gumbart, one of the Board of Directors of the Killingworth Land Trust, attended the meeting to provide information on the rare species of plants that have been found on this site. Several new plants have been identified or re-identified that may not have been available when the property was first sub-divided. He would like the property owners and the towncommissions to work together to respect the rare plants on the site.

C. J. & N. Tucker permit application for above-ground swimming pool – 41 Kelseytown Road

Enforcement Officer C. Jefferson discussed the proposal for a 24 foot above-ground swimming pool. The pool is proposed to be approximately 65 feet from a drainage area. There were no concerns expressed by commission members. This application can be voted on at the next meeting.

D. Communications

1. Site Development Plan – property of Jesus Villegas & Fresolina Villegas, dated 2/7/12
2. Request for time extension of Villegas application
3. Photos of Villegas property
4. Consent of application and request for determination for use as a non-regulated use – Buttendorf
5. Application for Wetlands Review – D. & I. Buttendorf
6. Application to Conduct a Regulated Activity – J. & N. Tucker
7. February permit log
8. IWWC budget printout – February 27, 2012
9. Copy of letter from R.E. Leighton, Building Official, to M&M Realty Holdings, LLOC, 2/20/12, re: proposed vault roof modifications
10. Copy of letter from R.E. Leighton, Building Official, to Kathryn Benton, 2/18/12, re: secondary apt.
11. Minutes of P&Z Commission meeting – 2/21/12
12. Letter from Michael J. Goetz, Chief, Risk Analysis Branch, Mitigation Division, FEMA, Region 1, to Linda Dudek, Town Clerk, 2/13/12, re: Risk Map Discovery meetings
13. Site Plan & Erosion & Sediment Control Plan of D. Swensen property, dated 2/8/12, with revisions of 2/29/12 and 3/9/12

E. Requests for Review


13 Parker Hill Road Ext. – sign at Wettish field
10 Oak Lane – barn

16 Dogwood Knoll – kitchen addition
219 Route 80 – greenhouse with water tank

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Mary Anne Lisk,
Clerk

Rec'd March 20, 2012 at 2⁰⁰ P M

By Dawn M. Mooney Ass't
Town Clerk