

**Town of Goshen
Inland and Wetlands Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 4, 2024 7:15PM**

Present: Tom Stansfield, Lorraine Lucas, Dante Malanca, Ray Turri and Devin Stilson

Excused: Allan Kinsella and Brandy Summerlin

Others: Bill Colby, Mr. Cegan, Mr. Meto and Mr. Battista

1. Call Meeting to Order: Mr. Stansfield called the meeting to order at 7:15PM. The meeting was conducted in person at Goshen Town Hall.

2. Reading of the Minutes: The minutes of the regular meeting of March 7, 2024 were reviewed by the Commissioners.

MOTION by Mr. Turri and seconded by Mr. Stilson, it was VOTED to accept the minutes from the March 7, 2024 regular meeting, Motion carries.

3. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Fred Erik-Nilsen, 411 Milton Road, Tax Assessor's Map 06-004-00-06, Enforcement action for clear cutting within 100 ft of Woodridge Lake and new application for dwelling, pool and site improvements -** Mr. Cegan came with more detail on the switchback and the use of Flexi-pave: 2 inches of material over 4 inches of gravel, small mixer, wheelbarrow, option to load batches into small loaders, screen material, hand trowel and bull-float; asked if works well on sloped area, yes; Mr. Connor has experience with it in Torrington and works well; upland review area discussed and saving more trees; Mr. Turri has concerns and would like a bond posted and that process was discussed as was sequence of construction to be reviewed; Mr. Stansfield wants to be sure that they explored the min. amount of impact in upland review area as possible and Mr. Cegan says the new plan modification shows that; Mr. Stansfield, since this is dual (enforcement and application) they are looking for in depth sequence of construction so they can be assured that they are satisfied with enforcement work; Ms. Lucas asked about the 1500 gallon pump chamber in upland review area, Mr. Colby, it's off the footing drains; Mr. Colby reviewed the construction sequence from site development plan CS-101 dated 3/25/24: project forman and running the job correctly were discussed; Ms. Lucas brought up the frontage that goes right and left and feels you can still get enjoyment by going right or left with less disturbance, Mr. Cegan feels that it is less disturbance doing it this way; Mr. Stansfield made note that they have plenty of time to decide if a public hearing is needed and felt with the complexity of this project they should take the time to work on the motion but is not stopping anyone from doing so; Ms. Lucas understood that they had spoken to the neighbors but wanted to know if that is what helped to make the list of changes 1-6? Mr. Cegan said the neighbors and Mr. Connor. Mr. Stansfield did a review and discussion was had on what is needed for the motion as well as requiring a licensed PE to oversee every phase of the project and a bond; public tried to make a comment, Mr. Stansfield stated this is not a public hearing

and no space on agenda for public comment; Mr. Stansfield tabled the meeting after no further comments from the Commission.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Town of Goshen, Garret Harlow, West Hyerdale Drive, Tax Assessor's Map 06-360-00 WL, Relining of four culvert barrels and the addition of riprap inlet and outlet protection at the point where the Marshepaug River crosses West Hyerdale Drive - David Battista, Engineer with Haley Ward discussed plans. This project has been several years in the works and looking to rescue the culverts before collapsing; DEEP will not be forcing open bottom structure; a Hydraulic Profile of the Marshepaug River was reviewed and showed how poorly handled the floodplain by FEMA was done and problems it was causing since it is over stated by 10 feet; Existing Conditions of Plan Drawing 3 dated 3/21/24 was discussed: Mr. Stansfield asked if we have had 100 year storm since culverts installed, Mr. Battista at least 2; Stage 1 Plan Drawing 4 dated 3/21/24 was discussed; looking at 4 week project; biggest impact will be Bridge House property; lumber mats used for heavy equipment; construction sequence was done by Engineer/Town rather than contractor; Mr. Turri asked if anything will be below construction site to protect lake, Mr. Battista, they can call for a boom and spill kit while doing construction; Stage 2 Plan drawing 5 dated 3/21/24 was discussed: lining of the 2nd culvert will be done the same; Stage 3 Plan drawing 6 dated 3/21/24 was discussed: erosion control and timber mats will be used; riprap will be added to inlet and outlet; Soil Erosion and Sediment Control on Sheet 7 dated 3/21/24 were discussed: since there is so much impact it will require permitting; Details on Sheet 8 and 9 dated 3/21/24 were discussed: pipe is arch shape and with size of the pipe it will be difficult to get exact size, so going with a smaller size then filling with grout mix and process was described; Mr. Turri, how long for grout to set? Mr. Battista, it takes a day to set and month to cure and there will be a 3 to 4 day delay before water will be pushed through; traffic control was discussed; storage and staging were discussed; Mr. Stansfield asked if 1 culvert will do since FEMA handled floodplain poorly. Mr Battista, no because that would increase the upstream elevation; Mr. Turri asked if this is a "this year project". Mr. Harlow said it depends on the permits.

MOTION by Mr. Turri and seconded by Ms. Lucas, it was VOTED to accept the application for Town of Goshen, Garret Harlow, West Hyerdale Drive, Tax Assessor's Map 06-360-00 WL, Relining of four culvert barrels and the addition of riprap inlet and outlet protection at the point where the Marshepaug River crosses West Hyerdale Drive. Motion carries.

- B. Edmond Meto for ED & AJ Building and Remodeling, Paxton Court, Tax Assessor's Map 06-028-00 - Construct dwelling, driveway, well and utilities within regulated area - Part of the lot is Wetlands; a small and narrow house was planned and it is a little more than 25 feet away from the wetlands; plot plan dated 3/1/24 was shown; It was asked if there was a wetlands report which has not been given to the new owner yet and Mr. Stansfield stated he would like to see it at the next meeting; Mr. Connor had

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no questions, it's in the best spot, no significant activities and would suggest accepting application; Mr. Stansfield asked for a spoils pump for when the well is drilled.

MOTION by Mr. Turri and seconded by Mr. Stilson, it was VOTED to accept the application for Edmond Meto for Ed & AJ Building and Remodeling, Paxton Court, Tax Assessor's Map 06-028-00 construct dwelling, driveway, well and utilities within regulated area and require wetland report and control of spoils from well. Motion carries.

- C. **Kenneth Willard, 88 Dresden Circle, Construct dwelling, well & utilities** - Mr. Connor said this was a site where the property owner let the permit expire. However, it was during Covid and discovered it met a special condition permit and is good for 14 years. There was a Public Hearing on the original permit and needed to make sure special conditions are the same on transfer of permit.

MOTION by Mr. Turri and seconded by Mr. Stilson, it was VOTED to transfer permit 18-13W for 88 Dresden Circle, Construct dwelling, well & utilities from Bill Colby to Kenneth & Lindsay Willard, same special conditions and with expiration date of August 9, 2032. Motion carries.

- D. **Michael Leitman, 12 Wynwood Drive, Construct patio and in-ground pool** - Mr. Meto has been managing the addition and now application to construct patio and in-ground pool in a regulated area; a better map and plan is being requested for next month.

MOTION by Mr. Stansfield and seconded by Mr. Turri, it was VOTED to accept an application for Michael Leitman, 12 Wynwood Drive, to construct a patio and in-ground pool with a better plan/map presented next month. Motion carries.

5. AGENT DETERMINATION: None

6. INLAND WETLANDS ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT: Mr. Connors resignation was discussed and he was thanked for his many years of service. Commissioner Lucas and Stansfield were thanked for going to the Board of Selectmen meeting to try and make sure they found someone of the proper credentials. Commissioner Turri also spoke and thanked Mr. Connor. Mr. Connor gave a brief summary of the attached report.

MOTION by Mr. Turri and seconded by Mr. Stilson, it was VOTED to accept the Enforcement Officer Report for March 2024. Motion carries.

7. CORRESPONDENCE: Environmental Championship Scholarship information and permit application for use of pesticides in state waters from CT DEEP.

8. OTHER BUSINESS PROPER TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION: None

9. ADJOURNMENT: MOTION by Mr. Turri to adjourn the meeting at 8:52PM. Motion carries.

Respectfully Submitted,


Lori Clinton, Commission Clerk