

**TOWN OF GOSHEN
INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, MAY 5, 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.

EXCUSED: Carey Budnick.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Tom Stansfield called the meeting to order at 7:16PM. The proceedings were recorded digitally, and copies are available in the Land Use Office in Town Hall. Danielle Breakell, a new regular member, arrived to the meeting at 7:17PM and was welcomed by the Commission.

2. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

No business was discussed.

3. READING OF THE MINUTES:

A. April 7, 2016 regular meeting.

MOTION Mr. Turri, second Mr. Wadhams, to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2016 regular meeting as written; unanimously approved.

4. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Town of Goshen, applicant; Luan Marika and Daniel Pappalardo, owners; 44 and 50 Shelbourne Drive – Drainage Channel Restoration in the Regulated Area.

Garret Harlow, Public Works Supervisor, addressed the Commission regarding this matter. Mr. Connor informed the Commission that revised plans and calculations had been received since the last meeting. Mr. Harlow explained that the original proposal was being prepared to be put out for bid, it was determined that the project would be far more expensive than originally anticipated. Therefore, the Town's engineering consultants revised the plans in an effort to reduce anticipated construction costs. Mr. Harlow said the footprint of the proposed activity would be exactly the same as the original plan; however, the channel would be constructed in a manner more typical of a stone-lined channel than a streambed channel. Additionally, the previously proposed pockets located at the top of the channel, where stream bank shrubs had originally been planned, were now going to be removed. Mr. Harlow said that the profile would be changed slightly because of the revisions; however, it would remain very close to the original. Mr. Connor asked whether Mr. Harlow believed that the revised plan would still work to resolve the erosion issues at this site and whether he believed it would function as designed. Mr. Harlow responded affirmatively.

Mr. Harlow reminded the Commission that water currently drains through a 24" pipe under Shelbourne Drive into this drainage channel located on two private properties. The water flows toward additional drainage on Canterbury Drive and from there to the Marshepaug River and ultimately Woodridge Lake. He explained that the reason for the project was to address severe erosion occurring in this channel due to its very steep gradient and silty soil; in some areas the erosion was up to ten feet deep. Mr. Harlow said that the channel keeps getting wider and deeper, and if this work was not performed, an adjoining property owner was at risk of having their driveway undermined. Mr. Turri concurred, noting that the silt from this channel does ultimately end up in Woodridge Lake.

Mr. Harlow explained that the channel would be lined with three layers of differently sized stone. The water would flow into a plunge pool and then sheet flow to a small wetlands area. From there, water flowed into a cross pipe under Canterbury Court on toward the Marshepaug River. Ms. Lucas questioned whether the cross pipe under Canterbury Court was of an adequate size to handle the volume of water. Mr. Harlow stated that it has been sufficient for the flow all along; the main issue was the steepness of the slope and the silty soil in the drainage channel.

Mr. Connor explained that while the Town had a general permit for maintenance, the work proposed as a part of this project exceeded the terms of the general permit and therefore required a separate approval. Mr. Stansfield observed that the work was occurring on private property. Mr. Connor explained that while the drainage channel was on private property, it was the Town's water causing the issues. He explained that the adjoining property owners were supportive of the project and very eager to have this work completed.

MOTION Mr. Turri, second Mr. Kinsella, to approve the application in the matter of **Town of Goshen, applicant; Luan Marika and Daniel Pappalardo, owners; 44 and 50 Shelbourne Drive – Drainage Channel Restoration in the Regulated Area** as per revised plans dated April 18, 2016; unanimously approved.

B. Ed & AJ Building & Remodeling, LLC, Lot #559 Brynmoor Court (Assessor's Map #05-002-061-00) – Construct Single Family Dwelling and Associated Driveway, Utilities, and Drainage 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 lot was the last vacant lot on Brynmoor Court, toward the end of the street near the circle. He said that behind this property was an open field with frontage on Ives Road; the field drains down onto the subject property. Over the years a scoured channel had developed in the center of the lot that has taken on wetlands characteristics.

The house was proposed toward the front of the lot but would be partially located within the designated wetlands. Mr. McMorrow explained that they had considered relocating the house to the back of the lot outside of the wetlands; however, that would require the driveway to go through the wetlands area which would cause even greater disturbance. Roof water and water from part of the driveway would be directed to a water quality basin. Footing drains would be directed toward the swale along the road. Mr. Turri questioned whether a basement was planned. Mr. McMorrow responded affirmatively. Mr. Connor stated that he had met Mr. McMorrow onsite, and he concurred the location chosen was the best site for the proposed house.

MOTION Mr. Turri, second Ms. Lucas, to approve the application in the matter of **Ed & AJ Building & Remodeling, LLC, Lot #559 Brynmoor Court (Assessor's Map #05-002-061-00) – Construct Single Family Dwelling and Associated Driveway, Utilities, and Drainage in the Regulated Area**; unanimously approved.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

No business was discussed.

6. INLAND WETLANDS ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT:

The Commission reviewed Mr. Connor's enforcement report for the period from April 8th through May 5th. The Commission discussed the planned connection between the Woodridge Lake Sewer District and the City of Torrington Sewer System.

MOTION Mr. Stansfield, second Mr. Wadhams, to accept the Enforcement Report for the period from April 8, 2016 through May 5, 2016; unanimously approved.

7. CORRESPONDENCE:

The Commission received the March/April 2016 edition of *Connecticut Wildlife* as well as information regarding the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection's 2016 Commissioner Training Sessions.

8. OTHER BUSINESS PROPER TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION:

No business was discussed.

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9. ADJOURN:

MOTION Mr. Wadhams, second Mr. Turri, to adjourn at 8:01PM; unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

**Stacey M. Sefcik
Recording Secretary**