

**TOWN OF WASHINGTON BRYAN MEMORIAL TOWN HALL
POST OFFICE BOX 383
WASHINGTON DEPOT, CT 06794
INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION SITE INSPECTION REPORT**

Application: IW-23-57

Inspection Date: 04/03/2024

Time: 4:00pm – 4:20 pm

Applicant: Arthur Holland & Associates P.C. Paul Szymanski for BCLC,LLC.

Address: 217 West Shore road, Washington, CT.

Reason for Application: Correction to a violation.

Members present: Bob Papsin, Joline Audet, Jennifer Bogue, Bruce Bennett, Chris Koppel and Larry Gendron.

Others present: Paul Szymanski, P.E., Arthur H. Howland & Associates, P.C..

Observations: Site inspection participants met at the lakeside edge of West Shore Road.

Weather conditions: a strong steady wind, freezing rain and temperature around 36 degrees.

Participants walked through and across the 10-foot-wide cleared opening that extends north from the edge of the road towards the lake, roughly 20 feet, to the grass covered open lawn area. The rip rap gravel drive was uneven, and some erosion channels observed within.

Commissioners and Mr. Szymanski discussed the current conditions as well as the alternatives proposed for the remediation of the site outlined in a letter submitted to the commissioners. After discussing all three proposed options the consensus was to reuse the existing boulders that were removed from the lakeside edge (creating the trench and are and have been stockpiled) as the footing base for the proposed retaining wall. The previous plan for the retaining wall was a concrete footing with a masonry block wall base. Regarding the trees: commissioners and Mr. Szymanski discussed the placement of two container grown 3+” Native Swamp or White Oak. One location to be the southeast corner of the lawn area. Commissioners proposed trunk injections for the lakeside trees, for fertilization and nutrient supplements. The goal being for the nutrients and fertilization to go directly into the cambium and to avoid foliar sprays and/or soil injections that could leech into the lake. Also suggested; hand cut torn roots of lakeside trees, then paint and treat with copper.

Noted on site:

- Large trench at the lake edge, roughly 4’ deep x 10’ wide x 30’ in length, water level roughly 3/4 full.
- Large trees (4), oaks and maples at the edge of the trench on lakeside, roots exposed and cut.
- One large oak at the lakeside has fallen and is lying in the lake.
- The blue well marker is visible, soil pushed up around it.
- Two paper birch trees with root ball on the north side of well marker; one tree cut or broken in half.
- Large mounds of soil stockpiled signs of soil erosion channels.
- Erosion channels throughout exposed soil, upgradient from trench and along northwestern edge of stone wall and lawn area.

Commissioners requested that Mr. Szymanski follows up with John Lord of Lord Tree Experts, LLC., regarding his recommendation for the removal of the 24” oak at the lakeside edge as well as recommendations for lakeside tree maintenance by the commissioners and planting of proposed trees. Mr. Lord was scheduled to be at the site, but he did not attend.

Participants left the property at 4:20

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Gendron

April 4 2024