

March 28, 2012

7:00 p.m. Land Use Meeting Room

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Bedini, Mr. LaMuniere, Mr. Wadelton

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Bohan, Mrs. D. Hill

ALTERNATES PRESENT: Ms. Cheney, Mr. Papsin

ALTERNATE ABSENT: Mr. Martino

STAFF PRESENT: Mr. Ajello, Mrs. Hill

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. Lautier, Mr. Clark, Mr./Mrs. Tracy, Mr. Lyon, Mr. Trapp, Press

Mr. Bedini called the Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and seated Members Bedini, LaMuniere, and Wadelton and Alternates Papsin and Cheney for Mrs. D. Hill and Mr. Bohan.

MOTION:

To include subsequent business not already posted on the agenda:

V. New Applications

E. Divisscher/69 Wykeham Road/#IW-12-11/Addition to Existing Dwelling and

IX. Communications

B. Receipt of Appeal by the Interveners of Approval of #IW-12-40/The Gunnery/22 South Street/Athletic Fields.

By Mr. Wadelton, seconded by Mr. Papsin, and passed 5-0.

Consideration of the Minutes

MOTION:

To accept the 3/8/12 Special Meeting minutes as written.

By Mr. Bedini, seconded by Mr. LaMuniere, and passed 5-0.

The 3/14/12 Regular Meeting minutes were accepted as corrected.

Page 2: Line #1: The correct spelling is "athletic."

Page 5: Condition #2: The inspection schedule should be numbered or in bold.

MOTION:

To accept the 3/14/12 Regular Meeting minutes as corrected.

By Mr. LaMuniere, seconded by Ms. Cheney, and passed 5-0.

New Applications

Lautier/56 June Road/#IW-12-07/Construct Garage and Retaining Walls:

Mr. Clark, engineer, noted he had received notification from Mrs. Hill regarding information missing in the application, but said he had not yet had time to respond. A colored copy of the map, "Tim Lautier, Proposed Garage," by Oakwood Environmental Associates, dated 3/15/12 was reviewed. Mr. Clark pointed out the location of the property, the steep slopes and watercourse running

through the site, the extent of the regulated area, and the three locations where the rocks resulting from the blasting would be used. These were for retaining walls between June Road and the existing driveway and at the north end of the property and for a terrace at the end of the driveway. Mr. Ajello noted there was another watercourse to the north of the property. Mr. Clark stated that behind the proposed garage there was an eroded channel that does not meet the definition of intermittent watercourse because it does not run longer than 24 hours after a storm. He pointed out the location of catch basins and pipes to pick up surface runoff and the water from behind the garage. He explained there would be a series of four benches cut into the rock behind the garage to slow the flow of water. The location of catch basins and drainage pipes and the flow of the runoff through them were discussed. Mr. Ajello asked Mr. Clark if he had calculated the pipe sizes to handle both the surface and roof runoff. Mr. Clark said he had, adding that the amount of new impervious surface was small and would have no impact on the peak flow rates. He noted the proposed garage was 30' X 50'. Mr. LaMuniere noted the runoff flow would be concentrated and asked why there was no rip rapped apron proposed between the driveway and June Road. Mr. Clark stated the amount of runoff would not increase. He explained there is an open 3 ft. section where the runoff flows over rock ledge before it reaches the culvert on the state highway. A site inspection was scheduled for 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 5, 2012.

Town of Washington/59 East Shore Road/#IW-12-10/Deposit Sand on Town Beach:

Mr. Lyon pointed out on the map, "Proposed Renovations at the Town Beach," by Oakwood Environmental Associates, dated 6/23/09 the area where the sand would be spread. He stated this was routine maintenance, the beach area would not be enlarged, and that the sand would be spread 2 to 3 inches thick at least 8 to 12 feet from the edge of the water. A photo of the area was reviewed. Mr. Lyon said the sand would be fine, washed, masonry sand. There was a brief discussion regarding whether the proposed activity could be handled as a diminimus application, but it was decided the Commission would act on the submitted application at its next meeting.

Bennett/80 East Shore Road/#IW-12-08/Dock and Shoreline Repairs:

Mrs. Hill reported that the contractor had decided not to submit until he could provide additional details. It is expected the application will be submitted for April 11 meeting.

Tracy/47 Rabbit Hill Road/#IW-12-09/Construct Driveway:

Mr. Clark, engineer, presented a colored copy of the map, "Driveway Plan," by Oakwood Environmental Associates, dated 3/21/12 and a survey map of the entire parcel, "Map Prepared for Litchfield Bancorp," by Mr. Keefe, revised to 12/1993. He proposed to realign the existing driveway that serves three lots because one section is very steep with several switchbacks. Also, the section of the existing driveway to be realigned had not been constructed within the established driveway right of way. It was noted that several years ago a previous property owner had begun to construct the driveway within the right of way. A 12 ft. wide track had been excavated and a couple of catch basins installed. Much of this area is now overgrown. Mr. Clark pointed out the catch basin for a "pocket" wetland where a small channel to another wetland system had eroded. He also noted there is an intermittent watercourse that runs through the right of way. He said he would try to capture all the runoff in the two existing catch basins, which are now above grade, but proposed regrading around them to enable them to function properly. Mr. Clark then explained how fill would be brought in to bring the 35% slope down to 18%. He said 8 to 10 feet of fill would be needed in the area from station #50 to #200. There would be 3:1 grassed slopes extending out 40 feet on both sides of this section of the driveway. As much as possible of the work already done will be used and except for the steep sections, the surface will be raised by approx. 1/2 to 1 ft. Mr. Bedini

asked if the work would impact the wetlands. Mr. Clark noted that not all the wetlands had been flagged; that the map showed those flagged in 1992. The drainage was briefly discussed. It is designed to flow over the driveway shoulder then down the slope via a swale on the south side. Mr. Clark said the existing drainage flows to wetlands on an adjoining property before reaching Rabbit Hill Road. Mr. Bedini asked if the driveway would be paved. Mr. Clark said it would not. In addition to the driveway work, regrading is proposed in an area near the house where a previous owner had excavated for a pond. Mr. Clark estimated that 300 yards of fill would be needed to level the surface. He noted this area slopes down to wetlands, but that most of it is above the seasonal high water level. He said the goal was to have at least 1 ft. of fill above the septic system, which is also nearby. A site inspection was scheduled for 5:40 p.m. on Thursday, April 5. It was noted Mrs. Hill had emailed Mr. Tracy a list items that should be submitted to make the application complete.

Other Business

Glickman and Henry/37 Old North Road/Request to Revise Permit #IW-11-29/Remove Deck, Build Steps, Remove Asphalt and Install Pea Stone and Edging on Driveway and Parking Area:

Mr. Trapp represented the property owners. He showed the location of the above noted work on a colored site plan, no date, title, or signature. Mr. Ajello stated that three sets of slab stone stairs on footings would replace the deck. Mr. Trapp noted there was no drainage work associated with the project. Mr. Ajello said the area where the work would be done was fairly flat and contained. The commissioners had no questions or concerns.

MOTION:

To approve the request by Glickman and Henley/37 Old North Road to amend Permit #IW-11-29 to include the removal of the deck, installation of steps, and removal of asphalt and installation of pea stone and edging on the driveway and parking area per the plan by John Mauer Designs, Inc. revised to 11/15/11 and further documentation supplied by drawings of the steps and other drawings in the file.

By Mr. LaMunier, seconded by Mr. Wadellon, and passed 5-0.

Enforcement

Charfield-Schellerer/19 Tinker Hill Road:

Mr. Ajello reported a vehicle had been parked in a steep area on site for several weeks. A photo dated 3/15/12 was circulated. Also the silt fence had not been properly installed. No additional trees have been cut and soil disturbance is minimal. The second fine had not yet been paid. It was noted the property owners had been ordered to either submit a site development plan for approval or to submit a restoration plan. To date, neither has been received.

Hochberg/15 Couch Road:

Mr. Ajello reminded Mr. Hochberg to contact the Selectmen's Office regarding the citation hearing. He also noted that the approved pond dredging should take place in the summer during dry weather.

Long/243 Bee Brook Road:

Work has begun on the driveway.

Lodsin/78 Litchfield Turnpike:

Brush cutting equipment has been moved on site. Mr. Ajello found no other disturbance.

Mnuchin/218 Nettleton Hollow Road:

The herbicide permit will expire in May 2012. Mr. Mnuchin may apply for an extension.

Santangelo/77 West Morris Road:

Tires were removed from the vicinity of the pond per the request of the DEEP. The dam failed some time ago, but Mr. Ajello said there was low to moderate risk downstream.

Schwartz/173 West Shore Road:

The DOT approved the work on the stone wall.

Smith/22 Parsonage Lane:

The modified plans submitted to the Land Use Office move the proposed garage further from the property line and from the wetlands. The owner is still required to complete the original landscaping and drainage plans. Mr. Sabin will be asked to supply updated plans and if there are any changes, they will have to be reviewed by the Commission.

Town of Washington/11 School Street:

Mr. Ajello confirmed that material had again been stockpiled without erosion controls, but fortunately the weather was dry. All but one yard has been removed.

Communications

3/20/12 Letter from Mrs. Cronauer/NWCD:

Mr. Wadelton read the letter, which was a plea for Washington to renew its membership in the NWCD. Mr. Bedini noted the Commission had discussed this at a previous meeting and had deleted it from the budget because it had not been felt that the Commission got enough service for the price it had been paying. Mr. Ajello noted he had only contacted the NWCD few times over the past few years. Mr. Wadelton noted if any commissioner wanted to attend a NWCD seminar, the Town could still pay so he could attend. No one spoke in favor of putting these funds back in the 2012-2013 budget.

It was noted that an appeal by the interveners of the Commission's approval of #IW-11-40/The Gunnery, Inc/22 South Street/Athletic Fields had been received.

Mr. LaMuniere, Mr. Wadelton, and Mr. Papsin all said they would attend Segment II of the IV commissioners training program. Mrs. Hill will sign them up.

Mr. Bedini said at the next Board of Selectmen's meeting he would propose moving Mr. Papsin up as a full member due to the death of Mrs. D. Hill.

MOTION:

To adjourn the Meeting. By Mr. Papsin.

Mr. Bedini adjourned the Meeting at 8:35 p.m.

FILED SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

Respectfully submitted,
Janet M. Hill