Inland Wetlands Commission

MINUTES

Regular Meeting

June 8, 2016

7:00 p.m. main level meeting room

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Davis, Mr. LaMuniere, Mr. Papsin,

 Mr. Wadelton

MEMBER ABSENT: Mr. Bedini

ALTERNATES ABSENT: Ms. Cheney, Mr. McCormack

STAFF PRESENT: Mr. Ajello, Mrs. Hill

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. Pushlar, Mr. Szymanski

 Mr. Wadelton called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and seated Members Davis, LaMuniere, Papsin, and Wadelton.

Consideration of the Minutes

MOTION: To accept the 5/26/16 Regular Meeting minutes as

 written. By Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. LaMuniere,

 and passed 4-0.

 The 6/2/16 48 Barnes Road, LLC. site inspection minutes were accepted as corrected. The correct spelling of Barnes Road was noted.

MOTION: To accept the 6/2/16 48 Barnes Road, LLC. site

 inspection minutes as amended. By Mr. Papsin,

 seconded by Mr. LaMuniere, and passed 4-0.

Pending Applications

Town of Washington/108 New Milford Turnpike/#IW-16-11/Application of Herbicide: It was noted that there was no new information on this application and that a 65 day extension had been granted at a previous meeting.

Lara/45 New Milford Turnpike/#IW-16-16/Septic Repair: This application had been reviewed at the last meeting and there had been no outstanding questions.

MOTION: To approve Application #IW-16-16 submitted by

 Mr. Lara for septic repair at 45 New Milford

Turnpike per the site plan originally approved

dated 3/2/89 prepared by Albert Dumont; the permit

shall be valid for two years and is subject to the following conditions:

1. that the Land Use Office be notified at least 48

hours prior to the commencement of work so the

Wetlands Enforcement Officer can inspect and

approve the erosion control measures,

1. that the property owner give the contractor copies

of both the motion of approval and approved plans

prior to the commencement of work, and

1. any changes to the plans as approved must be

submitted immediately to the Commission for review;

 in considering this application, the Commission has

 determined that no reasonable and prudent alternatives

 exist, and believes that there is no reasonable

 probability of significant adverse impact on any

 wetlands or watercourses.

 By Mr. Papsin, seconded by Mr. Davis, passed 4-0.

48 Barnes Road, LLC./48 Barnes Road/#IW-16-17/Demolish, Construct Dwelling, Install Septic System, Pool, and Patio, Regrade: Mr. Szymanski, engineer, answered the questions raised at the last meeting. He reviewed the plan, “Proposed Site Development and Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan,” by Arthur H. Howland and Assoc., dated 5/19/16 and pointed out the location of the existing driveway and the proposed new driveway, which would include a pull off to accommodate one vehicle. Mr. Wadelton asked how service vehicles would access the pool. Mr. Szymanski said that the pool was on grade from the parking area and service vehicles would drive over the grass. In response to the question, what would be done in the area of the demolished house, he responded that area would be filled to grade, replanted, and stabilized. He then submitted a sheet, “Hydrotech Intensive Green Roof Assembly,” and explained how the proposed green roof would be constructed. He noted there would not be any concentrated flow from the roof and the sheet flow would dissipate before it reached the wetlands, which were 170 feet away. He also noted that because the roof would be fully encapsulated, there would be no mud flow. Mr. Szymanski addressed questions about blasting. He said a small area of ledge, approximately 15’ X 20’, would be blasted on the south side of the house but the majority of the ledge would be maintained. Mr. Davis asked if a well was proposed. Mr. Szymanski said it was and that it had been approved by the Health Department. Asked whether the spring house had running water, Mr. Szymanski said that for the majority of time it did not, and added that it would be entirely removed. It was noted that no stockpile areas had been indicated on the plan because all material excavated for the pool would be used to back fill the house. Mr. LaMuniere questioned whether any silt fencing was shown on the plan and Mr. Szymanski pointed out its location in the northern part of the property. Mr. LaMuniere asked about the extent of proposed tree removal. Mr. Szymanski said that only trees in the area to be developed would be cut. Mr. LaMuniere noted the proposed septic area was located far down the slope and asked if runoff from heavy rains would impact it. Mr. Szymanski stated that the area between the pool and the septic system would be a gentle swale, which would level off so that runoff would slow and infiltrate. Mr. Ajello asked if the existing overhead service would be used. Mr. Szymanski stated that he had not yet met with the utility company but if utility trenches were proposed in the upland review area he would return to the Commission for approval.

MOTION: To approve Application #IW-16-17 submitted by

 48 Barnes Road, LLC. to demolish and construct a

 dwelling, install a septic system, pool, and patio,

 and regrade at 48 Barnes Road per the site plan by

 Arthur H. Howland and Assoc., dated 5/19/16 with no

 revisions; the permit shall be valid for 2 years

 and is subject to the following conditions:

1. that the Land Use Office be notified at least 48

hours prior to the commencement of work so the

Wetlands Enforcement Officer can inspect and

approve the erosion control measures,

1. that the property owner give the contractor copies

of both the motion of approval and approved plans

prior to the commencement of work, and

1. any changes to the plans as approved must be

 submitted immediately to the Commission for review;

 in considering this application, the Commission has

 determined that no reasonable and prudent alternatives

 exist, and believes that there is no reasonable

 probability of significant adverse impact on any

 wetlands or watercourses.

 By Mr. Papsin, seconded by Mr. LaMuniere, passed 4-0.

Other Business

Hochberg/15 Couch Road/Request to Extend Permit #IW-11/25/Dredge Pond: Mr. Ajello explained that the pond serves as a sediment basin, said it had been recently drained, cleaned out by hand, the spoils spread in the approved area, and then seeded, and said Mr. Hochberg proposed no change to this procedure. Mr. LaMuniere asked if there was a large enough area on the upper hill to spread the excavated material during the next five years. Mr. Ajello said there was and noted the large size of the property. He then read the recent letter from Mr. Hochberg, which stated if the permit was extended he would continue to use the standard methods to clean the pond that he had used for the last several years.

MOTION: To extend Permit #IW-11-25 issued to Mr. Hochberg

 to dredge the pond at 15 Couch Road; this is a 5

 year extension and all previous conditions of approval

 remain. By Mr. LaMuniere, seconded by Mr. Davis, and

 passed 4-0.

Haight/45 Old North Road/Request to Revise Permit #IW-14-46/ Planting and Stonewalls: Mr. Szymanski, engineer, and Mr. Pushlar, landscape architect, presented the map, “Planting Plan,” sheet L-1, by Mr. Pushlar, revised to 6/8/16. Mr. Szymanski proposed the removal of non native species from the area downgrade of the wetlands. Mr. Pushlar said that shrubs had already been cut, but their roots remained. In the area on the map indicated by hatch marks he proposed to first remove the surface material, remove the barberry roots by hand, and then seed the disturbed area with meadow mix. Ferns would be planted in the wetland area. He also said coconut wattles would be installed and that there was a note on the plan that the meadow area would be mowed only once or twice a year. He proposed to extend an existing stonewall, which would then serve as a barrier and would slow down runoff. The wall would be dry stacked, 3 feet high and 130 feet long. Mr. Szymanski stated the goal was to preserve native species so the work on both the clearing and constructing the stonewall would be carefully done by hand. Mr. Ajello asked for some type of barrier or marker to be installed on site so that workers would know which areas have limited mowing allowed and would not convert them to lawn. Mr. Szymanski noted there would be no mowing at all in the wetlands. Mr. Pushlar offered to install boulders 5 feet apart along the line separating the meadow from the lawn. This line was shown on the map as the southern edge of the hatched area. Mr. Pushlar revised the map accordingly. Mr. Szymanski noted other minor modifications to the site plan such as stonewall locations and the installation of a larger stairway than was originally approved, although it was not in the regulated area. Mr. Szymanski offered to file a declaration on the Town Land Records to direct future owners of the property to look at the Inland Wetlands files. Mr. LaMuniere stated there was no likelihood that the proposed modifications would severely impact wetlands or watercourses.

MOTION: To approve the request by Mr. Haight to revise

 Permit #IW-14-46 to add stonewalls and plantings at

 45 Old North Road per the revised plan by Dean Pushlar,

 landscape architect, first revised on 6/8/16 and

 further revised with handwritten notations on 6/8/16;

 all previous conditions apply and also the following

 conditions:

1. the seeded wetlands meadow area be mowed a maximum

of twice per year,

1. a declaration of the wetlands permit be filed on

the Town Land Records, and

1. large boulders are to be placed along the southern

border of the wet meadow mix area.

By Mr. Papsin, seconded by Mr. Davis, passed 4-0.

Enforcement

Activity Report: Mr. Ajello briefly reviewed his 6/7/16 report. The following matters were also discussed.

The Gunnery School/22 South Street/Soccer Fields: Mr. Papsin asked if the slopes would be prone to wash out because it was taking so long for the grass to grow. Mr. Ajello said this would not happen because the level spreaders had been installed and the double row of erosion controls was still in place.

Tilden/Wykeham Road: Mr. Ajello circulated photos showing how the unauthorized cleared area has revegetated. Mr. Tilden will soon plant two trees as the Commission approved.

 There were no communications or administrative business to discuss. Mr. Wadelton adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

FILED SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

Respectfully submitted,

Janet M. Hill

Land Use Administrator