

TOWN OF SHARON
Inland Wetland & Watercourse Commission
PO Box 385, 63 Main Street, Sharon, CT 06069

Draft minutes until approved at next regular meeting

March 9, 2020

Chairman Jim Krissel called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 PM with the following members in attendance: Mike Dudek, Sharon Tingley, William Trowbridge and Robin Zitter (who was seated as a voting member). Others in attendance: Jane Strong, Jeff and Brandon Merritt, Dusty Blass, Andrew Bosse and Al Rabasco (6:42). The Agenda was reviewed and approved as posted via motions of Tingley/Trowbridge with all in favor. The minutes of the previous meeting stood approved as written. Krissel, Schreiber, Trowbridge, Dudek, Hayden and Zitter conducted site visits with no action taken.

2. Communications: a. SIWWC has received additional money from Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation – Walter P. Turkiewicz Fund. b) Brochure: A list of areas for distribution of the revised brochure will be forwarded to Sharon Tingley for distribution. Jamie will contact various newspapers. c) Inquiries on the work at 80 Amenia Union Road were received and the owner has been contacted with the reminder that any additional work on the property will require an application. Additionally, members requested a planting plan for the areas near Route 41.

3. Old Business: a) 90 Sharon Mountain Road: This site has been visited a number of times over the years. It was requested that the wetlands be flagged and they were partially flagged. Concerns involved the wish for the owner to create yard – removal of boulders and no one knowing what effect the changes in drainage will have. With the arrival of the contractor, he described the owner wanting to make the area maintainable. Commission members requested a plan, prepared by the engineer who flagged the wetlands. It was also requested that the entire property be flagged, a site to be shown for the lean to shed and there be an additional site visit with the plan in hand. Contractor Al Rabasco submitted a written request for an extension, which was accepted, and motions of Dudek/Tingley tabled the application until the April meeting with all in favor.

4. New Business: a) 37 Drum Road: This was a site visit. Jane Strong presented the application for the construction of a 70 x 75 enclosed horse arena. The original site was wet, and suspected to be wetlands. A new area was described with the area to be leveled and constructed with the 26 footings. There were questions on the material used for the base. With probably wetlands noted on site, it was requested that the site be flagged and a full site plan

showing the location of the proposed structure, along with construction details and leveling be submitted. Motions of Dudek/Tingley tabled the application to the April meeting with all in favor.

b) 30 Upper Ridge Road –Andrew Bosse was present to present the application for a timber harvest, including two crossings. This was a site visit. This is an as-of-right activity. Mr. Bosse described using best management practices, for the work to be completed in dry or frozen weather and in the next 16 months. There were no comments from the Commission. The work can proceed with the notification to the Office when it commences.

c) 139 Millerton Road: This was a site visit. Jeff Merritt was in attendance to present the plan for the placement of a patio, construction of a swale and rain garden to deflect the run off from the field. All drawings were reviewed. The placement of erosion control was altered on the plan and accepted. Motions of Tingley/Trowbridge approved the plan as amended with all in favor.

d) 75 Keeler Road: Dusty Blass, representing the owner and the engineer, presented the maps prepared for the construction of a pond. The engineer's plans were reviewed and it was noted that the area considered for the pond is wetlands. Chairman Jim Krissel reviewed the regulations pertaining to deeming an application a Significant Activity. With the specified items noted directly from the regulations: *1. Any activity involving a deposition or removal of material, which will or may have a major effect or significant impact on the regulated area or on another part of the inland wetland or watercourse system.. 2. Any activity which substantial changes the natural channel or may inhibit the natural dynamics of a watercourse system...6. Any activity which is likely to cause, or has the potential to cause pollution of a wetlands or watercourse, and 7. Any acidity which destroys unique wetlands or watercourse areas, or such areas having demonstrable scientific or educational value...* motions of Zitter/Dudek deemed this application to be significant activity and therefore a public hearing was scheduled for 5:30 PM (note special time) on April 13, 2020. All were in favor. The property includes the Macguire Conservation Easement with the Sharon Land Trust and Harry Wright has requested copies of the application and information submitted.

With no other business, motions of Dudek/Tingley adjourned the meeting at 7:25 PM with all in favor.

Respectfully,


Jamie Casey, Land Use Administrator/Clerk

Next Meeting: Monday, April 13, 2020 5:30 PM (NOTE SPECIAL TIME)

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