

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

Draft minutes until approved at next regular meeting

June 8, 2020

Vice Chairman Scott Schreiber called the regular meeting to order at 6:35 PM in the Chapin Meeting Room with the following members in attendance: Larry Rand, William Trowbridge, Jim Krissel (by phone) and Robin Zitter (who was seated for this meeting). Others in attendance: Michael Gray, Purdy Eaton and Luis Arroyo. This was the first meeting since the Covid-19 situation and all social distancing and mask requirements were in place. The Governor's Executive Orders are still in place not requiring meetings, the Commission decided to move forward for the benefit of applicants and residents. Site visits were conducted at various times by C.E. Kirby, Rand, Zitter, Schreiber, Tingley, Trowbridge and the Land Use Administrator with no action taken. The Agenda was reviewed and with the addition of 9 Clark Hill Road (Trenching & Conduit) and 35 Kirk Road (Addition) it was approved via motions of Krissel/Trowbridge and taken in order. The minutes of the previous meeting held in March stood approved as submitted.

2. Communications: Information regarding the DEEP Municipal Wetlands Agency Comprehensive Training Program was announced with information to be sent to all members. Reports from Chairman Emeritus Kirby and Sharon Tingley were received regarding site visits and made part of the record.

3. Old Business: a) 37 Drum Road: The application or construction of an arena was tabled at the March Meeting. There was an additional site visit and a revised plan submitted last week – enlarging the structure. Considerable ground movement is required from east to west to level the site. Staked haybales as shown on the plan must be installed prior to any work. Concerns were again expressed regarding the manure pile and it's proximity to the wetlands. With erosion control to be in place at all times, motions of Zitter/Rand approved the application. Prior to any work, the manure pile location must be changed and reported to the office. All were in favor. b) 12 White Hollow Road: This application for construction of a sugar shack and is considered under agriculture. This was a site visit and with the information received regarding the amount of disturbance (4' trench around, and an Alaskan floating slab), the need for erosion control in the form of double staked haybales around the NE corner and across the west side should be in place during all phases of construction – and then removed and the area seeded. The application stood approved, as of right.

4. New Business: a) 248 Gay Street: Construction of a garage. This was a site visit. Michael Gray was in attendance to answer any questions. The proposed garage is 26 x 32 and is to be placed in a level area, approximately 160' away from small pond. There are no proposed changes to the existing driveway. The excess material will be used to backfill and any extra taken off site. With the expressed recommendation to use double-staked haybales for erosion control where shown on the site plan, motions of Schreiber/Rand approved the application. All were in favor. If the owner wants gutters, the contractor must notify the office for advice. b) 80 Amenia Union Road: Application for a basketball court and activity on site. This has had multiple site visits. This commission approved work on clearing and fencing, which is complete and a planting plan was submitted. Purdy Eaton was in attendance to address any questions. Additional site work has been conducted on the property in the wetlands jurisdiction, without benefit of an application. Both the owner and contractor were advised of the need for permitting. Any future work proposed in the wetlands or in the jurisdiction of this Commission, under State Statute, must be applied for. This application was for a concrete basketball court in a relatively flat area with no proposed tree removal. The concern stated was for any run off and it's effect on wetlands. Vegetation is needed to slow and infiltrate prior to getting into wetlands areas. Another concern was the area with stockpiled compost. Motions of Zitter/Krissel approved the basketball court construction with the condition that a planting plan with vegetation, which will slow and infiltrate run off be submitted to this Commission. All were in favor. Any stockpiled soils will be placed towards the road and then used on site.

c) 33 South Main Street: Construction of a pool, fencing and construction at the rear of the property on an existing footprint. This was a site visit. Luis Arroyo was in attendance to answer any questions. With the use of double staked haybales during the construction of the pool area, seeding and mulching of any stockpiled material, and the note that the rear project will cause little disturbance, the application was approved via motions of Trowbridge/Rand with all in favor. d) 100 Amenia Union Road: Fencing proposed. This was a site visit showing very little disturbance as work is to be done by hand. Motions of Zitter/Trowbridge approved the application as presented with all in favor.

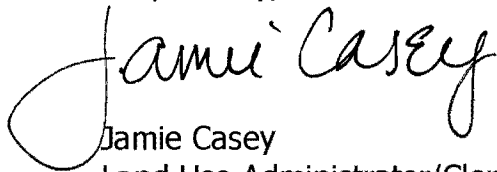
e) 9 Clark Hill Road: Installation of underground cable for Internet. C. E. Kirby's report was read into the record. This should be done at a dry time, and should be accomplished in two days. The mini-rift valley was discussed. Sediment from drilling under the north side of the road should be removed immediately. A semi-circle of haybales should be placed at the first culvert about 2/3 of the way to the house. Protective bales should also be placed at the spring stream leading to the small pond. With those items in mind, the application was approved via motions of Krissel/Rand with all in favor. f) 35 Kirk Road: Construction of a second story addition over the existing footprint. This was a

site visit and both Sharon Tingley and Larry Rand's comments were part of the record. The spoils, if any, should be kept further from the river. Any equipment/material is to be carried via the existing footbridge – with no heavy equipment to be used for this project. Double-staked haybales should be in place between the house and the river during all phases of construction. Motions of Rand/Krissel approved the application with the above conditions, with all in favor.

The Town will be hiring Beaver Solutions to control beaver activity at two areas in town. This falls under the Town 5 year plan. No action required.

With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM via motions of Krissel/Rand with all in favor. The next meeting will be the regular July Meeting to be held July 13, 2020 at 6:30 with site visits the prior weekend.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jamie Casey". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the beginning of the first name.

Jamie Casey
Land Use Administrator/Clerk

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