

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

Draft minutes until approved at next regular meeting

February 8, 2021

Chairman Jim Krissel called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 PM in the Chapin Meeting Room under current Covid guidelines. He requested a moment of silence for Edward M. Kirby who passed away last week. The following members were in attendance Larry Rand, Scott Schreiber, William Trowbridge, and Robin Zitter (who was seated for this meeting). Others in attendance: Paul Szymanski, Mason Lord, Keith Venkiteswaran, Joshua Thompson and John Brett. Jim Krissel, Scott Schreiber, Sharon Tingley, Larry Rand, Mike Dudek, Robin Zitter, William Trowbridge and LUA Casey conducted site visits with no action taken. Reports on site visits were received from Sharon Tingley and Mike Dudek and made part of each application. The Agenda was reviewed and approved via motions of Schreiber/Rand and taken in order. The minutes of the previous meeting held in November stood approved as submitted.

2. **Communications:** None

3. **Old Business: a) 33 Drum Road:** This was a site visit to see the relocation of the manure pile which had been part of the approval of the pavilion structure on June 8, 2020. John Brett was in attendance to answer any questions. The manure pile had been requested to be relocated due to the proximity to the wetlands – and was placed on the adjoining property to be used in the paddock and fields once composted. Members were concerned with the new placement, as there appears to be seepage in the area from the ground – and also had concerns with it being placed on an adjoining property. Chair Krissel requested the owners review USDA Best Practices. Due to the weather, and the inability to view the area completely, this will be revisited in April. No action was taken. **b) Access from West Woods Road #1 to 15 West Meadow Road:** It appears that the owner is utilizing a previously created, but not approved, accessway from West Woods Road 1 to a property located on West Meadow Road. A letter has been sent to the owner and attempts at reaching her have not been successful. This is to be monitored and once the owner is contacted, the Commission will be informed.

4. **New Business: a) 90 Sharon Mountain Road:** This property has been visited several times. This recent application is for the demolition and replacement of the existing barn, construction of a new barn/garage, replacement of the existing “pool shed” and driveway material changes: Mr.

Thompson was in attendance to describe the proposed work. The wetlands delineation and reports were submitted as part of the application. Comments were expressed by members concerning which trees are to be removed and if stumps are to be left in place, area where fill is to be moved to, the location of the second barn/garage. Motions of Zitter/Schreiber approved the application conditional upon the owner marking all trees to be removed, the staked location of all buildings in the field, stumps to be left in place where they will not be in the way of new structures and all erosion control in the form of double staked haybales to be installed prior to any work. The owner agreed to contact the office when the above is ready to be viewed. The motion carried by all.

b) 492 Route 7: Site plan application for new construction including dwelling, septic and other improvements. This was an additional site visit, and a revised application having been denied in November. Paul Szymanski of Howland & Associates presented the revised application explaining the erosion control (both installed and natural), the whole site methodology, incorporating yard storm management practices and added infiltration. He also offered phased construction sequence and volunteered monitoring of the project with reports to this Commission. With questions answered, motions of Rand/Scott approved the application as described, written and with conditions offered by applicant. All were in favor. **c) 33 South Main Street:** Replacement of existing septic. This was a site visit and the plan, submitted by Engineer Brian Neff, was reviewed. With no issues, and erosion control to be in place as per the plan, motions of Krissel/Trowbridge approved the application with all in favor.

d) 30 Knibloe Hill Road: Addition to existing dwelling: This was a site visit. Mr. Venkiteswaran was in attendance to present the application. This property had an addition approved previously – and due to the current covid situation and the owner's need to work remotely for the unforeseeable future, this second addition has been proposed. Any stockpiled material will be used up by the road, not in the jurisdiction of this Commission. Erosion control measures were described in the form of double-staked haybales on the application. Motions of Trowbridge/Schreiber approved the application as presented with all in favor.

Other Business: The recent work/repair on Hilltop Pond (Kent side) is on file. The budget for 2021-2022 was reviewed. Notes from Tina Pitcher appeared on the request – noting an additional line item to include Enforcement Officer will be added. Mr. Krissel had been working with the Board of Selectmen on this figure – with no recent discussion. Other than the new line item – the budget was voted to be the same with % increases for both the current Clerk and Assistant via motion of Krissel/Trowbridge with all in favor.

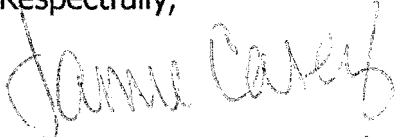
Chair Krissel noted that he was contacted by HVA who are conducting a study on Millbrook/10 Mile River. He will keep members informed.

New applications to be considered at the next meeting include proposed dwelling on an existing foundation at 281 Millerton Road and construction at 7 Mudgetown Road.

Ms. Zitter suggested that the Commission be able to review and comment on the proposed parking area renovation behind Town Hall. These minutes will serve as a request to the Board of Selectman to be included in such plans.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned via motions of Krissel/Schreiber at 7:55 PM with all in favor.

Respectfully,



Jamie Casey, Land Use Administrator/Clerk

Next Meeting: Monday, March 8, 2021 at 6:30 with site visits to be schedule the Saturday prior.

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