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

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*Draft minutes until approved at next regular meeting*

March 11, 2024

The regular meeting was called to order by Chairman Jim Krissel at 6:30 PM with the following members in attendance: Scott Schreiber, William Trowbridge, Mike Dudek, Larry Rand, Robin Zitter, Sharon Tingley and Alt. Lynn Kearcher. Also present: Florien Palmer, Dusty Blass, Andrew Cahill, Casey Flanagan, Jamie Reid, Charles Spath, and the Waugh sisters. Site visits were made on March 9, as posted, by Krissel, Schreiber, Dudek, Trowbridge, Tingley and Rand with no action taken.

2. The agenda was approved with the addition of 76 Millerton Road via motions of Rand/Tingley with all in favor and taken in order.

3. Minutes of the February meeting were corrected to spell Mr. Markow's name correctly.

4. **Communications:** a) No Public Comment. b) Additional funds in the amount of \$920.00 have been received from the Berkshire Taconic Foundation on behalf of the Walter P. Turkiewicz Fund. A note of thanks was sent along with a copy of the latest brochure – paid for out of this fund. Invasive Brochure – although comments from a local authority have not yet been received in writing, Lynn Kearcher suggested we proceed with the second printing of 400 brochures. All agreed.

5. **Old Business:** a) Pesticide Sub-committee – no new information. b) Programming: The April 12<sup>th</sup> program at Sharon Audubon is on the Town website, including an article on "The Big Night" . Robin mentioned a program Audubon is hosting in May (no date available) which may require members to participate in an informational table setting – also our brochures should be made available. Robin will speak more to this at the next meeting when a date is set.

6. **New Business:** a) **82 Amenia Road – Demolition of house and garage:** Florien Palmer of Gold Dog LLC was in attendance to describe the application. This was a site visit. It was noted that an adjoining resident has concerns with the proposed work affecting her property (116 Amenia Road). All access will be from the existing driveway at 82 Amenia Road. Both structures will be removed from the site in dumpsters. The area will be graded, top soiled and seeded.

Erosion control in the form of double staked haybales is shown on the plan. The project will be done during a dry time and Mr. Palmer will notify the office when it is going to begin. Motions of Schreiber/Tingley approved the application, as presented, with all in favor.

**b) 34 River Road:** Private property authorized Town Work: This was a site visit. Chairman Krissel recused himself and Vice Chair Schreiber took over the meeting: Mr. Casey and Mr. Reid described the proposed issues on River Road with the town owned bridge, the need to re-channel the stream with the use of on site and brough in boulders. This has been an on-going issue – Cardinal Engineering is also looking at the affects to River Road. Members noted concerns as to the volume of water and rain events in the future. Sharon Tingley recommended that the Town get advice from a hydrologist (perhaps one is available through NWCD). All members were in favor of this next step – and the application was tabled via motions of Rand/Tingley. Mr. Krissel returned as Chair.

**c. 56 West Woods Road #1:** This was a site visit. Charles Spath presented the application on behalf of owners Pillar/Gill. There is a proposed new 3 bedroom home along with existing structures. Health testing was done – noting that the better soils are further from the sites and near to the jurisdiction of this Commission and the existing stream. There will be septic fill required. Access will be from the road – with an anti-track pad and erosion control used as shown on the plan. Motions of Dudek/Schreiber approved the application as presented with all in favor. **d. 103 South Main Street:** At the request of the owner, this application and site visit will be scheduled next month.

**7. Applications to accept: 8 Joray Road South:** Construction of new home, driveway and septic part of which is within 200' of an existing pond on the other side of the road. This will be a site visit next month and taken at the next meeting. The house and associated areas of construction need to be staked prior to the site visit. **76 Millerton Road:** Mr. Blass and the owner were in attendance to discuss that to conduct wetlands soil testing, weed whacking in the regulated area needs to be completed. The area, shown on the map, is very overgrown and the wetland soil scientist cannot conduct testing without the removal of materials. Mr. Blass proposed to use a machine with wide tracks and forestry mower. In the interest of flagging – which is always recommended, members agreed to have this work done. The application has been received – and will be taken at the next meeting for the 5-year maintenance plan. The flagging to be conducted is for future planning only at this time.

Site visits will continue to be noted on the agenda – for all to meet at Sharon Town Hall at 8 AM on the appointed Saturday. A schedule will be made for any

sites to be visited. We adjourned at 7:35 via motions of Rand/Dudek with all in favor.

Respectfully,

*Jamie Casey*

Land Use Admin/Clerk

**Next meeting:** Monday, April 8, 2024, 6:30 PM. Site visits will be scheduled and posted beginning at 8 AM at Sharon Town Hall for the following properties: 103 South Main Street, 34 River Road (if needed) and 8 Joray Road South.