

TOWN OF SHARON  
Inland Wetland & Watercourse Commission  
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*Draft minutes until approved at next regular meeting*

April 11, 2022

Chairman Jim Krissel called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 PM in the Chapin Meeting Room under current Covid guidelines. The following members were in attendance: Larry Rand, William Trowbridge, Mike Dudek, Sharon Tingley and Alternates Robin Zitter and Lynn Kearcher. Others in attendance: Jamie Casey, Nikki Blass, Bill Colby, Chris Garrity, Lisa Reiss, Dwight Merriman, Jim Gillespie, Scot Samuelson, David Gronningsater, Mason Lord, Michael Klein and Steven Trinkaus. Site visits were conducted, as posted, this past Saturday by Krissel, Dudek, Tingley, Zitter, Kearcher, Trowbridge with no action taken. Sites were visited during the month by Krissel and LUA Casey.

The continuation of the Public Hearing on the Keeler Road application was opened at 6:31PM. It is being recorded, however, the acoustics in this meeting room are very difficult. Both Alternates Zitter and Kearcher were seated for the continuation of the hearing. Ms. Tingley had not heard the first meeting, and therefore, was not seated. Mr. Schreiber was absent for this meeting.

Documents received since the last meeting were copied for all members and considered part of the record. Bill Colby- on behalf of the applicant – presented a compilation of submittals including the changes of the size of the house, relocation and size of pool, cross sections, infiltrators, erosion and sediment control plan—stating there will be no direct impact of wetlands—and noted that this site was the prudent site to construct due to potential impact of wetlands on the other side of the brook. Commission members had questions regarding limit of disturbance, driveway (to be gravel) any other use of existing bridge (no structural analysis has been done), rechargers and any grade changes. There was a break granted to Attorney Merriman to review documents submitted since last meeting. Attorney Merriman addressed the Commission and provided a packet of documents including copies of documents submitted this evening, two April 3<sup>rd</sup> letters from LISD—one to Commission Chair and one to the Intervenor; Memorandum of April 4, 2022, from Michael Klein and Steven Trinkaus, Ariel photographs, Associated maps, Memorandum from Attorney Merriam dated April 10, 2022, as well as a list of Intervenor’s Exhibits. This was provided to all members. Documents provided were explained to Commission members. Mr. Klein spoke to members and presented a map which illustrated impacts on wetlands. Ms. Kearcher questioned if wetlands change over the years. With no

one left to speak to the application or present additional information – motions of Trowbridge/Rand closed the public hearing at 7:04 PM with all in favor. Many left the meeting at this time.

The regular meeting continued at 7:05 PM. The agenda, as posted, was reviewed and with the change of Item 6b – it was approved via motions of Rand/Dudek with all in favor. It was taken in order.

**4. Communications:** None. **Public Comment:** None

**5. Old Business:** a) 25 Amenia Union Road: Addition to existing dwelling. This was tabled at the last meeting for other members to view the proposal on site. Mr. Gronningsater presented a revised site plan. Comments of the Commission concerned the removal of a tree for the addition, roof run off into the existing stream and amount of disturbance. Without information regarding the above – motions of Trowbridge/Kearcher denied the application – without prejudice. All were in favor. b) Brochure: Ms. Kearcher presented the various edits of the brochure with a mention that she will be sending out one more draft for members to review prior to the next meeting. Additionally, it was agreed that many of the resources found by this committee will be available in the office.

**6. New Business:** a) Keeler Road/ Map 1, Lot 43 for construction of a dwelling and associated septic, garage, pool, driveway: The hearing was closed. Due to the absence of Mr. Schreiber and the amount of information provided at this meeting – members decided not to discuss the application until the next meeting. Members expressed the need for Attorney Byrne to attend. No action or discussion took place. b) Joray Road (5 Applications): This was withdrawn via a letter from Attorney Ebersol and the request to resubmit as of this meeting with same documents was accepted. It was noted that no new or changed information was submitted from the applications accepted in February. Motions of Tingley/Dudek accepted the same applications as of this evening with all in favor.

c) 69 Mudge Pond Road: Recreational dock: This was a site visit. Liza Reiss was in attendance to answer questions. There is a steep drop off and the Commission did not know how the dock was to be accessed. Although members felt that this project could be done – it is a matter of more detailed information. The application was tabled until the next meeting via motions of Dudek/Trowbridge with all in favor. d) 3 West Woods Road #1: Addition and information on a boardwalk as an amended application: This was a site visit. Ms. Zitter was recused and presented the application on behalf of her clients. The proposed walkway will be laid on the ground, holes dug by hand with locust poles placed – it will be approximately 330' with a platform. It will be done

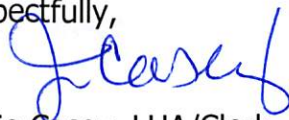
during a dry or almost frozen season. Motions of Kearcher/Tingley approved the application as presented with all in favor. Ms. Zitter was advised to also check with the Sharon Historic District on this application.

e) 169 Bowne Road: Application for replacement shed/coop. This was a site visit. Ms. Zitter continued to be recused as she presented her application for a 10 x 12 open sided shed closer to the existing barn. With no questions, motions of Tingley/Rand approved the application as presented with all in favor. f) 45 Sharon Valley Road: Engineer Brian Neff submitted a plan for a replacement septic system and owner Kenneth Lee wishes to flush cut some trees. Chairman Krissel visited the property. Motions of Dudek/Rand approved the application, as presented with all in favor.

7. An application for pond work at 289 Low Road was accepted to be taken next month. A second invoice from Attorney Byrne for the Keeler Road application in the amount of \$2,117.50 was authorized to be paid via motions of Tingley/Dudek with all in favor. Ms. Zitter has inquired about a site plan workshop which would be offered by The NW Conservation District. It was agreed to plan this workshop for prior to the July Meeting from 5:15 – 6:15. She will set it up. Concerns and many complaints have been relayed to members on work being conducted at 170 Fairchild Road involving wetlands. This property has a recreational easement which is also used by several people. Ms. Casey will call the contractors on site tomorrow.

Motions of Trowbridge/Rand adjourned the meeting at 7:47 PM with all in favor.

Respectfully,



Jamie Casey, LUA/Clerk

**Reminder:** Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup> with site visits to be scheduled May 7 at 8 AM – meeting at Sharon Town Hall.