

INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING
THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 2015
TOWN HALL 7:00 P.M.

Present: Chairman Bruce Burnett, Susan Ryan, Marie Etter, Donald Prigitano, Alternate Member Robert Orciari and Land Use Coordinator Polly Redmond

Absent: Victoria Elliott, Robert Wesneski and Paul Whiton

1. OPEN MEETING – ESTABLISH QUORUM.

Chairman Burnett called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All regular members present are seated with Alternate Member R. Orciari seated for V. Elliott.

2. APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: 2/2/15

D. Prigitano **motioned** to approve the minutes of the previous meeting with amendment to Item 3, line 6, following the sentence, "pointing out problem areas that include topography and septic location." to add the following sentence: "D. Prigitano questioned Mr. Truskauskas whether asphalt would be placed down leading to the barn with Mr. Truskauskas replying, no." Amendment to Item 4, line 21: change the word *sight* to *site*. M. Etter seconded the motion and it passed unanimously with S. Ryan refraining from vote due to her absence at the previous meeting.

3. DON TRUSKAUSKAS – DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE DECISION - APPLICATION FOR 40' X 40' BARN, 99 SCOVILLE HILL ROAD.

Mr. Don Truskauskas is present. Revised plans dated 2/5/15 are provided showing the requested notation to the site plan that states existing rip rap surface will be used on proposed surface located at the toe of the slope. M. Etter questions the location of a watercourse with Mr. Truskauskas pointing out the wetlands noted on the Boundary Map located in the upper right corner of the site plan where it is easier to see. M. Etter **motioned** to approve the application as a regulated non-significant activity with conditions that Mr. Truskauskas notify the ZEO when work is being done and that any fill being used (amount unknown to Mr. Truskauskas) shall not contain construction material. Mr. Truskauskas notes that top soil will be placed on the slopes where needed and that existing soil on site will be used. R. Orciari seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

4. LUC TARDIFF – APPLICATION FOR 50' X 50' STORAGE BUILDING, 112 VALLEY ROAD.

Mr. Brent Lafferty (neighbor) is present to represent. A site plan prepared for Edward and Cheryl Carpenter (previous owners), 112 Valley Road, dated 7/13/94 is used to show the location of what will be six piers placed in the ground to support an overhead roof (no walls). The location, drawn in by hand, already contains a concrete slab where equipment is kept, and will be used as the floor of the cover-it. Mr. Lafferty explains that the slab is pitched towards an existing shed, 55 feet away from a pond located on the property. Upon questioning of what will be stored under the cover-it, Mr. Lafferty states that it will be used for basic storage including a backhoe and lawn equipment. D. Prigitano asks if there will be any containment procedures for spills with Mr. Lafferty explaining that there are concrete blocks already in place that could serve the purpose. R. Orciari **motioned** to accept the application as a regulated non-significant activity, seconded by S. Ryan. Motion passed unanimously.

5. INFORMAL DISCUSSION – USE OF PROPERTY, 242 BIRGE PARK ROAD, LITCHFIELD FENCE CO.

LUC Redmond explains that Shane Campbell, Campbell Transport, is interested in renting out the center unit of what was Litchfield Fence that includes access to enter the building from the back where a bay is located. The proposal is to tow vehicles to the Birge Park Road site with no auto repair taking place there in accordance with the lease conditions. Five to six cars will be kept inside the building, as needed. Towing will be done at requests by the State Police and for cash customers. It is the Zoning Board of

Appeals who will hold a public hearing and determine on the issuance of a Certification of Location Approval which will satisfy the State of CT requirements in order to obtain a Wrecker License. R. Orciari states that this area should never have been developed because it is located in a Flood Plain area. He adds that he believes the recent activities, including fill being brought on site, were grandfathered in and at one time the owner of Litchfield Fence came before this Commission seeking permission to reinforce the dike which was causing problems squeezing water to the other side of the brook. R. Orciari states that there is a lot of erosion in this area and also expresses concern over the steepness of the driveway for tow trucks towing cars going down it. M. Etter questions the location of two other watercourses in this area that should be of concern as well. Commissioners agree that they would request an application and a site plan of this property that includes means to protect and buffer the stream and would like to ask questions of the applicant such as whether there are floor drains in the building.

6. COMPLAINTS/ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS.

ZEO Perkins emailed a report dated 2/27/15 stating he has not reviewed the Pesce curb cut required by DOT to determine whether a wetlands application is required due to snow on the ground. He reports there are no other enforcement activities at this time.

7. CORRESPONDENCE.

DEEP notice of aquatic plant control at Lake Harwinton for algae control has been approved. Mr. Jay Buss is present and states that the Lake Association is trying to become chemical free in the treatment of the lake.

8. INVOICES.

None.

9. ADJOURN.

D. Prigitano **motioned** to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 p.m., seconded by M. Etter. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Polly Redmond
Land Use Coordinator

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