HARWINTON INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES COMMISSION
MONDAY, MAY 2, 2022
TOWN HALL 7:00 p.m.

Present: Susan Ryan, Merrill French, Eric Rahn, Todd Werner, Timothy Bobroske, Brent Lafferty and Land Use Coordinator Polly Redmond
Absent: Robert Wesneski and IWZEO Don Truskauskas

1. **OPEN MEETING – ESTABLISH QUORUM.**
   Chairwoman Susan Ryan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All members present are seated.

2. **APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: 4/4/22**
   M. French **motioned** to approve the minutes of the previous meeting with an amendment to Item 6 to clarify the size of the one storage building as being 80' x 160' and not two 80' x 80' storage buildings. T. Werner seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

3. **DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE DECISION - THOMAS & RITA MCCULLOUGH – APPLICATION TO CONSTRUCT 16' X 16' DECK OFF EXISTING SHED AND CONSTRUCT RETAINING WALL14 CATLIN ROAD.**
   Mr. & Mrs. McCullough are present. A diagram has been submitted showing the area in the back of the property where a stone wall exists but is in need of repair. A new stone wall will be constructed using flat rocks and cement to secure them. T. Werner questions if the wall touches the lake, with Mr. McCullough stating it does. Work will be done when the lake is drained down in 2023. The proposed deck will be located ten feet from the lake and will be one foot off the ground, parallel to the lake. Finding no significant activity, T. Bobroske **motioned** to approve the application, seconded by B. Lafferty. Motion passed unanimously. The McCullough's are to call the Land Use office when work begins to notify the enforcement officer.

4. **DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE DECISION - SPENCER CERRUTO – APPLICATION TO CONSTRUCT 20' X 15' PATIO AND STAIRS TO LAKE ON VACANT LOT ACROSS THE STREET FROM AND OWNED BY S. CERRUTO, 99 CATLIN ROAD.**
   Mr. Cerruto is present. E. Rahn questions whether the slope of the bank where the patio is to be located could be cut back slightly with Mr. Cerruto stating it could be possible and he will try. The project for the steps is to improve what is currently there. Finding no significant activity, E. Rahn **motioned** to approve the application, seconded by T. Bobroske. Motion passed unanimously. Mr. Cerruto is advised to call the Land Use office when work begins to notify the enforcement officer.

5. **DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE DECISION - PICKETT BROOK PROPERTY, LLC FOR DAVID & NATALE BARRETT – APPLICATION FOR SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING, 16 STEEPLE CHASE ROAD, LOT 15, EQUESTRIAN ESTATES SUBDIVISION. *APPLICATION INCLUDES A 14' X 18' SHED AND A 16' X 32' INGROUND POOL.**
   Joseph Green, P.E., Robert Green Associates is present along with David Barrett. Plans submitted at the last Wetlands meeting by Robert Green Associates, LLC titled Zoning Location Survey, Site Plan for House, prepared for David & Natale Barrett, dated 3/29/2022 are reviewed once again. Mr. Green reminds Commissioners that at the last Wetlands meeting, IWZEO Don Truskauskas suggested an underground detention system with infiltrators off the side of the deck of the proposed pool to handle any pool water coming off the deck. He has spoken with IWZEO Truskauskas and it was agreed that river stone would be placed around the edge of the pool instead. TAHD approval for the house has been received. TAHD approval for the 16' x 32' inground pool has not been received. Six (6) Wetlands Markers are to be purchased and placed 50 feet along the Conservation Area (wetlands line) by the property owner and prior to receiving a Certificate of Occupancy. Finding no significant activity, T. Bobroske **motioned** to approve the application as a regulated activity, seconded by B. Lafferty. Motion passed unanimously. Mr. Barrett is advised to call the Land Use office when work begins to notify the enforcement officer.

6. **DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE DECISION - RICHARD & KAREN ZALESKI – APPLICATION FOR SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING, RENEWAL OF 2006 IWWC APPROVAL, 365 LITCHFIELD ROAD. (COMPLAINT RECEIVED REGARDING THIS PROPERTY DUE TO FILL BROUGHT ON TO 365 LITCHFIELD ROAD WITH THE GRADING OF THE DRIVEWAY RESULTING IN WATER RUNOFF AND PONDING TO NEIGHBORING PROPERTY TO THE WEST.)**
Richard Zaleski is present. The plans presented tonight are the same plans presented to the Wetlands Commission in 2006 when this Commission approved the application for a single family dwelling (non-regulated activity) and a driveway crossing (regulated) under the applicant name, Northland Site Development prepared by Hrica Associates. That approval has since expired (5 years) and those same plans and application presented tonight are now under the name Rock Industries, LLC and reviewed once again by Commissioners from the last Wetlands meeting on April 4, 2022. Mr. Zaleski presents a diagram of the 15-inch pipe cross-section at the wetland crossing in the driveway. At the April Wetlands meeting the application was accepted with the contingency that the Commission be provided details on drainage, the size of the driveway pipe, grade, and the culvert. The culvert will replace a proposed swale and will have a natural bottom. The 2006 approval included the paving of the driveway, as proposed on the site plan, and Commissioners agree that it should be paved. The driveway is at 15% grade and exceeds 200 feet in length which will require it to be engineer certified prior to obtaining a Certificate of Occupancy. Finding no significant activity, T. Bobroske **motioned** to approve the application for driveway construction as a regulated activity, seconded by B. Lafferty. Motion passed unanimously.

7. **CATHERINE DOBUSH – APPLICATION FOR ABOVE GROUND POOL, 311 HILL ROAD.**
No one is present to represent.

8. **HARWINTON INVESTMENTS – APPLICATION FOR SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING, 33 WHETSTONE ROAD. DRIVEWAY APPROVED BY WETLANDS COMMISSION 10-4-2021.**
LUC Redmond questions whether she could sign off on the application since only a corner of the proposed garage is in the regulated area. Commissioners believe that if there is regulated activity, no matter how small, the applicant should come before the Commission. Finding no significant activity, E. Rahn **motioned** to accept the application as a regulated activity, seconded by M. French. Motion passed unanimously. A decision will be made at the June 6, 2022 IWWC meeting.

9. **PAUL KAMINKSI – DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE DECISION – APPLICATION SUBMITTED AND PARTIALLY APPROVED NOVEMBER 2021 FOR 30' OCTAGON INGROUND POOL, 68 CAMPVILLE HILL ROAD.**
Mr. Kaminski reached out to the Land Use office explaining that Dennis McMorrow, P.E., Berkshire Engineering was still working on a site plan and that it would be ready for the Commission's June meeting.

10. **COMPLAINTS/ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS/REPORTS.** None.

11. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS.**
T. Bobroske **motioned** to add to the agenda: **Bob Schneider, 280 South Road, dredge out pond and repair breached dam**, seconded by T. Werner. Motion passed unanimously. Mr. Schneider distributed a sketch of the property showing the location of the pond in the southwest corner and noting that the dam was approximately 60 feet off the road and two feet below the roadbed. He was informed that he should contact the DPW Supervisor due to the proximity to the road and also contact the DEEP for the dam repair since they have authority over all dams in CT. The Northwest Conservation District should be contacted for any helpful information on cleaning out the pond. After Mr. Schneider mentioned that the pond, once cleaned out, could be used as a fire pond he was advised to contact the Harwinton Volunteer Fire Department to discuss that possibility. T. Bobroske states that even though these are uses as of right, he would like to see a better plan with more information than what the sketch is showing. Mr. Schneider states that he will look into all of this and if he wishes to proceed, he will return to the Commission with information. (*An email has been received from Mr. Schneider on May 3, 2022 to the Land Use office stating that "the time and money to carry this forward is probably not worth it.")

12. CORRESPONDENCE.
None.

13. INVOICES.
None.

14. ADJOURN.
M. French **motioned** to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m.., seconded by T. Werner. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Polly Redmond
Land Use Coordinator