

LYME CONSERVATION COMMISSION
INLAND WETLANDS and WATERCOURSE AGENCY

January 17, 2018, 7:00 p.m.

The Lyme Inland Wetlands Agency held a regular meeting on Wednesday, January 17, 2018 at 7:00 p.m., Lyme Town Hall, 480 Hamburg Road, Lyme, CT.

MEMBERS PRESENT Paul Armond Chairman, Ben Kegley, Sue Hessel seated for Priscilla Hammond, Beverly Crowther, Tom Reynolds, Pat Crowley, Roger Dill, Bernie Gigliotti ZEO, and Patsy Turner Secretary.

Absent Members: S. Kurlansky (alternate), P. Hammond

Site walk: N/A

Seat Alternate Member

Armond: Alternate member Sue Hessel was seated for absent regular member Priscilla Hammond.

REGULAR MEETING

Harry Shettles, 106-2 Salem Rd., Tax Map 39 Lot 34; an application for the installation of a ground mount solar array and electrical power trench within a regulated area.

Present at the meeting were Harry and Jo Ann Shettles.

H. Shettles: The plan is to install a solar array on our property located at 106-2 Salem Road; the panels will be placed in an open field within a regulated area, best location for maximum sunlight. The location will be barely visible from the road. A trench will be dug with a ditch witted from the house to the location. (Photographs of the proposed area were presented and are part of the file) The solar array will be anchored with steel without concrete.

Armond: If boulders are obstacles when anchoring the array, the contractor may want to drill into the boulders.

H. Shettles: The soil is sand and gravel. The trench will be approximately 500 feet in length. No trees will be removed with the installation of the array. The project is being planned to be started in May 2018.

Armond called for questions or comments from the commission members, with there being none the motion was entertained to approve the application as presented.

Hessel moved the motion, Crowley seconded, and the motion was passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

The wetlands regulations and the timeline for the public hearing.

Gigliotti: Copies of the updated regulations were sent to all the adjacent municipalities and the DEEP, we are awaiting comments. The public hearing is scheduled for February.

NEW BUSINESS

Cutting on Joshua Lane

Hessel: There has been some cutting of trees along the water which was visible from a boat ride. (Photographs were shown to the commission.)

Armond: This was viewing previously; Gigliotti could take a look and get back to the commission.

APPROVAL OF OUTSTANDING MINUTES

A motion was made by Armond to approve the minutes of the December 2017 meeting. Crowther moved the motion, seconded by Hessel, and the minutes were accepted with 2 abstentions R. Dill & P. Crowley.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patsy Turner, Secretary