



LYME CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
INLAND WETLANDS and WATERCOURSE AGENCY

April 19, 2017, 7:00 p.m.

The Lyme Inland Wetlands Agency held a regular meeting on Wednesday April 19, 2017 at 7:00 p.m., Lyme Town Hall, 480 Hamburg Road, Lyme, CT.

**MEMBERS PRESENT** Paul Armond Chairman, Ben Kegley, Tom Reynolds, Priscilla Hammond, Pat Crowley, Sue Hessel (alternate), Bernie Gigliotti ZEO, and Patsy Turner Secretary.

Absent Members: S. Kurlansky (alternate), B. Crowther (excused), & R. Dill.

Site walk: 4/17/17, P. Armond

**Seat Alternate Member**

Armond: Alternate member Sue Hessel was seated for absent regular member Beverly Crowther.

**REGULAR MEETING**

**James and Kristen Shea 47 Cove Rd., Tax Map 26 Lot 31; an application for construction of a new septic system within a regulated area.**

Present at the meeting was Tom Metcalf, representing the applicants.

Metcalf: There was a site walk on the property this week. From last month the only outstanding issue was an updated letter from the Town Sanitarian; George Calkins has submitted a letter, dated March 6<sup>th</sup>, the required changes to the system have been made.

Armond read the section of Calkins' letter into the record; the plan is satisfactory for approval as submitted.

Reynolds entertained a motion to approve the application as submitted. The motion was seconded by Hessel and was passed unanimously.

**Tom and Wendy Miller, 107 Ferry Road, Tax Map 8 Lot 18; an application for excavation of a new foundation for reconstruction of a garage that was destroyed by fire all within a regulated area.**

Present at the meeting were Tom and Wendy Miller.

W. Miller: There was a fire in our garage and it was a complete loss; the plan is to rebuild a garage on the same footprint within a regulated area.

T. Miller: Erosion and sedimentation control will be installed and will surround the complete perimeter.

Armond: The structure is not only within the regulated area but part is within the wetlands. The preference is to move the footprint to the west and perhaps move closer to the road. The foundation will need to be completely removed due to the fire damage; this project will be a clean slate. Moving the structure closer to the road may require Zoning Board of Appeals approval.

T. Miller: The wetland is outside of the building location.

Armond: The onsite inspection showed tidal debris around the foundation pillars. There is enough land to move the structure slightly away from the wetland area.

Hessel: There is 56 feet on the western side, 51 feet to the southern side, and 24 feet to the east.

Reynolds: If an applicant were to come before this commission today with a new application to build this structure it would not be allowed.

T. Miller: There is not enough room on the other side of the road near the home to build a garage.

Reynolds: Can the driveway be shortened and to allow the movement of the structure closer to the road?

T. Miller: The structure is already non-conforming.

Gigliotti: The potential for relocating the "L" shaped piece of the existing structure was discussed; the area can be rotated toward the road with the same footprint dimensions then it would not

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require ZBA approval. The roof is the measured footprint, a one foot overhang is allowed. (The map on the computer was reference and viewed by Gigliotti)

W. Miller: The new structure will not to go back as far towards the wetlands, the deck can be rotated to the side.

Armond: Everything from the existing structure has to be removed due to the damage caused by the fire. This application is a clean slate and if the location of the structure can be improved the commission would prefer that.

T. Miller: The existing notch in the back of the structure would be removed, the notch would be moved to the front of the garage, and the entire structure would be 6 feet closer to the road.

Gigliotti: The little wing to the side could be wider.

Reynolds: Is a new plan required or is guidance suitable.

Armond: Gigliotti can monitor the progress of the project.

Reynolds entertained a motion to approve the application as modified with the changes being monitored by Mr. Gigliotti, Zoning Enforcement Officer.

Hammond seconded and the motion was granted unanimously.

**Gil and Maureen Johnson, 150 Ferry Road, Tax Map 4 Lot 5; discussion of removal of invasive species and debris along the water's edge of Whalebone Cove.** Postponed until next month.

**Gregory Melville 484 Joshuatown Rd Tax Map 8 Lot 3; an application for a restoration planting plan within a regulated area.**

Present at the meeting were Sue Fox and Gregory Melville.

Armond: This application has been viewed numerous times and the property has been visited. The plan has been explained and the details of the planting plan have been reviewed, there is an excellent consult helping with the project (Kathy Connelly).

Reynolds: All the concerns have been addressed and discussed.

Kegley: Where are we with the lighting on the walkway?

Gigliotti: The Planning and Zoning Commission approved the application with the motion sensor lighting subject to the Inland/Wetlands approval of the plan.

Armond: From looking at the plan the planting will sort themselves out, some will die some will thrive.

Melville: The only thing that will be removed from the plan is the rain garden; the wildflowers will continue down the area instead.

Armond: The plant list is wonderful.

Fox: Part of the application is the use of herbicides to retreat the invasives. Honeysuckle hand be removed by hand.

Armond entertained a motion to approve the application as presented. Hammond moved the motion; Hessel seconded the motion and was passed unanimously by all members present.

**OLD BUSINESS** N/A

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Meadows phragmites removal (Snarski)**

Snarski: Over 120 acres of phragmites have been chopped for this year. There was a discussion with the contractor while the spraying occurs that there is a need for a water supply; if the two ponds are deepened by three feet that will provide the fresh water. The excavated sand will be placed on the travel way of the road. The third pond's water levels will be left as is.

Armond: There is not an application required for making the ponds deeper.

**APPROVAL OF OUTSTANDING MINUTES**

A motion was made by Armond to approve the minutes of the March 2017, Crowley moved the motion and was seconded by Hessel, and the minutes were accepted with 1 abstention (P. Hammond).

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patsy Turner, Secretary