



LYME CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
INLAND WETLANDS and WATERCOURSE AGENCY  
March 15, 2017, 7:00 p.m.

The Lyme Inland Wetlands Agency held a regular meeting on Wednesday March 15, 2017 at 7:00 p.m., Lyme Town Hall, 480 Hamburg Road, Lyme, CT.

**MEMBERS PRESENT** Paul Armond Chairman, Roger Dill, Beverly Crowther, Ben Kegley, Tom Reynolds, Pat Crowley, Sue Hessel (alternate), Bernie Gigliotti ZEO, and Patsy Turner Secretary.  
**Absent Members:** S. Kurlansky (alternate), Priscilla Hammond (excused).

Site walk: no site walks due to snow.

**Seat Alternate Member**

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

**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.** 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.** Postponed until next month.

**David and Christine Lahm, 144 Bill Hill Road Tax Map 25 Lot 49; an application for renewal of an expired permit for construction of a garage within a regulated area. The permit was last renewed on March 17, 2010.**

Present at the meeting were David Lahm and prospective new owners of 144 Bill Hill Road.

Gigliotti: Certified mail receipts to neighboring properties were received.

Lahm: The house is under contract for sale.

Dill: Are there changes to the plan that was previously approved?

Lahm: The plan is exactly the same of what was presented and approved in 2010 and before. The map shows the addition to the home as a proposal, the addition is built.

Armond: The original permit was before the commission is 1990 and there was an approval in 2010?

Gigliotti: The original permit was not renewed so in 2010 it was in the form of a new application.

Reynolds: The plan for the garage was approved twice in the past.

Reynolds entertained a motion to approve the application as submitted for the renewal of an expired permit. Crowley seconded the motion.

Armond called for questions or comments on the motion.

Crowther: Why does the driveway have the bump out towards the house? What material is being proposed for the driveway surface?

Lahm: The want is to keep as much lawn area as possible which is why there is a turnaround area. The driveway surface will be permeable.

The motion was passed unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Simon**

Gigliotti: There was an onsite visit at the property on Grassy Hill Road, Tax Map 41 Lot 19, with Mr. Simon, Chris Hallahan (Contractor, and Stew Fairbanks (Angus and MacDonald). The work to

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date was reviewed; the processed material has been being place on the driveway area. Mr. Simon has gone to great effort to comply with the permit; the slope leading to the crossing has been cleared of trees, the silt fence is properly healed in and backed up with hay bales, extra silt fence was placed in areas of concern. The driveway was altered in location slightly to avoid two large Oak Trees. They are not down the slope as of yet. The crossing cannot start until after June. They will be crossing the water on foot to start clearing small trees.

Armond: The applicants were upfront from the beginning about what would occur before the crossing would start in June; the stock piling of materials, prep work, and clearing.

### **Melville**

Crowther: The plan that is being proposed is a huge undertaking and the progress should be documented closely.

Armond: That falls in the hands of the ZEO (Zoning Enforcement Officer).

Dill: There could be a biannual review?

Armond: The ability to do a site review is always on the table. Gigliotti can monitor during the planting season. The amount of plantings being proposed is amazing. The contractors hired give an extra assurance that the project will be completed as proposed. This commission's jurisdiction stops at the high tide line.

Dill: The Planning and Zoning Commission had the Melville application before them on Monday night and I was in attendance. The P&Z's prospective was they wanted a site visit, for the stairway with no lighting, not interested in the maintenance paths, and the shed details were not complete.

Armond: The thing to keep in mind with plants is that they grow where they want to grow; the area may look like a park at the beginning stage with the amount of planting which are being proposed but the area will grow out of the park look. A letter was received from an anonymous person who lives on Whalebone Cove, stating concerns with the Melville property. The Friends of Whalebone Cove are having their monthly meeting next week. This commission should be concerned with just the area under our jurisdiction.

The commission continued a discussion about concerns with the cove.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **APPROVAL OF OUTSTANDING MINUTES**

A motion was made by Armond to approve the minutes of the February 2017, Crowther moved the motion and was seconded by Reynolds, and the minutes were accepted with 2 abstentions (S. Hessel and P. Crowley).

#### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.  
Respectfully submitted,

Patsy Turner, Secretary