

LYME CONSERVATION COMMISSION
INLAND WETLANDS and WATERCOURSE AGENCY

November 15, 2017, 7:00 p.m.

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

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

Absent Members: S. Kurlansky (alternate), R. Dill, T. Reynold B. Crowther

Site walk: N/A

Seat Alternate Member

Armond: Alternate member Sue Hessel was seated for absent regular member Tom Reynolds.

REGULAR MEETING

Camp Claire, 15 Oakland Ave Tax Map 27 Lot1; an application for construction of a new stone retaining wall to replace the existing deteriorated wooden wall within Hamburg Cove and associated work within a regulated area.

Present at the meeting was Steve Mattson representing Camp Claire.

Armond called for questions or concerns with this application, the application was viewed last month and Mr. Neilson was told there was no need to attend this month's meeting due to the commission having asked all the necessary questions.

Crowley entertained a motion to approve the application as presented. Hessel seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Richard Snarski, Ely Ferry Road; an application for construction of a meadow sod hut within a regulated area.

Present at the meeting were Rich Snarski.

Snarski: The footprint of the building will be 11' X 20', 50 feet from the river (the location of the camper currently), and the vegetation on the roof will be identical to the plant species found in the meadow. There will be gables pushing out from the structure for the windows. An architect will design the post and beams structure to support the weight of the 8 inches of soil and sod on the roof. There were extreme high tides this month and the water did not reach our area in the meadow. The ground elevation on our property is 5.2.

Hammond entertained a motion to approve the application as presented, Crowley seconded, and the motion was passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS N/A

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion of the changes proposed for the wetlands regulations.

Turner: Armond and Gigliotti have copies of the most recent version of the edited regulations; the changes that commission members have requested and the new application form are included. At the end of the document there are maps attached; the maps are outdated and should they be replaced or removed?

Gigliotti: The giant wetlands maps were reduced and are very hard to use and/or read. We could remove the maps and simply state that the wetlands maps are available at the Lyme Town Hall for viewing during normal business hours. The wetlands map is not available on-line.

Armond: Windows 10 will not allow the wetlands maps to be opened on-line, it requires special software.

Gigliotti: Town of Lyme/New London County Connecticut Watercourses and Inland Wetlands Map is the name of the maps we are referring to that were attached to the old regulations.

Kegley: The maps are not accurate and every applicant needs surveying done by a wetlands/soil scientist as part of their application.

Armond: The original maps have never been revised since they were created.

The commission continued to discuss the maps.

Armond: The revised document has been read over by me, Turner, and Gigliotti, what should be done next? A public hearing can be set. As new state statutes are sent to the commission they should be incorporated on a yearly basis.

Gigliotti: The public hearing can be set for January 2018.

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Paul Armond was recused from this section of the meeting due to being an abutter to the Godley property. Priscilla Hammond was seated as the acting chairman.

Matt Godley, Mt. Archer Road, plans for new construction of house, studio, driveway, and septic system.

Present at the meeting was Matt Godley.

Hammond: Last month the information of this application was presented, is there a motion to approve the application as presented.

Crowley entertained a motion, Hessel seconded, and Hammond called for comments or questions on the application.

A vote was taken and the motion was passed.

Armond returned to the meeting as Chairman for the remainder of the agenda items.

The commission discussed a property on Blood Street and how Gigliotti had visited the site and the property is improved. The property was before the Zoning Board of Appeals for the relocation of a shed, but they were denied their variance.

APPROVAL OF OUTSTANDING MINUTES

A motion was made by Armond to approve the minutes of the October 2017.

Hessel moved the motion, seconded by Hammond, and the minutes were accepted.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patsy Turner, Secretary