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October 16, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

The Lyme Conservation Commission, acting as Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency, held a regular meeting on Wednesday October 16, 2019 at 7:00 p.m., Lyme Town Hall, 480 Hamburg Road, Lyme, CT.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Roger Dill, acting Chairman, Beverly Crowther, Patrick Crowley, Ben Kegley, Sue Hessel, Bernie Gigliotti, ZEO, Jennifer Thomas, Secretary

Absent Members: P. Armond, T. Reynolds, S. Kurlansky (alternate), and Christine Darnell (alternate)

Site Walks were performed by R. Dill, B. Kegley, and B. Crowther

**REGULAR MEETING**

**Tim Evans (George Lazos owner), 117 Beaver Brook Rd, Tax Map 37 Lot 25; an application for excavation to repair the foundation under an existing dwelling within a regulated area.**

Present at the meeting: Tim Evans, agent for George Lazos

Crowther recuses herself for this portion of the meeting.

Evans stated that he would like to repair the existing foundation and bring it up to a standard foundation. He currently has hay bales and a silt fence in place.

Dill asked Gigliotti if this was an enforcement action and Gigliotti stated that it was.

Dill asked Evans why he did not come in for permits prior to starting the project. Evans stated that he did not know what the condition of the building would be and was trying to uncover what needed to be done.

Dill questioned if Evans constructed a road on the property and Evans said he repaired it and built up the top to prevent wash out from the town road. Dill stated that his point was that this work was also done without a permit and Evans said that he did not realize he needed one.

Dill called for any thoughts from the members.

Kegley stated that during the site walk it looked like the applicant had the project stabilized.

Dill asked what Evans plans to do with the material excavated and where he will wash the cement truck.

Evans stated that all the material will be leaving the site and he can wash the truck into the bucket of his machine or another way so as to not wash the material into the wetlands.

Dill questioned if Gigliotti has received a letter from George Calkins, the Ledge Light Health District representative and Gigliotti said no.

Dill told the applicant that he will need to present next month with a letter from Mr. Calkins, and a plan including details on removal of material, truck wash out, and a remediation plan with planting details.

Dill confirmed with Gigliotti that certified mail receipts had been received by the abutters.

**George and Laura Mooney, 10 Ely Ferry Rd, Tax Map 25 Lot 8; an application for removal and replanting of plant material adjacent to an existing man-made pond.**

Present at the meeting: George and Laura Mooney and Rich Ballek, landscape consultant

G. Mooney stated that the plan is to replace overgrown and dead and dying plantings that have been there for 20-plus years. The current plantings are in many cases not natives and would be replaced with almost all native species to rejuvenate the pond.

The plan includes cutting back about 33% of the bank of the pond adjacent to the wetlands and pulling the weeds by hand and planting flowering plants, but not mechanically changing that area. The other 66% will be totally replanted with mostly native species.

Ballek stated that this will be a 4 or 5 day process. The brush will be cut down, the trunks and roots of the junipers will be pulled out via a rubber-wheeled tractor, and the area will be leveled off and replanted with native species, with the exception of the roses. There will be landscape fabric put down which will also help keep the bank in place with pine bark mulch on top. The plants are mostly in 2-3 gallon buckets.

Crowther asked when the applicant would like to complete the project and they stated as soon as approval is given, they would like to start.

Hessel asked how many plants are being put in. Ballek stated between 155-160 plants are being used. Dill questioned if any herbicide maintenance will be used and the applicant stated they do not plan to use any herbicides.

Dill called for a motion.

Crowther made a motion that in light of the complete documentation submitted and further information given by the applicant and consultant, the commission will accept the application as presented and permit the beginning of planting at the present time due to the time of year and will formally approve the application next month. Crowley seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**Adoption of Code; The Town's Regulations and Ordinances will be codified and consolidated into chapters and sections. The Town Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations included must be accepted by the Lyme Conservation Commission, acting as Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency.**

Dill read the material provided by Steven Mattson, First Selectman.

A portion of the minutes from the October 7, 2019 Planning and Zoning Commission meeting were read by Thomas, which further explained the reasoning behind the codification.

Dill called for a motion to accept the codification of the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations. Hessel made the motion, seconded by Crowley, and the motion passed unanimously.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Gigliotti stated that he and the Assistant ZEO will be going out to the Gautam property in the next few weeks to inspect the plantings that were completed last year.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **Approval of 2020 Meeting Schedule**

Dill entertained a motion to approve the 2020 meeting schedule as presented. Hessel made the motion, seconded by Crowley, and the motion passed unanimously.

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

Dill entertained a motion to approve the minutes from the September 2019 meeting. Crowther made the motion, seconded by Hessel, and the motion passed unanimously.

##### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Thomas, Secretary