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November 20, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

The Lyme Conservation Commission, acting as Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency, held a regular meeting on Wednesday November 20, 2019 at 7:00 p.m., Lyme Town Hall, 480 Hamburg Road, Lyme, CT.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Paul Armond, Chairman, Roger Dill, Tom Reynolds, Patrick Crowley, Beverly Crowther, Sue Hessel, Ben Kegley, Christine Darnell alternate, Ross Byrne ZEO, and Jennifer Thomas Secretary

Absent Members: Steven Kurlansky alternate

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 (second meeting).

Present: Tim Evans

Crowther recused herself from this portion of the meeting and Darnell was seat for Crowther. Evans presented the commission with a list of the proposed plantings.

Dill stated that the commission asked for a complete remediation plan. Dill would like the wetlands flagged by a soil scientist.

Crowley agreed that the commission was expecting a detailed plan with dimensions, etc.

Armond stated that the material provided was not sufficient and the commission will need more details.

Armond asked if the silt fence and hay bales were in place and Evans stated that they are in place.

Armond requested Byrne inspect the erosion controls to make sure they are correctly installed and Byrne stated that he will.

Kegley questioned the reasoning for the soil tests when it appears that the whole house may be in the regulated area.

Evans stated that he spoke with the sanitarian and he said he would write a letter.

Evans stated that he would like to get the approval and start working as soon as possible, and that no work has been completed since the site walk.

Dill asked if Evans dug the footings and Evans stated that he had not.

Armond questioned if the structure is habitable as it sits and Evans stated that it is habitable and he is living there now.

Reynolds suggested that the commission allow the applicant to continue with the foundation and come in at a later date with the remediation plan.

Kegley asked that Byrne show some examples of remediation plans to Evans and Byrne stated that he would.

Armond called for a motion to approve the construction of the foundation with the condition that Evans return at the January meeting with a site plan and remediation planting plan. Reynolds made the motion, seconded by Crowley and the motion passed unanimously.

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 (second meeting).

No one present on behalf of the applicant.

Crowther returned to the meeting.

Armond stated that he saw some problems with the application but understood that the work had already been completed.

Hessel stated that the work had to be completed before the seasons changed and the commission agreed to let the applicant begin the work following the last meeting.

Armond stated he was concerned about the pine bark mulch and pulling up the plants by the roots.

Armond asked Byrne to inspect the work and Byrne agreed.

Armond called for a motion. Dill made a motion to approve the plan as presented with the condition that inspections be completed by the enforcement officer every other month for the next six months to inspect the stabilization of the bank. Reynolds seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Koch Northeast LLC, 0 Avenue B, Tax Map 40.4 Lot 4; preliminary discussion on building a house with on-site septic within a regulated area.

Present: Bill Koch and Tom Metcalf, engineer

Metcalf presented a location map and proposed layout plan. He stated that Rich Snarski flagged the wetlands and the 100 and 150 foot setback lines were marked on the map. The lot is nonconforming and has been in existence in its current configuration since 1926.

Test holes were dug in July and shows the soil as sand and gravel. The proposal shows a well in the front corner of the lot and the proposed septic in the bank with the house situated towards the center.

Metcalf welcomed the commission to drive by the lot or hold a site walk to see the property and Armond agreed that would be a good idea.

After discussion, Armond stated that the applicant should go through the Zoning Board of Appeals process in order to finalize the plans and then come back to the commission with a formal application. A site walk can be scheduled at that time.

OLD BUSINESS-None

NEW BUSINESS-None

APPROVAL OF OUTSTANDING MINUTES

Armond entertained a motion to approve the minutes from the October 2019 meeting.

Crowther stated that the minutes should reflect that she re-entered the meeting after the

Evans portion of the meeting concluded. Hessel made a motion to approve the minutes with the correction stated by Crowther. The motion was seconded by Dill, and the motion passed with abstentions by Armond and Reynolds.

Crowther commented that her property neighbors the Tim Evan's property, and that she believes that her yard was made by filling in the wetlands. It may create a dilemma if a soil scientist goes out to flag the wetlands as finding where the wetlands begin may prove difficult.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Thomas, Secretary