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December 15, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

The Conservation Commission, acting as Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency, held a regular meeting on December 15, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the Lyme Town Hall, 480 Hamburg Road, Lyme CT 06371.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Roger Dill acting Chair, Patrick Crowley, Ben Kegley, Sue Hessel, Christine Darnell, Tom Reynolds, seated alternate Sue Cope, Ross Byrne ZEO, and Jennifer Thomas Secretary.

Absent Members: Jake Tiffany alternate

Dill called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Seat Alternate Member**

Alternate member Sue Cope was seated in the vacant regular member seat.

**Regular Meeting**

**Trevor and Melissa Fetter, 0 Joshua Lane, Tax Map 18 Lot 6; an application to construct a detached accessory apartment/personal office with septic. The structure encroaches into the 100 foot-upland review area and the septic is within the 150 foot setback.**

Present: Fern Tremblay PE, McDonald Sharpe & Associates, Attorney Edward Cassella Cloutier & Cassella, Chris Caulfield Caulfield & Ridgeway, and Richard Snarski, New England Environmental Services

Tremblay presented revised plans to the commission, which addressed some of the comments from the commission at the previous meeting.

Crowley asked how far the structure was to the wetlands and Tremblay stated it was 54.2 feet to the edge of the wetlands.

Tremblay reviewed the grading, the crushed stone swale under the second story deck, the subsurface stormwater infiltration system with grate and cleanout and the sedimentation and erosion control measures.

Crowley expressed concern approving the application as presented, stating the commission is being asked to approve a plan that helps the applicant achieve conformity on a vacant lot to the possible detriment of the second lot.

Reynolds said that the structure is closer to the wetlands than he would like.

Kegley stated that because of the contours of the ground, he does not believe that the building has any greater impact on the wetlands as presented than if it were to be moved farther away from the wetlands.

Dill questioned whether there were any plants of concern on the site and Snarski stated that there were none.

Cassella stated that the commission is not reviewing the lot size or shape factor in this application, but whether the project has an adverse impact on the wetlands, and that the grading and stormwater retention measures as well as the letter from Snarski all indicate that there will be no impact on the function or value of the wetlands.

Cope asked if an inquiry has been made to the Natural Diversity Data Base (NDDB) and whether the application would have a negative impact on the area. Tremblay replied that he will make an inquiry and ask for a finding from DEEP.

Crowley asked if leaf guards can be used on the gutters and Tremblay stated that the applicant would agree to that.

The commission discussed the letter from Ledge Light Health District (LLHD), which states they cannot give approval for the septic because the lot line change has not been finalized.

Dill called for a motion to approve the application as presented with the conditions that leaf guards be placed on the gutters, an approval letter is received by LLHD, and the NDDB findings indicate the activity will not have a negative impact on the area.

Darnell made the motion, seconded by Hessel, and the motion carried with Crowley opposed.

### **Elections**

#### **Election of Chair**

Dill called for nomination for the chair position. Reynolds made a motion to nominate Dill as Chair. Darnell seconded the motion.

Crowley made a motion to close the nominations and Hessel seconded the motion. The nominations were closed.

Dill called for a vote. Dill was voted in as chair with one abstention by Dill.

#### **Recommendation of Regular Member**

Dill stated that the Board of Selectmen would like a recommendation from the commission on who to appoint to fill the vacant regular member position. Dill nominated Cope, seconded by Darnell, and the commission agreed to recommend alternate Cope be appointed as a regular member.

#### **Election of Vice Chair**

Dill called for a nomination for the vice chair position. Hessel nominated Darnell, seconded by Reynolds. The vote was unanimous.

### **Old Business**

Dill reviewed the wording and plaque selection for the outgoing commission members and asked for feedback. The members approved the selection and Dill will move forward with the order.

## **New Business**

### **Approve the 2022 Meeting Schedule**

Dill suggested the November date be moved, and the commission agreed to adjust the meeting in November to November 9<sup>th</sup>. Dill called for a motion to approve the 2022 schedule as amended. Crowley made the motion, seconded by Hessel, and the motion carried.

Byrne updated the commission on several items of interest, including best practices for site visits and the commission discussed options on how to conduct site visits in the future. Also discussed was a potential new alternate member and a future application which will ask for a dock and a bridge to correct culvert washouts.

### **Approval of minutes from the November 17, 2021 meeting**

Dill called for a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Cowley made the motion, seconded by Hessel, and the minutes were approved with abstentions by Cope and Reynolds.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Thomas, Secretary