

**INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2015 – 7:00PM
NEW HARTFORD TOWN HALL – 530 MAIN STREET**

PRESENT: Chairman James Hall, Anne Hall, Nancy Schroeder Perez, James Chakulski, Lou Moscaritolo, Wayne Ryznar, Inland Wetlands Enforcement Officer Steve Sadlowski.

ABSENT: Troy LaMere.

Chairman James Hall called the meeting to order at 7:00PM. All regular members were seated for the meeting. The proceedings were recorded digitally, and copies are available in the Land Use Office in Town Hall.

1) PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A. Michael & Kimberly Cunningham – Special Exception – Map 09A – Block 111 – Lot 001 – 100 Pond Road – Rebuild Stone Wall That has Fallen Into Water. Level Land Between Stone Wall and Wooden Retaining Wall. Rebuild Wooden Retaining Wall With Stone. Redo and Expand Patio Area. Use Existing Bluestone and Add Pavers. Stairs With Railing Into Water. Curtain Drains Will Be Employed to Control Infiltration. Remove Stump.

Mr. Hall read the legal notice for the public hearing into the record and noted that it appeared in the Hartford Courant on October 23, 2015 and October 30, 2015. Mr. Hall noted that the commission would accept receipt of confirmation of notice of the public hearing to all abutting neighbors to the subject parcel via email directed to the land use clerical account the day following this hearing.

Mr. Michael Cunningham appeared before the commission, describing the work proposed at the site. Commissioners were provided with color photos of the existing site. He noted that he and his wife would like to have their hired mason push back the existing stone and re-laid into a retaining wall. He also explained that the current railroad retaining wall will be leveled off and remain a grassy area. Additionally the wooden retaining wall along the current patio would be replaced with stone. Mr. Cunningham noted that the stump would be removed and also replaced with the stone retaining wall. On the other end, the wall would be extended to the base of the steps, according to Mr. Cunningham. Sediment erosion controls included the installation of silt fence by the contractor, he added. Mr. Cunningham explained that the current wooden steps leading into the water would be replaced with stone steps along with a metal railing, too.

Ms. Anne Hall inquired about the current roof drain. It was noted that there is no change proposed to the drainage for the area near the green vegetation near the fence area that this roof downspout drains to. With regards to the downspout on the other end, Mr. Cunningham explained the flow pattern would not be changed for that either. Ms. Hall inquired as to how the retaining wall would be built and whether machinery would be employed. Mr. Cunningham noted that his contractor would be utilizing a mini excavator from above. Mr. Cunningham also confirmed that the wall would be dry-laid, with no concrete.

MOTION: Ms. Nancy Schroeder Perez, Mr. Wayne Ryznar second, **to close the public hearing in the matter of Michael & Kimberly Cunningham – Special Exception – Map 09A – Block 111 – Lot 001 – 100 Pond Road – Rebuild Stone Wall That has Fallen Into Water. Level Land Between Stone Wall and Wooden Retaining Wall. Rebuild Wooden Retaining Wall With Stone. Redo and Expand Patio Area. Use Existing Bluestone and Add Pavers. Stairs With Railing Into Water. Curtain Drains Will Be Employed to Control Infiltration. Remove Stump; unanimously approved.**

2) PENDING APPLICATIONS:

A. Michael & Kimberly Cunningham – Special Exception – Map 09A – Block 111 – Lot 001 – 100 Pond Road – Rebuild Stone Wall That has Fallen Into Water. Level Land Between Stone Wall and Wooden Retaining Wall. Rebuild Wooden Retaining Wall With Stone. Redo and Expand Patio Area. Use Existing Bluestone and Add Pavers. Stairs With Railing Into Water. Curtain Drains Will Be Employed to Control Infiltration. Remove Stump.

Discussion occurred noting that the application was straight forward and that this time of year, with the water drawn down, is an ideal time to perform such work.

MOTION: Ms. Schroeder Perez, Ms. Hall second, **to approve the application in the matter Michael & Kimberly Cunningham – Special Exception – Map 09A – Block 111 – Lot 001 – 100 Pond Road – Rebuild Stone Wall That has Fallen Into Water. Level Land Between Stone Wall and Wooden Retaining Wall. Rebuild Wooden Retaining Wall With Stone. Redo and Expand Patio Area. Use Existing Bluestone and Add Pavers. Stairs With Railing Into Water. Curtain Drains Will Be Employed to Control Infiltration. Remove Stump. Said application is subject to all of the commission’s regular conditions as well as a condition that the land use office receive via email copies of receipts confirming notice to all abutting land owners to the subject piece; unanimously approved.**

3) New APPLICATIONS:

None.

4) MEETING MINUTES: October 7, 2015

MOTION: Ms. Hall, Mr. Moscaritolo second, **to accept the October 7, 2015 Minutes; Ms. Hall, Mr. Moscaritolo, Mr. Chakulski, Mr. Ryznar voted aye, Ms. Schroeder Perez abstained; motion passed.**

5) INLAND WETLANDS OFFICER’S ENFORCEMENT REPORT:

Mr. Hall shared that he had recently been near the Ramstein Road project, noting that personally he did not observe any questionable activity. Mr. Sadlowski concurred, noting that appropriate silt fence had been installed.

6) CORRESPONDENCE:

None reported.

7) OTHER BUSINESS PROPER TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION:

Mr. Sadlowski reminded commissioners that Connecticut Association of Inland Wetland Commissions Annual meeting and environmental conference was approaching on Saturday, November 14, 2015 to be held at the Villa Capri in Wallingford.

MOTION: Mr. Moscaritolo, Mr. Chakulski second, **to adjourn at 7:20PM; unanimously approved.**

Respectfully submitted,

**Pamela A. Colombie
Recording Secretary**