

**New Hartford Inland Wetlands Commission
TOWN OF NEW HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, July 5, 2017 at 7:00 PM
New Hartford Town Hall
530 Main Street, New Hartford, Connecticut**

PRESENT: Chairman James Hall, Anne Hall, Lou Moscaritolo (7:14PM), Nancy Schroeder Perez and Steve Unger; and Inland Wetlands Officer Ruth Mulcahy.

ABSENT: Regina Wexler.

Chairman James Hall called the meeting to order at 7:05PM.

1. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None.

2. PENDING APPLICATIONS:

None.

3. NEW APPLICATIONS:

A. Martin F. & Roberta R. Seifert – Map 04A – Block – 112 – Lot 037A_38 – 704 West Hill Road – Removing Existing Dwelling & Replace With New Dwelling of Similar Size.

Tom Grimaldi, Project Engineer, of R.R. Hiltbrand Engineers & Surveyors, appeared before the Commission regarding this application. He submitted revised plans, noting that a balcony had been inadvertently left off of the previous drawings. Mr. Grimaldi reminded the Commission that his clients had received approval from this commission last fall for reconstructing the boathouse, removing debris from the lake, and creating a retaining wall and stairs into the lake. He also reminded the Commission that Mr. Seifert had recently received septic system approval, too. Mr. Grimaldi then reviewed what he characterized as a composite plan that included the work proposed through this application as well as the previously approved work.

He pointed out the location of the deck, noting that it is proposed to be located forty-two (42') feet from the lake. He showed the two existing dwellings to be removed and replaced, with the main house being relatively the same, but with an addition of a balcony. The closest point of the main house will be fifty-nine and one-half (59½') feet with the majority of it being seventy (70') feet off the lake, according to the plans.

The grading and sediment and erosion control plan was also reviewed with Mr. Grimaldi reporting that there was no increase to neither impervious surface nor run-off.

Landscape Architect Lisa Turoczi of Earth Tones presented her plans for stormwater management and provided details on the native plants to be used in the rain gardens on the site. She explained her method of breaking up the areas to treat water, so that it is absorbed before it ever meets the lake. Ms. Hall questioned the level of maintenance needed on the rain gardens. Ms. Turoczi noted that there is some maintenance but not a significant amount.

Mr. Unger noted that he would be recusing himself from this application as he is a next-door neighbor to the applicant and had previously contracted the engineering company.

Ms. Hall noted that a construction sequence detailing the demolition should also be included. Mr. Grimaldi indicated that one has been included. Ms. Mulcahy questioned whether the Commission would like an independent engineering review of the drawings. Mr. Hall indicated that they did not.

MOTION: Ms. Hall, Ms. Schroeder Perez second, to accept the application in the matter of Martin F. Roberta R. Seifert – Map 04A – Block – 112 – Lot 037A_38 – 704 West Hill Road – Removing Existing Dwelling & Replace With New Dwelling of Similar Size, deeming the activity to be significant and schedule a public hearing for the next regular meeting; Motion passed with Mr. Hall, Ms. Hall, Ms. Schroeder Perez, and Mr. Moscaritolo voting aye while Mr. Unger abstained.

B. Klaus Gorski/Applicant – Klaus J. & Carol J. Gorski/Owner – Map 023 – Block 034 – Lot 007 – 98 Bruning Road – Build a Three-Car Garage.

Klaus Gorski appeared before the Commission regarding this application. He explained that he is seeking to build a three-car garage on the front of his property, noting that he has a brook that bisects the entire property. Mr. Gorski reviewed a drawing of his property and explained that he has 270' of frontage. He went over the location of the brook, the home, the driveway, and noted that the setbacks used to be fifty (50') feet but have subsequently been changed to one hundred (100') feet. Mr. Gorski explained that he plans to have a slab foundation.

Mr. Gorski passed around pictures of the site. Ms. Mulcahy questioned whether there was any fill brought in. Mr. Gorski explained that he brought in three inches of process for roughly a six hundred, forty-two square feet area. The retaining wall on the site was reviewed. Ms. Mulcahy noted that the work had begun at this site and rather than issue a Cease and Desist, Mr. Gorski has presented with an application to both this Commission as well as the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Discussion ensued regarding whether there is enough information submitted with this application. The Commission noted that it is unclear what the distance is to the wetland soils or whether there even is wetland soils. It was noted that the Commission would like a survey delineating the topography as well as the wetlands.

MOTION: Ms. Schroeder Perez, Mr. Moscaritolo second, to accept the application in the matter of Klaus Gorski/Applicant – Klaus J. & Carol J. Gorski/Owner – Map 023 – Block 034 – Lot 007 – 98 Bruning Road – Build a Three-Car Garage, deeming the activity to be significant and schedule a public hearing for the next regular meeting; unanimously approved.

4. MEETING MINUTES – May 3, 2017:

Approval of the May 3, 2017 Minutes was tabled until the next meeting.

5. INLAND WETLANDS OFFICER'S ENFORCEMENT REPORT:

Ms. Mulcahy reported that she has received communication on the Carpenter Road Bridget and it was noted that there has not been any additional activity.

6. CORRESPONDENCE:

Copies of The Habitat published by CACIWC (Connecticut Association of Conservation and Inland Wetlands Commissions) were provided to the commissioners.

7. OTHER BUSINESS PROPER TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION:

None.

MOTION: Ms. Hall, Ms. Schroeder Perez second, to adjourn at 7:38PM; unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela A. Colombie
Recording Clerk