

**New Hartford Inland Wetlands Commission
TOWN OF NEW HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, July 7, 2021 at 7:00 PM
Via Online Platform ZOOM**

PRESENT: Chairman James Hall, Anne Hall, Karl Hermonat, Wayne Ryznar, Steve Unger, and Wetlands Agent Mike Lucas; Attorney Mark Branse.

ABSENT: Gerald Tabaka.

Chairman James Hall called the meeting to order at 7:00PM. The meeting was recorded digitally, and copies are available through Town Hall.

1. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None.

2. PENDING APPLICATIONS:

None.

3. NEW APPLICATIONS:

A. Town of New Hartford – Map 019 – Block 006 - Lot 011 – 125 Sabolcik Road – Pedestrian Trail Bridge.

A representative, hereinafter referred to as the applicant, from the New Hartford Land Trust appeared before the Commission regarding this application. He noted that the Land Trust was seeking to extend the trail system off their property on Sabolcik Road, a street off of East Cotton Hill Road. He explained that the proposal included installing a foot bridge across the stream. The applicant shared a rough sketch of the proposed bridge. He referred to the renderings included in the application, noting that the work was in the center portion of the southerly property and confirmed that no vehicles would traverse this bridge.

Ms. Hall questioned the dimensions of the foot bridge. The applicant shared the Land Trust's plan to install two 16"x8"x8" cinder blocks on each side of the sill for a total of four. The amount of excavating or digging would be limited to the amount necessary to set the blocks in, according to the applicant. Mr. Hall questioned whether there would be any activity in the stream itself. The applicant indicated that there would not be. He noted that the blocks will be set five feet back from the banks of the stream, noting that from bank-to-bank measures fourteen (14') feet. Ms. Hall, reporting that she is familiar with the area, indicated the banks to be very stable and very dry.

MOTION: Mr. Unger, Mr. Hermonat second, to accept the application in the matter of the Town of New Hartford – Map 019 – Block 006 - Lot 011 – 125 Sabolcik Road – Pedestrian Trail Bridge and to refer it to Michael Lucas for an agent determination; unanimously approved.

4. OTHER BUSINESS:

None.

5. MEETING MINUTES – May 5, 2021:

MOTION: Ms. Hall, Mr. Ryznar second, to approve the May 5, 2021 minutes; unanimously approved.

6. INLAND WETLANDS OFFICER'S ENFORCEMENT REPORT:

Mr. Lucas reminded the Commission that the application for a Dollar General on Main Street had been denied by the Planning and Zoning Commission but has since had an application resubmitted. He reported that the modifications were minor in scope and included the addition of two more parking

spaces and updates to the plans to reflect roof leaders. He noted that this followed significant changes that included shifting the location of the building and other items that had more of an impact but that had been reviewed by the Town's consulting engineer firm, Lenard Engineering. Mr. Lucas indicated that these current changes had been forwarded on to Lenard Engineering again and that Professional Engineer Todd Parsons had indicated that there would be no impact. Mr. Lucas explained that the attorney for the developer had requested that the engineer's findings be part of the record. Mr. Hall concurred that if there were no significant changes, then there was nothing for this Commission to go back to and review.

Mr. Unger questioned what the changes to the drainage from the roof were about. Mr. Eucolitio, a representative of the applicant, was present and explained that the proposal had previously included a flatter roof but that a peaked gable roof style had been added to the front. Because the roof leaders on the front had not been shown, they were added. Mr. Eucalito explained that all the water from the front of the building is tied into the drainage that is underground.

Mr. Lucas updated the Commission on recent agent approvals, including one for a rock retaining wall at 225 Steele Road. He noted that the work was 85' from the brook in that area but reported silt fence had been installed for the whole site as well as hay bales at the top. Additionally, an agent approval was issued for a privacy fence between 112 Pond Road and 114 Pond Road.

Mr. Lucas reported an agent approval for 670 West Hill Road for the installation of a patio utilizing blue stone with crushed rock underneath to keep it as pervious. He noted that another smaller one had also been installed on the parcel adjacent to 606 West Hill Road.

Mr. Lucas indicated that there had been many driveways done at West Hill Lake. He reminded the Commission on the updates that had been approved to the Zoning Regulations which revised the former prohibition on paving of driveways. With the revised Zoning Regulations, driveways can now be paved so long as stormwater management is addressed, according to Mr. Lucas. He explained that the paving company had begun work without contacting his office. Contact was made with the contractor who walked the driveway with staff to point out where drainage problems were going to be corrected, according to Mr. Lucas.

Mr. Lucas noted that observed improvements included directing flow of water to raingardens.

7. CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

MOTION: Ms. Hall, Mr. Ryznar second, to adjourn at 7:27PM; unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Pamela A. Colombie
Recording Clerk