

**TOWN OF NEW HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT
INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION MINUTES
Wednesday, March 2, 2016 at 7:00 PM
Town Hall – Senior Center, Third Floor
530 Main Street, New Hartford, Connecticut**

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

ABSENT: James Chakulski.

1. PUBLIC HEARING:

A. Cheryll L. Leppert – Map 06A, Block 112, Lot 57-58, 114 Camp Workcoeman Road – Repairs to Existing Dock – Building New Dwelling in Same Location as Existing Structure, Septic Being Placed Between House and Lake.

Attorney William Tracy of 43 Bellevue Avenue, Bristol appeared before the commission regarding this application. Attorney Tracy reported that the project engineer has decided that he needed some additional soils tested and as a result is waiting for some data. Attorney Tracy also confirmed that the file includes the necessary certificates of mailing to the abutters of the subject piece. He also noted that the file includes the Farmington Valley Health District letter. Attorney Tracy submitted a correspondence for the file, requesting a continuance of the public hearing until the April meeting to allow time to respond to the findings of the engineering report.

MOTION: Ms. Anne Hall, Mr. Wayne Ryznar second, **to continue until the April meeting the matter of Cheryll L. Leppert – Map 06A, Block 112, Lot 57-58, 114 Camp Workcoeman Road – Repairs to Existing Dock – Building New Dwelling in Same Location as Existing Structure, Septic Being Placed Between House and Lake; unanimously approved.**

B. Town of New Hartford – Carpenter Road – Replace Carpenter Road Bridge With a Concrete Box Culvert and Concrete Wingwalls and Headwalls – New Bridge Will be 22'0" wide (Curb to Curb) Which Allows for 9-Foot Lanes and 2-Foot Shoulders Which Will Allow for Two-Way Traffic.

Todd Parsons, P.E., of Lenard Engineering appeared before the commission regarding this application. Ms. Hall noted for the record her involvement in writing the historic mitigation report for the old bridge but has not been involved with the plans for the new bridge. Additionally, she noted that she is a contractor for the MDC. She noted that neither circumstance should pose a conflict of interest. Mr. Parsons reviewed the entire set of plans which included:

- a map of conditions noting the gray area as the pavement, the blue area as the water course, and the green area as the wetlands;
- relocation of power lines, showing them to be relocated to the upstream side;
- demolition plan;
- general plan of reconstruction;
- profile of the road, using an exaggerated scale;
- cross sections ;
- elevation view looking at the bridge, showing handrails on top of either parapet wall on each side;
- profile through the bridge;
- construction details;
- temporary impact of work as it relates to the wetlands noting that the tan areas mark the location of the coffer dams which will be used to isolate the work areas and allow the

stream to bypass. He noted the location of the containment boom, equipment storage area for re-fueling, the concrete containment for wash-up for concrete trucks after pourings for footings, and the stock pile areas on Dings Road;

- narrative for water handling and spill prevention;
- erosion control narrative and sedimentation management;
- replanting plan;

Mr. Parsons noted that permits have been secured from D.E.E.P. (Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection) and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. He noted that pursuant to comments received from D.E.E.P., a couple of changes to tree species have been made. Mr. Parsons also acknowledged receipt of comments from MDC and noted that all but two of their suggestions have been met: to restrict refueling to one hundred (100') feet from the watercourse and/or wetlands and to be included among the invitees at the pre-construction meeting. Mr. Parsons noted that the restriction can be met in terms of the watercourse but it is not achievable to be that distance from the wetlands. He noted that they will be included for the meeting.

Mr. Ryznar questioned the benefits between the cast in place and the precast alternative. Mr. Parsons noted that the cast in place might allow the wingwalls to be perpendicular to the road, which might result in a very minor reduction to the permanent impact.

Mr. Hall noted for the record that the public hearing was advertised the requisite two times in the local newspaper. He also acknowledged receipt of notice of the hearing to the abutting land owners to the subject parcel.

Mr. David Joseph Jackson of 110 Turnbull Road questioned whether this design will address the damming action that occurs at this bridge. Mr. Parsons noted that a study of this determined that the flood plain is considerably higher than road surface and to try to resolve this issue would be prohibitively expensive. He explained that to correct this would result in more water downstream and flooding different areas.

Ms. Karen Nelson of 57 Stedman Road sought clarification as to whether flooding will continue at this bridge. Mr. Parsons noted that there will not be a change in the flooding at this location.

Ms. Hall questioned what type of precautions for flooding during construction will be taken. Mr. Parsons noted that the coffer dams are designed for up to a 50 year flood level. He noted that generally the worst case would be a flooding of the inside of the coffer dam. Very large sand bags would also be utilized, according to Mr. Parsons. He also noted that the details provided in the contract documents regarding the water handling are part of the precautions.

Ms. Joanne Jackson of 110 Turnbull Road questioned when the construction process for this bridge would begin and end. Mr. Parsons explained that there is a three month build-up which would allow time for the pre-cast shop drawings to be submitted and approved and the relocation of the utilities. Then a very busy month of intense work with the installation of the culverts and wingwalls followed by seeding and cleanup work would likely finish a five month project, according to Mr. Parsons.

Ms. Wexler confirmed that a full-time superintendent would be on site pursuant to the MDC's request. Mr. Parsons noted that the contractor would provide one. Ms. Wexler also questioned whether there would be any weekend work. Mr. Parsons noted that the current contract documents indicate that there would not be unless weather was a factor and work was needed to prevent any kind of problems.

MOTION: Ms. Hall, Ms. Nancy Schroeder Perez second, **to close the hearing in the matter of Town of New Hartford – Carpenter Road – Replace Carpenter Road Bridge With a Concrete Box Culvert and Concrete Wingwalls and Headwalls – New Bridge Will be 22'0" wide (Curb to Curb) Which Allows for 9-Foot Lanes and 2-Foot Shoulders Which Will Allow for Two-Way Traffic; unanimously approved.**

2. PENDING APPLICATIONS:

A. Cheryll L. Leppert – Map 06A, Block 112, Lot 57-58, 114 Camp Workcoeman Road – Repairs to Existing Dock – Building New Dwelling in Same Location as Existing Structure, Septic Being Placed Between House and Lake.

This application was continued to the next meeting.

B. Town of New Hartford – Carpenter Road – Replace Carpenter Road Bridge With a Concrete Box Culvert and Concrete Wingwalls and Headwalls – New Bridge Will be 22'0" wide (Curb to Curb) Which Allows for 9-Foot Lanes and 2-Foot Shoulders Which Will Allow for Two-Way Traffic.

MOTION: Ms. Schroeder Perez, Ms. Hall second, **to approve the application in the matter of Town of New Hartford – Carpenter Road – Replace Carpenter Road Bridge With a Concrete Box Culvert and Concrete Wingwalls and Headwalls – New Bridge Will be 22'0" wide (Curb to Curb) Which Allows for 9-Foot Lanes and 2-Foot Shoulders Which Will Allow for Two-Way Traffic subject to all standard conditions as well as the recommendations put forth in a correspondence dated February 29, 2016 from the MDC with the exception of "...no refueling of equipment or machines within 100 feet of the wetlands..."; unanimously approved.**

3. NEW APPLICATIONS:

No business discussed.

4. MEETING MINUTES: February 3, 2016

MOTION: Ms. Hall, Mr. Lou Moscaritolo second, **to approve the February 3, 2016 Minutes; Motion passed with Ms. Hall, Ms. Wexler, Mr. Hall, Mr. Moscaritolo, and Mr. Ryznar voting aye while Ms. Schroeder Perez abstained.**

5. INLAND WETLANDS ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT:

Inland Wetlands Zoning Enforcement Officer Steve Sadlowski reported that the erosion control work at Brodie Park had been undertaken and that his review of it revealed no issues. First Selectman Dan Jerram reported that Ruth Mulcahey has been hired as the new Inland Wetlands Enforcement Officer and will begin work on Monday, March 7, 2016.

6. CORRESPONDENCE:

No other correspondence was reported as received beyond the one from the MDC regarding the Carpenter Road Bridge and the one from Attorney Tracey requesting a continuance of the public hearing on the Leppert application.

7. OTHER BUSINESS PROPER TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION:

No other business was discussed.

MOTION: Ms. Hall, Ms. Schroeder Perez second, **to adjourn at 7:40PM; unanimously approved.**

Respectfully submitted,

**Pamela Colombie
Recording Secretary**