



Town of Lebanon
INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
Monday, December 6, 2021
7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Members Present: James McCaw (Chairman), Carl Bender, Jim Hallene, Robert Slate, John Drum, Jim Bender
Members Absent: Dennis Latchum, Dean Gustafson, Michelle Trani
Others Present: Philip Chester (Town Planner), Catherine McCall (minutes)

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman James McCaw at 7:00 pm.

II. OLD BUSINESS

- a. IW-21-25: Matthew Grabber/Grabber Construction LLC (applicant), Michele and Robert Millham (owners) 219 Lake Shore Drive, Assessors Map 101, Lot 7. Removal and replacement of retaining wall at shoreline. P. Chester conducted site walk and explained what he saw.

Motion made by J. Bender to approve IW-21-25. Motion seconded by J. Hallene and carried unanimously.

III. NEW BUSINESS

- a. IW-21-27: Klaus Larsen, Trumbull Highway, Assessors Map 235, Lot 34. Construction of single-family home. J. McCaw recused himself from this discussion and left the meeting table.

Susan Mattern, licensed surveyor presented. Total acreage of property is 50.6 acres. Ms. Mattern has surveyed 13 acres on which the home and driveway are proposed to be located. There are significant State designated wetlands – approximately ten (10) acres. Some of these areas also qualify as wetlands under Federal standards. As per Ms. Mattern, soil scientist Rich Starsky has studied the site and concurs with her findings. Where the driveway will cross the wetlands there will be geotextile installed on top of the soil which will be covered with gravel and then asphalt. There will be no digging into wetlands areas except for the installation of underground utilities. There will be a total impact to wetlands of 9,600 square feet. Sedimentation and erosion control will be implemented.

R. Slate asked Ms. Mattern why there was separate designations for wetlands under State and Federal guidelines. Westley Wentworth, Wentworth Civil Engineers stated that the Army Corps of Engineers rates wetlands based on a study of soils, vegetation, and hydrology, whereas the State only looks at soil types. C. Bender asked if they are expecting to have to drain a large amount of ponding water, as the drainage specification appears to suggest this. He noted that

there appears to be a significant swale on the property and Mattern stated that there is quite a bit of water flowing through that area most times. J. Bender said that he feels the Commission should have a site walk of the property and it was agreed that the Commission would schedule a site walk for December 15, 2021 at 2:00 p.m., with a rain date of December 18, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

- b. IW-21-28: Graywall Farms (Lincoln Chesmer), Exeter Road, Assessors Map 245, Lot 18.001. Construction of lined liquid manure storage facility. J. McCaw rejoined the commission.

Wesley Wentworth, Wentworth Civil Engineers presented. Lincoln Chesmer was also present. Wentworth gave an overview of the property and plan. They are proposing a liquid manure pit to hold approximately one million gallons in what is currently an open corn field. The driveway will be a hammerhead gravel turnaround. There will be no activity in the wetlands area. The basin will be lined with membrane to prevent seepage into groundwater.

J. Bender asked how much soil would be excavated and how it would be used. Wentworth said it would be used to create berms around the pit and excess would remain on property. C. bender inquired about specifics for spillways around the pit. Wentworth explained that there would be swales around the pit with a 25-year storm safety rating. P. Chester noted that a letter from the Dept. of Agriculture is required for project as State holds conservation easement on property and Mr. Chesmer noted he has the letter. C. Bender asked about the process for agitation and pumping of the product and Mr. Chesmer explained how it was done.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. November 1, 2021

Motion made by R. Slate to approve the November 1, 2021 meeting minutes. Motion seconded by J. Bender. It was agreed that the minutes should be corrected to say that Michelle Trani and Dennis Latchum were absent. Motion carried with the noted correction unanimously.

V. TOWN PLANNER REPORT

412 Deepwood applied for demolition permit for cottage which was approved by the Building Office and should have come before Inland Wetlands. Silt fence has since been requested and is in place. They have since applied for a building permit to replace the house and Mr. Chester will issue buffer permit #IW-21-26.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by J. Bender to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 p.m. Motion seconded by R. Slate and unanimously carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted,
Catherine McCall