

*Town of Killingworth
Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission
Killingworth, Connecticut 06419*

Regular Meeting #23-8

August 8, 2023

Chairman Glenn Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Members present: G. Johnson, C. Plum, C. Reimers, E. Pizzuto,

Members absent: D. Cutillo, T. Doyle

Visitors: Enforcement Officer Leo Bombalicki, Michael Berkun (agent for the owner), Shelly Compstone, Paul Pitts (Father of prospective Eagle Scout Ethan Pitts).

MINUTES

Members voted to accept the minutes of the June 12, 2023 Regular Meeting. *C. Reimers, C. Plum and E. Pizzuto voted in favor.*

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. IWC Number W10-23-Sheldon Park Pone Route 80 dock permit application, construction of a fishing dock/pier overlook at the edge of pond at Irene Sheldon Park, Map Number 28, Lot Number 020F (New application).**

It is to be noted that this is an Eagle Scout Project endorsed by the Park and Recreation Commission. Ethan Pitts the prospective eagle scout was present and presented details of the dock design to the commission. The dock was to have a 10' x 16' foot print and was to be installed at the edge of the water line of the pond existing at the western end of the park at the location of the paved handicap ramp. The dock was to be constructed concrete piers extended below the frost line, pressure treated framing and composite material decking. A railing will also be provided.

Civil Engineer Mark Harken expert will provide engineering consultation as necessary.

C.Plum questioned as to the material of the piers. E. Pitts replied that the piers would be poured concrete sonotube type footings.

Application may be further discussed and voted on next month.

- 2. IWC Number W11-23-Roast Meat Hill Road Map 38 Lot 39A Proposal to subdivide the existing lot into 5 Lot Conservation Subdivision (New application).**

It is to be noted that this had originally passed at our February 14, 2023 Regular Meeting (Application #W2-23, Michael Berkun 6 lot Conservation Subdivision) with 5 voting in favor, 1 opposed and 1 abstention. The condition of approval was that the applicant would have to come back with application for lot plot plans.

Robert Doane engineer for the applicant explained that the Planning and Zoning Commission requested regulatory changes be made to the application necessitating a 5 lot subdivision with some minor modifications to some of the property lines. He further explained that there is one previously approved wetland crossing that may have a wetland impact and proposed activity within the 100 foot upland review area as some on the drawings. This application is only for the approval of the 5 lots. An additional application is will be submitted for the 5 individual plot plans.

It was noted that the previous driveway crossing to the existing stream was eliminated and the a different leaching field design resulted in the amount of fill being placed in the 100 foot upland review area had been reduced to the absolute minimum.

Mr. Doane made the request that we look at the current application as an amendment to that previously approved in February 2023. A subsequent review of our regulations indicated that the same procedures used for an amendment would be as the requirements for a new application which was done. It does not outline under what conditions the amendment would or could be accepted. A query of the all the commissioners indicated that they would still be in favor of the 30 tabling process for review. Michael Berkun also made the plea to treat this application as an amendment and therefore consider approval at this meeting. This plea was denied.

3. IWC Number W12-23-Roast Meat Hill Road Map 38 Lot 39A Proposal to modify existing building into a one bedroom house with sanitary system, and underground power and well (New application).

Robert Doane engineer presented plans for an addition to the existing farm house and the construction of a future barn. This was all to occur within the 100 foot review area.

E.Pizzuto questioned as to the depth of the shallow depth of groundwater throughout the site. It was stated that the time of our field walk, the depth of groundwater was measured at a depth of 18" and that this was the criteria used to prepare a preliminary design for approval by the Health Department.

Again the plea was for to treat this as an amendment to the February, 2023 application. This was again denied.

OTHER

At our July, 2023 meeting it was brought to our attention by an unknown whistle blower that a dock consisting of wooden pallets had been placed along the bank of the Hammonasett River located off of River Road. It had been stated that the dock has since disappeared whether by flood conditions or removal by property owners is unknown.

Wood Chip filling in regulated area of Alpaca Farm located on south side of River Road. Enforcement Officer Leo Bombalicki indicated that he had visited the site and meet with the owner with concern of the wood chips being accumulated at the site. The owner was vary cooperative and granted permission to inspect at any time with notification to him. It was indicated that the wood chips had been properly graded and no longer posed a problem.

COMMUNICATION

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to discuss, members voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Glenn Johnson



Glenn A. Johnson, Chairman