

**TOWN OF NEW CANAAN, CONNECTICUT
INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
MONDAY, November 16, 2009**

TOWN HALL- Board Room 7:30 PM

REGULAR MEMBERS PRESENT:

**Mr. Stepanek, Chairman
Mr. Begoon
Mr. Dobbyn
Dr. Englund
Mr. Tonkovich, Acting Secretary**

REGULAR MEMBERS ABSENT:

**Ms. Turrentine
Mr. Tiefenthaler**

ALTERNATE MEMBERS PRESENT:

**Mr. Blauvelt
Mr. Kinne
Mr. Pauley**

ALTERNATE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Also in Attendance:

Kathleen Holland, Agent

1. Chairman Stepanek called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Tonkovich was appointed Acting Secretary.
2. Roll Call. Mr. Kinne was seated for Ms. Turrentine and Mr. Pauley was seated for Mr. Tiefenthaler.
3. The Agenda was unanimously approved upon motion of Dr. Englund and second of Mr. Tonkovich.
4. The Minutes of the Regular Meeting on October 19, 2009 were unanimously approved upon motion of Dr. Englund and second of Mr. Pauley.
5. The Schedule of Meetings – 2010 was unanimously approved upon motion of Dr. Englund and second of Mr. Pauley.

The following applications were received and scheduled for the December 21, 2009 meeting:

6. **Application Number 09-52** – 98 Millport Avenue – Evonne Watanabe. To conduct a mitigation activity for grading and filling within wetlands setbacks. Gary Orelup, Architect, Agent.
7. **Application Number 09-53** – 159 and 207 Lost District Drive – Veronique Lee and Carol R. Peisinger – Dredge sediment from portion of pond. Richard Pippenger, Agent.
8. **Application Number 09-54** – 584 Old Stamford Road – James G. and Nancy C. Nancarrow – Restoration of eroded watercourse embankments. Creation of plunge pools. Excavate slit. Mike Pastore, Town of New Canaan, Agent

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING

9. **Application Number 09-47** – 47 Jelliff Mill Road - 47 Jelliff Mill LLC. Redevelopment of property to include reconstruction of existing building with a slight expansion of parking area and planting of a vegetated buffer. Environmental Land Solutions, LLC – Agent. (No discussion).

Hearing postponed to December 21, 2009 Public Hearing Meeting.

ADJOURN PUBLIC HEARING

OPEN REGULAR MEETING

10. **Application number 09-45** – 720 West Road – John A. and Valaer V. Goodrich. To repair the existing stone spillway at the southeastern end of the pond and remove debris. Keith E. Simpson Associates Inc. - Agent.

Keith Simpson, Agent, presented the application, provided photographs and explained that a very small amount of water flows into the pond from West Road, but that over time the spillway has become unraveled at each end. Because of this deterioration, the flow has changed and causes further breakdown of the bank. Repairs include extension of the dam into the bank on each side up to six feet.

Upon motion of Mr. Tonkovich and second of Dr. Englund, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the application with the condition that the applicant remove accumulation of leaves and sand from the watercourse to the north of Dan's Highway to existing Farmers Crossing.

11. **Application Number 09-46** – 60 Bowery Road – Greg and Renee Mellas. Mitigation application for work without a license. Jay Fain & Associates, LLC – Agent.

Victoria Landau, Jay Fain & Associates, LLC, presented the application and answered questions from the Commission. A back wooded area was clear cut and wood chips spread into the wetlands and across the hillside. There is a steep slope to the property down to the Noroton River. The solution is to replant the property including the wetland area and create an additional buffer. Fifty trees are proposed to be planted. Work is proposed to begin as soon as possible and before the ground freezes. Mr. Pauley, a licensed arborist since 1974, discussed with Ms. Landau the choice of plantings proposed.

Upon motion of Mr. Tonkovich and second of Mr. Pauley, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the application, with the conditions that: the trees planted have a three-year warranty and that the homeowner has an inspection done by a licensed arborist by mid-May and again in early November with a progress report back to Ms. Holland, for the life of the license - 5 years.

Agent Report – Administrative Actions

12. **License number 09-40a** – 58 Greenley Road – Mark and Janet Mitchell. To rebuild existing stone wall along Greenley Road. APPROVED.
13. **License Number 09-41a** – 73 Lake Wind Road – Anthony and Patricia Ricciardi. To allow removal of existing driveway and reconstruct within 50' wetland setback with associated site improvements. APPROVED.
14. **License Number 09-42a** - 122 Rocky Brook Road - Staale H. and Clara M. Hansen. Demolish and reconstruct new garage, reconstruct front stone patio, repave driveway with associated landscaping activities including underground utility trench for lamp post lighting. Morgan Builders – Agent. APPROVED.
15. **License Number 09-48a-** 613 New Norwalk Road - Joseph and Geraldine Kinahan. To repair the septic system within wetland setback. Dean E. Martin, P.E. – Agent. APPROVED.
16. **License Number 09-49a-**116 Adams Lane - Edwin M. and Suzanne M. O'Connor. To extend lawn to correct steep grade behind house, add new plantings, expand existing deck, and install new bluestone terrace and fieldstone walls. Michael Mushak – Agent. APPROVED.
17. **License Number 09-50a-** 58 Stonehenge Drive – Craig and Marie Miller. To construct timber deck off of house at first story with masonry fireplace. Matthew Biron – Agent. APPROVED.
18. **License Number 09-51a-** 1106 Smith Ridge Road – Louis R. and Elizabeth Deluca. To allow proposed pool within wetland setback. APPROVED.

Request for Modifications/Transfers/Extensions Commission action required:

19. None.

Other

20. Conservation Commission – next meeting scheduled for December 10, 2009.
Mr. Stepanek will attend.

21. DEP Segment 3 training and CACIWC annual meeting - report from those who attended. Ms. Holland extended hers thanks for being nominated and receiving the award for Inland Wetlands Director of the Year.

22. NEMO “Roles and Responsibilities of Land Use Commissions” Workshop
January 12, 2010 (snow date January 14, 2010).

Adjourn

Upon motion of Mr. Pauley and second of Mr. Tonkovich, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Attest: Eugene Tonkovich, Acting Secretary