SHERMAN INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSE COMMISSION
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
AUGUST 19, 2014

PRESENT: Tom Zinn, Chairman, David Schneider, Linda Berger, Frank Galasso, Mickey Goldfine, Hank VonAncken, Enforcement Officer Ron Cooper, Trish Viola, Clerk.

ABSENT: Mike Humphreys, Ernie Dech.

Chairman Zinn called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

I. SITE WALKS – AUGUST 4, 2014
Peter Sylvester – 12 Orchard Beach Road – Application # 16-14
(Remove & Replace blue stone all within the established area).
Ray Haller - 43 Sunset Drive – Stop Work Order
(Tree clearing, land excavation & depositing wood chips).
Carol Royal – 70 Route 55 West – Application # 14-14
(Construct two 8x8 Barns all within the established review area).

SITE WALKS – AUGUST 11, 2014
Gloria Chiesi – 29 Deer Run Trail – Violation # 05-12
(Construction of a sea wall, patios, retaining walls and stairs in an established upland review area without the required permit/license).
Robert & Jean Wahl – 6 Lake Shore Woods Road – Application # 15-14
(Install retaining walls, raise driveway, stepping stones, deck, stairs and hot tub all within the established review area).

II. OLD BUSINESS:
1. Carol Royal – 70 Route 55 West – Application # 14-14
(Construct two 8x8 Barns all within the established review area)
Ms. Royal left a message stating she is unable to attend the meeting. Chairman Zinn read into the record the minutes of the site walk. Commissioners had no concerns regarding the location of the barns. Commissioner Goldfine made a motion to approve this application, seconded by Commissioner Berger. Motion passed unanimously. Granted.

2. Robert & Jean Wahl – 6 Lake Shore Woods Road – Application # 15-14
(Install retaining walls, raise driveway, stepping stones, deck, stairs and hot tub all within the established review area).
Mr. Robert Wahl and agent, Ms. Catherine Cooke of Spring Lake Garden Design attended the meeting. Chairman Zinn read into the record the minutes of the site walk. Commissioners questioned what type of erosion controls would be used. Mr. Wahl stated that they would be hay bales and silt fence. Commissioners had concerns regarding the retaining wall. Ms. Cooke explained to the Commissioners that the retaining wall will be built using a unilock system. Ms. Cooke also stated that she had submitted a plant list for all shrubs. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Berger made a motion to approve this application with the following conditions: (1) permit on site during construction – (2) contact Enforcement Officer Cooper before starting work – (3) all erosion controls to be in place and approved by Enforcement Officer Cooper – (4) a response letter from the Natural Diversity Data Base must be obtained prior to starting work – (5) all shrubs to be planted per list submitted. Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Granted.
3. **Peter Sylvester – 12 Orchard Beach Road – Application # 16-14**
   (Remove & Replace Blue Stone all within the established area).

   Mr. Peter Sylvester attended the meeting. Chairman Zinn read into the record the minutes of the site walk. Clerk Trish Viola told Commissioners that we received a response letter from the Natural Diversity Data Base with no issues. Chairman Zinn asked Mr. Sylvester to show on the plan where the erosion controls are to be placed. Mr. Sylvester revised the plan showing the erosion controls. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Schneider made a motion to approve this application with the following conditions: (1) permit on site during construction – (2) contact Enforcement Officer Cooper before starting work – (3) all work to be done by hand – (4) silt fence to be installed for erosion controls, as revised on plan at meeting dated 8-19-14- (5) owner responsible for work being done on his property above the 440’ line and not on First Light property. Motion seconded by Commissioner Goldfine. Motion passed unanimously. Granted.

III. **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Town of Sherman Park & Rec-Veterans Field-Saw Mill Rd. – Application # 19-14**
   (Replace rotted benches at Tennis Courts all within the established area).

   Mrs. Fran Frantti, Director of Park & Rec. and Mr. Kyle Thomson from the Boy Scouts attended the meeting. Mrs. Frantti explained to the Commissioners what they would like to do. Commissioner Galasso made a motion to have Enforcement Officer Cooper administratively approve this application. Commissioner Berger seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

2. **Peter Kuring – 5 Coote Hill Road – Application # 20-14**
   (Removing trees, bushes, plant shrubs along lake & install floating dock all within the established review area).

   Clerk Trish Viola told Commissioners that Mr. Kuring was unable to attend the meeting. Commissioners reviewed the plan, and scheduled a site walk for 9-6-14. Will be on next month’s agenda.

3. **Clifford Butscher – 11 Old Forest Road – Application # 21-14**
   (Construct New Single Family Dwelling, Well, Septic, Driveway & associated grading all within the established review area).

   Clerk Trish Viola told Commissioners that Mr. Paul Szymanski, Agent of Arthur H. Howland & Assoc. was unable to attend the meeting. Commissioners reviewed the plan and scheduled a site walk for 9-6-14. Will be on next month’s agenda.

IV. **REVIEW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT:**

   **PERMITS – EXTENSIONS – ANY VIOLATIONS:**

   **Violations:**

   **Gloria Chiesi – 29 Deer Run Trail – Violation # 05-12**

   Mr. Peter Young attended the meeting representing Ms. Chiesi. Chairman Zinn read into the record the minutes of the site walk. Mr. Young submitted a revised plan showing possible mitigation and restoration for this violation. Also Mr. Young submitted a new First Light Letter of Consent with their approval for this revised plan. Commissioners discussed the issues and their concerns and some additional information they would like to see on the plan. Commissioners agreed to have Mr. Young meet with Enforcement Officer Cooper to review the plan and submit an application for next month’s meeting.

   **Reports:**

   **Mr. Ray Haller – 43 Sunset Drive – Stop Work Order –**

   (Tree clearing, land excavation & depositing wood chips)

   No one attended the meeting representing Mr. Haller. Chairman Zinn read into the record the minutes of the site walk. Chairman Zinn told Commissioners that Commissioner Humphreys walked all the way down to the lake and saw no issues relating to erosion towards the lake. Commissioners agreed that there was no reason to issue a violation at this time. However, Commissioners would like Enforcement Officer Cooper to follow up with the property owner to see what other work he may want to do.
Permits:
Permit # 29-10 – Joye & Donald Brokowski – 7 Crooked Furrows – Enforcement Officer Cooper reported that he walked the site and everything is stabilized.
Permit # 30-10 – Samual Edelman – 12 Briggs Hill Road – Enforcement Officer Cooper reported work is almost complete.
Permit # 14-12 – Peter Taraba – 124 Route 39 North – Enforcement Officer Cooper reported work is complete.
Permit # 13-13 – Daryl Hall – 27 Chapel Hill Road – Enforcement Officer Cooper reported work is in progress.
Permit # 23-13 – Michael Carpanzano – 9 Cedar Lane – Enforcement Officer Cooper reported that he gave an application for the driveway.
Permit # 04-14 – Melissa Neier – Enforcement Officer Cooper reported work is in progress.
Permit # 06-14 – Laura Baxter – Enforcement Officer Cooper reported work is in progress.

Extension:
Permit # 13-09 – Town of Sherman – Garage Highway Dept. – Enforcement Officer Cooper reported that Mr. Don Borkowski, Highway Supervisor has done some work, and that the Town has received a grant for the wash station.

Enforcement Officer Cooper told Commissioners about the playgrounds in Sherman, needing additional wood chips and that this would require a permit and possible First Light approval. Enforcement Officer Cooper will have something for next month’s meeting.

V. MINUTES:
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Commissioner Schneider made a motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Commissioner VonAncken. Motion passed unanimously. Granted

VI. CORRESPONDENCE:
A. USDA – Infor- Working Trees (Where can edible non-timber forest products be sold)?
B. USDA – Infor – Working Trees (Can windbreaks do more than slow the wind)?
C. Permit Application for the Use of Pesticides in State Waters: Timber Trails
   1. Timber Lake
   2. Valley Lake
   3. Deer Pond
D. Letter from Supreme Forest regarding their products.

Commissioner Berger made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner VonAncken. Motion passed unanimously.

As there was no further business the meeting ended at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Frank Galasso
Prepared by Trish Viola, Clerk
Secretary