SHERMAN INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES COMMISSION
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
MARCH 20, 2018

PRESENT: Frank Galasso, Chairman, Mike Humphreys, Robert Putnam, Ernie Dech, Henry Cooperman, Lorinda Pallisco, Enforcement Officer Ron Cooper, Trish Viola, Clerk

ABSENT: David Schneider, Mickey Goldfine.

Chairman, Frank Galasso called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Chairman, Frank Galasso asked Commissioner Pallisco to fill in as a voting member in the absence of Commissioner Goldfine.

I. SITE WALKS – SUNDAY 3-4-18
Glen Brook Farm, LLC – 1 Glen Brook Farm Road – Violation # 08-17
(Construction of a farm road within an Established Review Area without the required permit/license or administrative approval of an activity that is considered “As of Right”).
Glen Brook Farm, LLC – Route 39 North – Map # 032 – Lot # 057 – Violation # 09-17
(Construction of a farm road within an Established Review Area without the required permit/license or administrative approval of an activity that is considered “As of Right”).
Glen Brook Farm, LLC – 1 Glen Brook Farm Road – Schedule A
(Timber Harvest – Forestry)
Glen Brook Farm, LLC – 1 Glen Brook Farm Road – Schedule A
(Farm Road)
Glen Brook Farm, LLC – 1 Glen Brook Farm Road – Application #02-18
(Farm Road)
Glen Brook Farm, LLC – Route 39 North – Map #032 – Lot # 057 – Schedule A
(Farm Road)
Glen Brook Farm, LLC – Route 39 North – Map #032-Lot #057 – Application # 03-18
(Farm Road)

SITE WALKS – SUNDAY 3-11-18
Wayne Frick – 17 Taber Road – Application # 04-18
(Maintenance of culverts on outbound portion of stream within the regulated area).
R. Melara & L. Osgood – 2 Church Road – Application # 07-18
(Removal of Japanese knotweed and replace with native plants to stabilize the stream bank all within the regulated area).
Chris & Kerry Suttmeier – 1 Benchmark Road – Application # 05-18
(Addition to existing garage for storage and add a roof overhang all within the regulated area).
Philip Kessler -11 Pepper Pond Road – Application # 06-18
(Playhouse addition within the regulated area).
Jonathan Wiener, NapBay, LLC – 45 Wanzer Hill Road – Application # 08-18
(Construct Tennis Courts all within the regulated area).
Jonathan Wiener, NapBay, LLC – 45 Wanzer Hill Road – Application # 09-18
(Renovations to existing Cottages and install 2 new septic systems and 1 new well all within the established review area).
II. **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **Town of Sherman – Town Garage – 43 Route 39 North – Application # 40-17**
   (Spread road sweepings within the regulated area)
   No one attended the meeting representing the Town of Sherman. Enforcement Officer Cooper told Commissioners that he has received a soil scientist report and the wetlands boundaries were flagged. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Cooperman made a motion to approve this application with the following conditions: (1) permit on site – (2) contact Enforcement Officer Cooper before starting work – (3) soils are to be tested before any new spreading is done in the future – (4) the surrounding areas will be revegetated. Commissioner Dech seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Granted.

2. **Glen Brook Farm, LLC – 1 Glen Brook Farm Road – Violation # 08-17**
   (Construction of a farm road within an Established Review Area without the required permit/license or administrative approval of an activity that is considered “As of Right”).
   Mr. Ian Branson, (CT Cert. Forester) and Mr. Brian Curtis, agent attended the meeting representing Mr. David Wildenstein of Glen Brook Farm, LLC. Chairman, Frank Galasso read into the record the minutes of the site walk. Also read into the record was an overview from September 2017 until March 4-2018. Mr. Mike Mazzucco, Engineer was hired by Glen Brook Farm Road to review the wetlands and stream crossings to determine a mitigation plan and sizing confirmations of all existing culverts. Mr. Mazzucco told Commissioners that he hasn’t been out to the site yet. Mr. Mazzucco would like to walk the site with Enforcement Officer Cooper to see what needs to be addressed. Mr. Curtis asked if he could be present for the walk. Commissioners all agreed that the work that was done was not “As of Right” and that the application for a permit was required. Commissioners told Mr. Curtis, agent he could withdraw the Schedule A’s for both properties or the Commission could take a vote to potentially deny them. Mr. Mazzucco recommend that the Schedule A’s be withdrawn. Mr. Curtis submitted a letter dated 3-20-18 at the meeting withdrawing the Schedule A’s for both properties.

3. **Glen Brook Farm, LLC – Route 39 North – Map # 032 Lot # 057 – Violation # 09-17**
   (Construction of a farm road within an Established Review Area without the required permit/license or administrative approval of an activity that is considered “As of Right”).
   Mr. Ian Branson, (CT Cert. Forester) and Mr. Brian Curtis, agent attended the meeting representing Mr. David Wildenstein of Glen Brook Farm, LLC. (Note: see above minutes under Violation # 08-17)

4. **Glen Brook Farm, LLC – 1 Glen Brook Farm Road – Schedule A**
   (Timber Harvest - Forestry)
   Mr. Ian Branson, (CT Cert. Forester) and Mr. Brian Curtis, agent attended the meeting representing Glen Brook Farm, LLC. Chairman Frank Galasso read into the record the minutes of the site walk on 3-4-18. Commissioners saw the trees that were flagged to be left standing, as well as proposed logging equipment trails, and adjacent wetlands and vernal pools. Chairman, Frank Galasso told Mr. Branson that until the violations on the sites are addressed, the Commission is unable to approve this Schedule A. The proposed harvest requires the use of the constructed road, which is still an outstanding violation. Hopefully at next month’s meeting the Commission will have received a mitigation plan from Mr. Mike Mazzucco, engineer. If approved by the Commission, the proposed timber harvest could then potentially move forward as well. Mr. Branson understood the procedure. Commissioners agreed to continue this until next month’s meeting. Will be on next month’s agenda.

5. **Glen Brook Farm, LLC – 1 Glen Brook Farm Road – Schedule A**
   (Farm Road)
   Mr. Brian Curtis, agent and Mr. Ian Branson, (CT Cert. Forester) attended the meeting representing Mr. David Wildenstein of Glen Brook Farm, LLC. Mr. Curtis submitted a letter to withdraw this Schedule A at the meeting. (Note: see above Violations # 08-17 and # 09-17).
6. **Glen Brook Farm, LLC – 1 Glen Brook Farm Road – Application # 02-18**  
(Farm Road)  
Mr. Brian Curtis, agent and Mr. Ian Branson, (CT Cert. Forester) attended the meeting representing Mr. David Wildenstein of Glen Brook Farm, LLC. At this time the Commissioners agreed to continue this application pending the mitigation plan from Engineer Mike Mazzucco. Will be on next month’s agenda. (Note: see above Violations #08-17 and #09-17).

7. **Glen Brook Farm, LLC – Route 39 North – Map#032 Lot #057 – Schedule A**  
(Farm Road)  
Mr. Brian Curtis, agent and Mr. Ian Branson, (CT Cert. Forester) attended the meeting representing Mr. David Wildenstein of Glen Brook Farm, LLC. Mr. Curtis submitted a letter to withdraw this Schedule A at the meeting. (Note: see above Violations#08-17 and #09-17).

8. **Glen Brook Farm, LLC – Route 39 North – Map#032 Lot#057 – Application # 03-18**  
(Farm Road)  
Mr. Brian Curtis, agent and Mr. Ian Branson, (CT Cert. Forester) attended the meeting representing Mr. David Wildenstein of Glen Brook Farm, LLC. At this time the Commissioners agreed to continue this application pending the mitigation plan from Engineer Mike Mazzucco. Will be on next month’s agenda. (Note: see above Violations #08-17 and #09-17).

9. **Wayne Frick – 17 Taber Road – Application # 04-18**  
(Stabilization and reinforcements at downstream end of twin driveway culverts within the regulated area).  
Mr. & Mrs. Frick and Mr. Mike Mazzucco, engineer attended the meeting. Chairman Frank Galasso read into the record the minutes of the site walk. Mr. Frick submitted a copy of the Letter from the Army Corps of Engineers dated 11-23-09 and two old photos of the culverts. Mr. Mazzucco explained to the Commissioners what they would like to do. Commissioners reviewed the plans and discussed the fact that the culverts are perched above the streambed, creating a barrier to movement by aquatic organisms. Some recommendations were given regarding possible build up of the stream bed downstream of the culverts, in order to eliminate the drop at the downstream end of the culverts. After a long discussion, Commissioners agreed to continue this application until next month’s meeting so that Mr. Mazzucco and the applicant can discuss further how to eliminate the barrier to animal passage, while stabilizing and reinforcing the culverts. Will be on next month’s agenda.

10. **Chris & Kerry Suttmeier – 1 Benchmark Road – Application # 05-18**  
(Addition to existing garage for storage and add a roof overhang all within the regulated area).  
Mr. Suttmeier attended the meeting. Chairman Frank Galasso read into the record the minutes of the site walk. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Cooperman 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) leader drains to be installed – (4) erosion controls to be determined by Officer Cooper. Commissioner Pallisco seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Granted.

11. **Philip Kessler – 11 Pepper Pond Road – Application # 06-18**  
(Playhouse addition within the regulated area).  
No one attended the meeting representing Mr. Kessler. Clerk Trish Viola told Commissioners that Mr. Kessler was not available to attend this evening. Chairman Frank Galasso read into the record the minutes of the site walk. Commissioners would like to see some vegetation in place to stabilize the area where the work was done. Commissioners requested that Enforcement Officer Cooper speak with Mr. Kessler regarding the areas to be vegetated. In the absence of any additional issue, Commissioners agreed to turn this application over to Enforcement Officer Cooper for Administrative approval.
12. R. Melara & L. Osgood – 2 Church Road – Application # 07-18
(Removal of Japanese knotweed and replace with native plants to stabilize the stream bank all within the regulated area).

R. Melara & L. Osgood attended the meeting. Chairman Frank Galasso read into the record the minutes of the site walk. Mr. Osgood described to the Commissioners that the work would be done twice a year with the first cut in June and the second one in August before the first frost. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Dech made a motion to approve this application with the following conditions: (1) permit on site – (2) contact Enforcement Officer Cooper before starting work – (3) notify neighbor for consent before going on their property. Commissioner Cooperman seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Granted.

13. Jonathan Wiener, NapBay, LLC – 45 Wanzer Hill Road – Application # 08-18
(Construct Tennis Courts all within the established review area).

Mr. Scott, Agent for Jonathan Wiener, NapBay, LLC attended the meeting representing Mr. Wiener, NapBay, LLC. Chairman Frank Galasso read into the record the minutes of the site walk. Mr. Scott explained in detail what they would like to do. Commissioners reviewed the plans and after a brief discussion, Commissioner Cooperman 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. Commissioner Pallisco seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Granted

14. Jonathan Wiener, NapBay, LLC – 45 Wanzer Hill Road – Application # 09-18
(Renovations to existing Cottages and install 2 new septic systems and 1 new well all within the established review area).

Mr. Scott, Agent for Jonathan Wiener, NapBay, LLC attended the meeting representing Mr. Wiener, NapBay, LLC. Chairman Frank Galasso read into the record the minutes of the site walk. Mr. Scott explained in detail what they would like to do. Commissioners reviewed the plans and requested that roof leaders be installed into the old septic if the Health Department would approve that. After a long discussion, Commissioner Cooperman 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 – (4) health approval needed to allow roof leaders to drain into the old septic leach field at the northerly cottage. Commissioner Dech seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Granted

III. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Bob Rappaport Rev. Trust – 13 Sail Harbour Drive – Application # 10-18
(Proposed stabilization of existing scoured & undermined shoreline. Removal of dead, dying, diseased trees. Removal of saplings & restoration/mitigation of existing lawn area to plantings all within the established review area).

No one attended the meeting representing Mr. Rappaport. Clerk Trish Viola, told Commissioners that Mr. Paul Szymanski, President of Arthur Howland & Assoc. was not available to attend this evening, and has asked for the Commission to accept this application. He will be available for the site walk and next month’s meeting. Commissioners accepted this application and scheduled a site walk for 4-10-18. Will be on next month’s agenda.

2. Paul Russo, Lakeview Development Corp. – 25 Ledgewood Drive – Application # 11-18
(Proposed addition to replace existing deck and removal of dead, dying and diseased trees all within the established review area).

No one attended the meeting representing Mr. Russo. Clerk Trish Viola, told Commissioners that Mr. Paul Szymanski, PE was not available to attend this evening. He has asked the Commission to accept this application, and he will be available for the site walk and next month’s meeting. Commissioners accepted this application and schedule a site walk for 4-10-18. Will be on next month’s agenda.
Commissioner Putnam recused himself.

3. **Robert Putnam – 19 Orchard Rest Road – Permit # 35-07**
   (Modification)
   Mr. Putnam described to the Commissioners the changes that were made to the plan showing the foundation on the dwelling and septic area. Chairman Frank Galasso read into the record the approval of the existing permit. Commissioners accepted the modification and scheduled a site walk for 4-10-18. Will be on next month’s agenda.

IV. **REVIEW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT:**
   **PERMITS – EXTENSIONS – ANY VIOLATIONS:**
   **Permits:**
   Permit # 14-16 – Doug & Karen Cushnie -44 Mill Pond Road. – Enforcement Officer Cooper reported work is complete.
   Permit # 01-17 – Clate & Justin Korsant – Spring Lake Road. – Enforcement Officer Cooper reported work is complete.
   Permit # 06-17 – Hedy Cihanck – 23 Candlewood Lake Drive. – Enforcement Officer Cooper reported work is complete.
   Permit # 10-17 – Town of Sherman – Munch Meadows – Enforcement Officer Cooper reported no work has begun due to weather.
   Permit # 16-17 – Christopher Bizier – 32 Big Trail – Enforcement Officer Cooper reported the lot has been cleared and all erosion controls are in place.
   Permit # 27-17 – Kristin Grasseler – 46 Anderson Road – Enforcement Officer Cooper reported no work has begun, still waiting for building plans.
   Permit # 30-17 – Philip Toews – 18 Deer Run Trail – Enforcement Officer Cooper reported work is complete.
   Permit # 36-17 – Justin & Clate Korsant – 20 Spring Lake Road. – Enforcement Officer Cooper reported work has begun. Officer Cooper submitted pictures of the site showing some of the work that has been done.
   Permit # 38-17 – Scott Dayton – 149 Green Pond Road – Enforcement Officer Cooper reported work is complete.
   Permit # 39-17 – Samual Edelman – 12 Briggs Hill Road – Enforcement Officer Cooper reported no work has begun.

   ** Extensions:**
   Nothing to report

   **Violations:**
   See Above

   **Reports:**
   1. Officer Cooper reported he will be attending a wetlands class at U-Conn on 3-22-18.
   2. Officer Cooper reported that the Town Wetlands Map needs to be updated and he has begun making a list of the wetlands delineations from subdivision and other applications and will check with Westcog to see if they can help to update these areas on the map.
   3. Officer Cooper submitted photos of Saw Mill Brook at the point of Veterans Field showing a large gravel deposit in the middle of the mouth of the stream, and has forwarded this information to First Light.
   4. Officer Cooper submitted photos of the Naromi Brook Bridge on Church Road showing some concerns regarding it.

V. **MINUTES:**
   **REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING – 2-20-18**
   Chairman, Frank Galasso with unanimous consent approve the minutes as written. Motion passed unanimously. Granted
VI. CORRESPONDENCE
A. Affidavit of Publication – 3-1-18
B. Affidavit of Publication – 3-1-18
C. Permit Applications for the Use of Pesticides in State Waters
   1. 52 Route 55
   2. Jennings Pond – 20 Chapel Hill Road
D. Newsletter – Cricket Valley Power Plant’s Impact on Western Connecticut

Commissioner Dech made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Cooperman. Motion passed unanimously.

As there was no further business the meeting ended at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Humphreys
Secretary

Prepared by Trish Viola, Clerk