SHERMAN INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES COMMISSION
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
SEPTEMBER 17, 2019

PRESENT: Frank Galasso, Chairman, Robert Putnam, Mike Humphreys, Ernie Dech, Henry Cooperman, Trish Viola, Clerk

ABSENT: David Schneider, Lorinda Pallisco, Enforcement Officer Ron Cooper

Chairman Frank Galasso called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Chairman Frank Galasso told Commissioners that under Violations #08-18 Robin Partelow will be moved to Under Old Business #4. Commissioners approved.

I. SITE WALKS – SEPTEMBER 3, 2019
Naromi Land Trust – Rt. 39 North – Wimisink Preserve – Application # 15-19
(Rebuild and expand boardwalk all within the established review area).
Robin Partelow - 18 Spring Lake Road – Violation # 08-18
(Excavation, Grading and driving Motor Vehicles within Watercourse/Wetlands and/or within an Established review area without the required permit/license).
Jewish Community Center – 9 Route 39 South – Application # 22-19
(Pave existing gravel parking lot all within the established review area).
Town of Sherman – Briggs Hill Road – Application # 23-19
(Install new 18” cross-pipe under road in a new location and remove existing old pipe and head walls all within the established review area).

II. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Naromi Land Trust-Rt. 39 North-Wimisink Preserve-Map32-Lot46 – Application # 21-19
(Rebuild and expand boardwalk all within the established review area).
Ms. Amanda Branson, director of Naromi Land Trust attended the meeting. Chairman Galasso read into the record the minutes of the site walk. Ms. Branson submitted new information regarding the Boardwalk Section A, B, C and D how they exist and what they will be expanded to. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Dech made a motion to approve this application with the following conditions: (1) permit on site for the duration of project – (2) contact Enforcement Officer Cooper before work begins – (3) hand tools only - (4) no pressure treated wood to be used. Commissioner Cooperman seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Granted

Commissioner Cooperman recused himself

2. Jewish Community Center – 9 Route 39 South – Application # 22-19
(Pave existing gravel parking lot all within the established review area).
Mr. Stan Greenbaum, Project Manager of the Jewish Community Center and Mr. Joseph Goodell Paving Company attended the meeting. Chairman Frank Galasso read into the record the minutes of the site walk. Mr. Greenbaum submitted additional information regarding the work to be done and explained in detail where the swale would be placed and how he calculated the storm water calculations. After a long discussion, Commissioner Dech made a motion to approve this application with the following conditions: (1) permit on site for the duration of the project – (2) contact Enforcement Officer Cooper before starting work – (3) Enforcement Officer Cooper to determine if the storm water calculations need to be verify by an engineer – (4) Enforcement Officer Cooper to inspect the finished grading prior to paving. Commissioner Putnam seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Granted
3. **Town of Sherman – Briggs Hill Road – Application # 23-19**  
(Install a new 18” cross-pipe under road in a new location and remove existing old pipe and head walls all within the established review area).  
No one attended the meeting representing the Town of Sherman. Clerk Trish Viola told Commissioners that Enforcement Officer Cooper stated that an easement is required for the work and that this application should be continued until next month’s meeting. Commissioners agreed to continue this application, will be on next month’s agenda.

4. **Robin D. Partelow – 18 Spring Lake Road – Violation # 08-18**  
(Excavation, Grading and driving Motor Vehicles within Watercourse/Wetlands and/or within an Established Review Area without the required permit/license).  
Ms. Partelow attended the meeting. Chairman Frank Galasso read into the record the minutes of the site walk. Commissioners reviewed the pictures of the site. After a brief discussion, Commissioners agreed that the area has grown back and recommended that native plants should be planted and a 10 ft. no mow buffer area be created. Ms. Partelow agreed to the mitigation of the violation. Commissioners told Ms. Partelow that when she has a list of the native plants to be planted by hand to submit it to Enforcement Officer Cooper to approve. Commissioner Cooperman made a motion to state that the violation is resolved, seconded by Commissioner Humphreys. Motion passed unanimously.

III. **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Kenneth Litwack & Elaine Schreger – 5 Saw Mill Road – Violation # 01-19**  
(Tree cutting and understory removal in an established review area without the required permit/license).  
Mr. Litwack attended the meeting. Chairman Frank Galasso read into the record the violation notice. Mr. Litwack described to the Commissioner what was done. Mr. Litwack told Commissioners that he has submit information to First Light and is waiting for his letter of consent. Commissioners schedule a site walk for 10-2-19. Will be on next month’s agenda.

2. **Karen D’Amato Trustee – 15 Holiday Point Road – Application # 24-19**  
(Construct New Single Family Dwelling with Garage, Well, Septic, Porch, Patio & Deck all within the established review area).  
Mr. Ralph Gallagher attended the meeting representing Ms. D’Amato. Mr. Gallagher described to the Commissioners what they would like to do. Commissioners reviewed the plans and schedule a site walk for 10-2-19. Will be on next month’s agenda.

3. **Scott Dayton – 149 Green Pond Road – Application # 25-19**  
(Replace existing septic system all within the established review area).  
Mr. George Sam of New Milford Septic attended the meeting representing Mr. Dayton. Mr. Sam submitted a copy of a septic inspection report of the property and told Commissioners that the septic is failing. Commissioners reviewed the plan and after a discussion, Commissioner Cooperman made a motion to have Enforcement Officer Cooper administratively approve this application. Commissioner Putnam seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Granted

4. **Lawrence & Bernadette Schopher – 8 Holiday Point Road – Violation # 02-19**  
(Tree cutting and understory removal in a wetlands and/or an established review area without the required permit/license).  
Mr. Schopher attended the meeting. Chairman Frank Galasso read into the record the violation notice. Mr. Schopher explained to the Commissioners what was done. Commissioners schedule a site walk for 10-2-19. Will be on next month’s agenda.
5. **Paul Ruane – 1 Anderson Road West – Application # 26-19**  
(Install new Septic and Well all within the established review area).  
No one attended the meeting representing Mr. Ruane. Clerk Trish Viola told Commissioners that Mr. Beatty was unavailable this evening. Commissioners reviewed the plan, and after a discussion Commissioner Putnam made a motion to have Enforcement Officer Cooper administratively approve this application. Commissioner Cooperman second the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Granted

IV. **REVIEW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT:**  
**PERMITS – EXTENSIONS – ANY VIOLATIONS:**

**Violations:**  
**Laura Kozelouzek – 10 Echo Lane South – Violation # 05-18**  
(Erection of a storage structure and excavation/grading within wetlands and/or within an Established Review Area without the required permit/license).  
Clerk Trish Viola told Commissioners that Enforcement Officer Cooper stated he met with the Contractor this morning (9-17-19) and work will begin September 30, 2019.  

**Permits:**  
Nothing to report.  

**Extensions:**  
Nothing to report.  

**Reports:**  
Nothing to report.

V. **MINUTES:**  
**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING – 8-20-19**  
Commissioner Dech made a motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Commissioner Cooperman. Motion passed unanimously. Granted

VI. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

A. Affidavit of Publication – 8-29-19  
B. Land Use Academy Advanced Training 10-26-19 at Haddam, CT  
C. Letter from Rapid Water Services, Brewster NY informing work to be done within the abutting town of Pawling NY at 357 Route 37 remove and replace 3 car garages.

All Commissioners agreed to have Chairman Frank Galasso send a letter to the Board of Selectman to appoint Marsalis Lewis and Jerome Mendel as alternates to the Wetlands Commission.

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

As there was no further business the meeting ended at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mike Humphreys  
Secretary

Prepared by Trish Viola, Clerk