SHERMAN INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES COMMISSION
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
OCTOBER 15, 2019

PRESENT: Frank Galasso, Chairman, Mike Humphreys, Ernie Dech, Lorinda Pallisco, Merialis Lewis, Jerome Mendell, Enforcement Officer Ron Cooper, Trish Viola, Clerk

ABSENT: Robert Putnam, David Schneider, Henry Cooperman

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

Chairman Frank Galasso welcomed Ms. Lewis and Mr. Mendell to the commission as members.

Chairman Frank Galasso asked Commissioner Lewis and Commissioner Mendell to fill in as voting members in the absent of Commissioner Schneider and Commissioner Putnam.

I. SITE WALKS – OCTOBER 2, 2019
   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).
   Karen D’Amato Trustee – 15 Holiday Point Road – Application # 24-19
   (Construct New Single Family Dwelling, Garage, Well, Septic, Porch, Patio, Deck and Driveway all within the established review area).
   Lawrence & Bernadette Schopf – 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).

II. OLD BUSINESS:

1. 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. Enforcement Officer Cooper stated that an easement is required for the work and that a survey is needed. The Town Attorney will be working on the paper work. Commissioners agreed to continue this application, will be on next month’s agenda.

2. 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).
   No one attended the meeting representing Mr. Litwack and Ms. E. Schreger. Chairman Frank Galasso read into the record the minutes of the site walk. Clerk Trish Viola told Commissioners that the Commission has received an email from Mr. Litwack. Chairman Galasso read into the record the email, and also a copy of the application form for First Light was attached. Commissioners agreed to continue this violation until next month’s meeting, as we are waiting for the information from First Light (Letter of Filing Consent) to be submitted with an application. Will be on next month’s agenda.
3. **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. Chairman Frank Galasso read into the record the minutes of the site walk. Commissioners discuss some concerns regarding the runoff for the driveway. 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 the project – (2) contact Enforcement Officer Cooper before starting work – (3) plan to be revised and approved by Enforcement Office Cooper showing the catch basin and calculations for the driveway and leader drains– (4) additional silt fence along the east side of house – (5) limited area of disturbance to be shown on the plan. Commissioner Pallisco seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

4. **Lawrence & Bernadette Schopfer – 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. Schopfer attended the meeting. Chairman Frank Galasso read into the record the minutes of the site walk. Commissioners explained to Mr. Schopfer that an application would be required in the future for any work to be done regarding the removal of invasive plants or planting native plants. Also in the future if the pond is to be dredged an application is also required. At this time Mr. Schopfer agreed to a 15 ft. buffer around the wetlands and no further disturbance within wetlands or watercourses. Commissioner Dech made a motion to have this violation resolved, seconded by Commissioner Humphreys. Motion passed unanimously.

### III. NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Lauretta Bruno – 2 Lake Shore Woods Road – Application # 27-19**  
*(Demolish existing dwelling, Construct New Single Family Dwelling, garage, Walkway, Cable Car access to lake all within the established review area).*  
No one attended the meeting representing Ms. Bruno. Clerk Trish Viola told Commissioners that Mr. Bob Kjep, agent was unable to attend this evening and requested the Commission to accept this application and he will be available for the site walk and next month’s meeting. Commissioners reviewed the plans and scheduled a site walk for 11-3-19. Will be on next month’s agenda.

2. **Clark Weinreb - 8 Old Greenwoods Road – Application # 28-19**  
*(Enclose Front Porch to create mud room and relocate driveway all within the established review area).*  
Mr. Gary Thompson attended the meeting representing Mr. Weinreb. Mr. Thompson described to the Commissioners what they would like to do. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Dech made a motion to have Enforcement Officer Cooper administratively approve this application. Commissioner Mendell seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Granted.

3. **Matthew Hawley – 23 Orchard Rest Road – Application # 29-19**  
*(Addition of 2nd story within the existing footprint, install new septic, remove dead trees and shrubs where needed, construct storage shed, rear deck and screened in porch, repair existing retaining walls (front & rear) all within the established upland review area).*  
Mr. Matthew Hawley and Debra Hawley attended the meeting. Mr. Hawley described to the Commissioners what they would like to do. Commissioners reviewed the plans and scheduled a site walk for 11-3-19. Will be on next month’s agenda.

4. **Rosemary Osborn & Edward Cook – Tandem Lane-Map#8-Lot#22 – Schedule A**  
*(Timber Harvest)*  
Ms. Osborn & Mr. Cook attended the meeting. Enforcement Officer Cooper told Commissioners that he met with Mr. Cook, Ms. Osborn and Meltz Lumber Co regarding the selective timber harvest they would like to do. Commissioners reviewed the plan and scheduled a site walk for 11-
3-19. Commissioners will hold a special meetings after the site walk to determine if an application is also needed. Will be on next month’s agenda.

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).

(See comments under permits)

Permits:
Permit # 08-10 – William Hearing – 3 Route 39 South – Enforcement Officer Cooper reported permit has expired.
Permit #21-10 – Venice Pocidoro – 17 Candlewood Lake – Enforcement Officer Cooper reported permit has expired.
Permit # 10-17 – town of Sherman – Munch Meadows – Enforcement Officer Cooper reported permit has expired.
Permit # 16-17 – Christopher Bizier – 32 Big Trail – Enforcement Officer Cooper reported house is complete however driveway has to be inspected yet.
Permit # 14-18 – Naromi Land Trust – Crooked Furrows Lane – Enforcement Officer Cooper reported that a special permit was issue by Planning & Zoning and is waiting for the map to be filed.
Permit # 32-18 – David Lakhdhir – 73 Spring Lake Road – Enforcement Officer Cooper reported work is in progress.
Permit #35-18 – Larry Byrd – 3 Cloverleaf Farm South – Enforcement Officer Cooper reported work is complete.
Permit # 39-18 – Lakeview Development – 22 Cedar Lane – Enforcement Officer Cooper reported that the lot has been cleared.
Permit # 43-18 – Wendy & Hasan Yurt – 1 Nutmeg Lane – Enforcement Officer Cooper reported he met with the agent of the timber company and approved them bringing in a skidder to remove the trees and from within the vernal pool area, and requested that posts with Inland Wetlands markers be installed to mark the no-disturbance buffer around the wetlands.
Permit # 02-19 – Lake Mauweehoo – 2 Mauweehoo Hill Road – Enforcement Officer Cooper reported only tree cutting was done so far.
Permit # 10-19 – Richard Betheil – 2 Anderson Road East – Enforcement Officer Cooper reported work is complete.
Permit # 15-19 – Laura Kozelouzek – 10 Echo Lane South – Enforcement Officer Cooper reported that the work is in progress and still needs to do a site inspection.
Permit # 20-19 – Town of Sherman – Schimpf Pond – Enforcement Officer Cooper reported work is complete.
Permit # 22-19 – Jewish Community Center – 9 Route 39 South – Enforcement Officer Cooper reported that he revised the conditions of the approval after reviewing the new calculations for the work that is to be done.
Permit # 26-19 – Paul Ruane – 1 Anderson Road West – Enforcement Officer Cooper reported work is in progress.

Extensions:
Permit #35-07 – Robert Putnam – 19 Orchard Rest Road – Enforcement Officer Cooper reported work is in progress.
Permit #22-09 – Town of Sherman – Fox Run – Enforcement Officer Cooper reported he will meet with 1st Selectman Lowe to see who will remove the silt fence.

Reports:
Nothing to report.
V. **MINUTES:**
**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING – 9-17-19**
Page # 3 – last (2) paragraph delete (Marsalis) add Merialis – delete (Deck) add Dech.
Commissioner Dech made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected, seconded by Commissioner Mendell. Motion passed unanimously. Granted

VI. **CORRESPONDENCE:**
A. Affidavit of Publication – 9-26-19
B. Letter from 1st Selectman Don Lowe, regarding the appointments of Ms. Lewis and Mr. Mendell as alternates to the Wetland Commission.
C. Letter to Carol Havens, Town Clerk regarding 2020 Regular Monthly Meetings schedule for the Wetlands Commission.
D. CACIWC – 42nd Annual Meeting & Environmental Conference – Saturday 11-23-19
E. Connecticut Association of Conservation & Inland Wetlands - The Habitat – Summer/Fall 2019
F. Letter from Melanie McNichol regarding 10 Echo Lane South with pictures attached.

Commissioner Humphreys made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Lewis. Motion passed unanimously.

As there was no further business the meeting ended at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Humphreys
Secretary

Prepared by Trish Viola, Clerk