SHERMAN INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES COMMISSION
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING – HELD AT CHARTER HALL FIREHOUSE
AUGUST 18, 2020

PRESENT:    Frank Galasso, Chairman, Robert Putnam, Ernie Dech, Henry Cooperman, Jerome Mendell, Merialis Lewis, Ginny O’Neill, Enforcement Officer Ron Cooper, Trish Viola, Clerk.

ABSENT:    David Schneider, Mike Humphreys Lorinda Pallisco

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

Chairman Frank Galasso asked Commissioner Mendell to fill in as a voting member in the absence of Commissioner Schneider.
Chairman Frank Galasso asked Commissioner Lewis to fill in as a voting member in the absence of Commissioner Humphreys.
Commissioner Frank Galasso asked Commissioner O’Neill to fill in as a voting member in the absence of Commissioner Pallisco.

I. SITE WALKS: August 4, 2020
Matthew Hawley – 23 Orchard Rest Road – Application # 20-20
(Proposed Construction of a Single Family Dwelling with sanitary disposal system, drive and associated appurtenances all within the established review area).

SITE WALKS – August 15, 2020
Maxim Frayer – 155 Green Pond Road – Violation # 06-20- date change from 8-4-20
(Excavation, Grading, Placing Fill in a Water Body (Green Pond) Tree Cutting and Landscaping in the Established Review Area without the required permit).

II. OLD BUSINESS:

Commissioner Putnam recused himself.

1. Matthew Hawley – 23 Orchard Rest Road – Application # 20-20
(Proposed Construction of a Single Family Dwelling with sanitary disposal system, drive and associated appurtenances – add convert existing home into a garage all within the established review area).
Mr. Paul Szymanski of Arthur H. Howland & Assoc. attended the meeting representing Mr. Hawley. Chairman Frank Galasso read into the record the minutes of the site walk. Mr. Szymanski submitted revised plans. Mr. Szymanski explained the changes that were made to the plan. Commissioners reviewed the plans and after a discussion, Commissioner Cooperman 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 at least 48 hours before starting work – (3) Engineer will monitored the project and will give a report to the Enforcement Officer. Also engineer will take photos of site when at least a ½ inch or rain fall (4) all work shall be done per plan submitted “Proposed Site Development & Soil Erosion Control Plan submitted by Arthur H. Howland & Assoc. at meeting dated 8-18-20. Commissioner Lewis seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Granted
III. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Maxim Frayer – 155 Green Pond Road – Violation # 06-20
   (Excavation, Grading, Placing fill in a Water Body (Green Pond) Tree Cutting and Landscaping in the Established Review Area without the Required Permit).
   Mr. Maxim Frayer and Sister Julie Frayer attended the meeting. Chairman Frank Galasso read into the record the minutes of the site walk. Enforcement Officer Cooper read into the record the Violation Notice. Chairman Frank Galasso explained to Mr. Frayer why a permit is required. Mr. Frayer and Sister Julie explained to the Commissioners what they were trying to do cleaning and maintenance of the property, and were not aware that a permit was required. After a long discussion, Commissioners told Mr. Frayer that he must pull all the dirt back up the hill immediately and then install the silt fence. All silt fence is to be put in place and the dead trees are to be cut by hand and taken up the hill also. When all the work is done, contact Enforcement Officer Cooper to inspect site. Mr. Frayer was told that he can submit an application and plan when he is ready to do plantings and other work. Mr. Frayer stated he understood the process. Commissioners will continue this violation. Will be on next month’s agenda.

2. Gary Goldring – 46 Mill Pond Road – Application # 21-20
   (Installation of septic fields and associated grading and installation of roof and footing drains from dwelling all within the established review area).
   Mr. Jeff Yenter, Agent attended the meeting representing Mr. Goldring. Mr. Yenter described to the Commissioners what they would like to do. Enforcement Officer Cooper told Commissioners that he has walked the site. Sherman Health Department has approved this work to be done. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Cooperman made a motion to have Enforcement Officer Cooper approve this application administratively. Commissioner Mendell seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Granted

3. David Elliman – 258 Old Forge Road – Application # 22-20
   (Construct 2 Car Garage all within the established review area).
   No one attended the meeting representing Mr. Elliman. Enforcement Officer Cooper explained to the Commissioners what they would like to do. Commissioners reviewed the plan and accepted the application. Commissioners scheduled a site walk for 9-1-20. Will be on next month’s agenda.

IV. REVIEW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT:

PERMITS – EXTENSIONS – ANY VIOLATIONS:

Violations:
Violation # 01-19 – K. Litwach & E. Schreger – 5 Saw Mill Road – Enforcement Officer Cooper reported that the owner is waiting for First Light.
Violation # 03-20 – Matthew Hawley – 23 Orchard Rest Road – Enforcement Officer Cooper reported this violation is withdrawn due to the new application submitted and approved.
Violation # 04-20 – Lakeview Development – 27 Cedar Lane – Enforcement Officer Cooper reported a mitigation plan will be submitted.

Permits:
Permit # 08-18 – Nap Bay LLC – 45 Wanzer Hill Road – Enforcement Officer Cooper reported that the site is ready for inspection and will be going out.
Permit # 32-18 – David Lakhdhir – 73 Spring Lake Road – Enforcement Officer Cooper reported the work is almost completed.
Permit # 39-18 – Lakeview Development – 22 Cedar Lane – Enforcement Officer Cooper reported the work has begun.
Permit # 42-18 – Eight Cedar Lane LLC – 8 Cedar Lane – Enforcement Officer Cooper reported work is in progress.
Permit # 43-18 – Wendy & Hasan Yurt – 1 Nutmeg Lane – Enforcement Officer Cooper reported that the owner has contacted him and will be applying for a permit to remove the timber that was not taken out.
Permit # 04-19 – John Lowry- 10 Fox Run – Enforcement Officer Cooper reported work is complete.
Permit # 05-19 Alex Chiesi – 29 Deer Run Trail – Enforcement Officer Cooper reported that he will be doing a site inspection.
Permit # 14-19 – Anthony Corsano – 80 Chapel Hill Road – Enforcement Officer Cooper reported that the Dwelling and Pool are complete but the Barn isn’t.
Permit # 21-19 – Naromi Land Trust – Wimisink Preserve – Enforcement Officer Cooper reported work is complete.
Permit # 24-19 – Karen D’Amato – 15 Holiday Point Road – Enforcement Officer Cooper reported plans were just submitted.
Permit # 29-19 – Matthew Hawley – 23 Orchard Rest Road – Enforcement Officer Cooper reported this permit is withdrawn due to new application submitted and approved.
Permit # 30-19 – Mark Flanagan – 15 Holiday Point Road – Enforcement Officer Cooper reported work is complete.

Permit # 03-20 – Paul Johnson – 33 Orchard Rest Road – Enforcement Officer Cooper will check the site to see if completed.
Permit # 11-20 – Phillip Kessler – 11 Pepper Pond Road – Enforcement Officer Cooper reported work is complete.
Permit # 14-20 – Nap Bay LLC – 45 Wanzer Hill Road – Enforcement Officer Cooper reported he will check the site to see if completed.
Permit # 16-20 – Pete Deneman – 35 Orchard Rest Road – Enforcement Officer Cooper reported work is complete.
Permit # 19-20 – Kevin Walsh – 25 Orchard Rest Road – Enforcement Officer Cooper reported work is complete.

Extension:
Permit # 02-17 – Scott Mill – 24 Wagon Wheel Road – Enforcement Officer Cooper reported work is complete.

Reports:
Nothing to report

V. MINUTES:
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING – 7-21-20
Commissioner Cooperman made a motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Commissioner Lewis. Motion passed unanimously. Granted

VI. CORRESPONDENCE:
A. Connecticut Wildlife – May/June 2020
B. Affidavit of Publication – 7-30-20
C. Copy of Letter from 1st Selectman Don Lowe, regarding Ginny O’Neill as an alternate commissioner on the Inland Wetlands Commission.

VII. NOMINATING COMMITTEE:
Commissioner Cooperman, Commissioner Lewis, Commissioner O’Neill will be the nominating committee. Committee will nominate seats for Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary at next month’s meeting.

Commissioner Mendell told Commissioners that he started to take the Inland Wetlands course online and it is very good. Chairman Frank Galasso recommended that all new Commissioners should take the course.

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

As there was no further business the meeting ended at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Humphreys
Secretary

Prepared by Trish Viola, Clerk