SHERMAN INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES COMMISSION
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING – HELD AT CHARTER HALL FIREHOUSE
OCTOBER 20, 2020

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

ABSENT: David Schneider, Henry Cooperman

Chairman Frank Galasso called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Chairman Frank Galasso asked Commissioner Mendell to fill in as a voting member in the absence of Commissioner Schneider.

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I. SITE WALKS: October 17, 2020
   Northwest CT Land Conservancy – Route 39 North-Lower Level of Town Hall (Naromi Land Trust) – Application # 24-20
   (To build a footbridge to cross Sawmill Brook within the established review area).
   Dan & Michelle Silver – 10 Orchard Beach Road – Application # 25-20
   (Build a bluestone landing outside of porch, followed by steps to lakeside, build retaining wall in cement with steps all within the established review area).
   Voorhees/Villodas – 3 Island View Drive – Application # 27-20
   (Construct New Single Family Dwelling, Septic, Well, Driveway, Detached Garage, stormwater management system, retaining walls, pool, path to lake all within the established review area).

II. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Northwest CT Land Conservancy – Route 39 North – Lower Level of Town Hall (Naromi Land Trust) – Application # 24-20
   (To build a footbridge to cross Sawmill Brook within the established review area).
   Mr. Kevin Keenan, agent and Ms. Amanda Branson attended the meeting representing Northwest CT Land Conservancy. Chairman Frank Galasso read into the record the minutes of the site walk. Commissioners had several questions regarding a flood plain map, storm event high water level calculations, type and frequency of bridge maintenance. Several of these questions could only be answered by an engineer. After a long discussion, Commissioners request that the applicant contact an engineer for information regarding this project. Mr. Keenan and Ms. Branson agreed. Commissioners will continue this application until next month’s meeting. Will be on next month’s agenda.

2. Dan & Michelle Silver – 10 Orchard Beach Road – Application # 25-20
   (Build a bluestone landing outside of porch, followed by steps to lakeside, build retaining wall in cement with steps all within the established review area).
   Ms. Catherine Cooke attended the meeting representing Mr. & Mrs. Silver. Chairman Frank Galasso read into the record the minutes of the site walk. Ms. Cooke submitted revised plans. Ms. Cooke explained the changes that were made to the plans. After a discussion, Commissioner Mendell 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) this review and approval is only for above the 440 line – (4) revised
plan submitted at meeting dated 10-20-20 with changes made showing the grass swale, limit of disturbance and location of silt fence, and the extended pvc pipe as shown on plan by Spring Lake Garden design. Commissioner Lewis seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Granted.

3. Voorhees/Villodas - 3 Island View Drive – Application # 27-20
   (Construct New Single Family Dwelling, Septic, Well, Driveway, Detached Garage, Stormwater Management System, Retaining Walls, Pool, path to lake, within the established review area).
   No one attended the meeting representing Mr. & Mrs. Villodas. Enforcement Officer Cooper told Commissioners that he spoke with Mr. Mazzucco Agent for Mr. & Mrs. Villodas and asked if the Commission would continue this application until next month’s meeting. Commissioners agreed to continue this application until next month’s meeting. Will be on next month’s agenda.

III. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Johnson/Pallante – 22 Route 37 Center – Application # 28-20
   (Repair Septic system within the established review area).
   Mr. Michael Carpanzano attended the meeting representing Johnson/Pallante. Chairman Frank Gallasso read into the record an email from Beatty Construction. Mr. Carpanzano explained to the Commissioners what they would like to do. Mr. Carpanzano asked Commissioners if it was possible to have Enforcement Officer Cooper approve this application administratively, or if a special meeting after the site walk was possible. Commissioners explained to Mr. Carpanzano that no approval can be given until 15 days after accepting the application. To expedite this application, commissioners agreed to have a special meeting after the site walk. Commissioners reviewed the plan and after a brief discussion. Commissioners scheduled a site walk for 11-1-20 with a special meeting in the field following the site walk.

2. James Moskowitz – 13 Big Trial – Application # 29-20
   (Construction of an Addition of bedroom and bath and other improvements to include the construction of drainage system, grading and other related appurtenances all within the established review area).
   Mr. Chris Francis of Arthur H. Howland & Assoc. attended the meeting representing Mr. Moskowitz. Mr. Francis described to the Commissioners what they would like to do. Commissioner reviewed the plan and accepted the application. Commissioners scheduled a site walk for 11-1-20. Will be on next month’s agenda.

3. Lauren Handlesman – 17 Candlewood Lake Drive – Application # 30-20
   (Proposed partially covered front porch with new footings at perimeter of porch. New tensioned wire railing at northwest corner only. – 295 sq. f.t of new porch proposed. Decking material to be wood, species (TBD) all within the established review area).
   No one attended the meeting representing Ms. Handlesman. Chairman Frank Galasso read into the record the email from the agent. Enforcement Officer Cooper told Commissioners that he had walked the site and explained to the Commissioners what they would like to do. Commissioners reviewed the plan and after a brief discussion, Commissioner Dech made a motion to have Enforcement Officer Cooper approve this application administratively. Commissioner Mendell seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Granted

4. Karen Chance – 37 Route 37 East – Application # 31-20
   (Construct 12 x 6 shed all within the established review area).
   No one attended the meeting representing Ms. Chance. Enforcement Officer Cooper told Commissioners that he had walked the site and explained to the Commissioners what they would like to do. Commissioners reviewed the plan and after a brief discussion, Commissioner Dech made a motion to have Enforcement Officer Cooper approve this application administratively. Commissioner Mendell seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Granted
5. **Town of Sherman – Veteran’s Field – Sawmill Road – Application # 32-20**
(Removal of invasive plants and replacement with native plants all within the established review area).

Mr. Bill McCann and Mr. Jeff Main attended the meeting representing the Town of Sherman. Mr. McCann described to the Commissioners what they would like to do. Mr. McCann explained that the work would start in the spring and it would be done by volunteers. Mr. McCann also started that the work would be a multi-years project. Commissioners reviewed the plan and accepted the application. Commissioners scheduled a site walk for 11-1-20. Will be on next month’s agenda.

6. **Paola Styron – 26 Briggs Hill Road – Application # 33-20**
(Demolition of Cottage within the established review area).

No one attended the meeting representing Ms. Styron. Enforcement Officer Cooper told Commissioners that he had walked the site and explained to the Commissioners what they would like to do. Commissioners reviewed the plan and after a brief discussion, Commissioner Lewis made a motion to have Enforcement Officer Cooper approve this application administratively. Commissioner Mendell seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

7. **Phillip Toews – 18 Deer Run Trial – Application # 34-20**
(Lower Deck Expansion, Hot Tub installation, new deck stair relocation, relocation of HVAC condensers to northwest of beach all within the established review area).

No one attended the meeting representing Mr. Toews. Enforcement Officer Cooper told Commissioners that he had walked the site and explained to the Commissioners what they would like to do. Commissioners reviewed the plans and after a brief discussion, Commissioner Lewis made a motion to have Enforcement Officer Cooper approve this application administratively. Commissioner Dech seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Granted

8. **Christopher Bizier – 5 Upland Pastures – Application # 35-20**
(Proposed Single Family Dwelling, Garage, Pool, Patio, Driveway, Well, Septic System all within the established review area).

Mr. Christopher Bizier attended the meeting. Mr. Bizier described to the Commissioners what he would like to do. Commissioners reviewed the plans and after a brief discussion, Commissioners accepted the application and scheduled a site walk for 11-1-20. Will be on next month’s agenda.

9. **Discussion – regarding Homeland Towers & AT&T at 16 Coote Hill Road**
(Cell Tower)

Enforcement Officer Cooper told Commissioners that Homeland Towers & AT&T are looking to install a cell tower at 16 Coote Hill Road. Officer Cooper told Commissioners that the Connecticut Siting Council approves this. Officer Cooper explained to the Commissioners that he is working on determining the environmental effects of the project and will continue to inform the Commission. Officer Cooper will submit a report to the Commission at next month’s meeting.

IV. **REVIEW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT:**

**PERMITS – EXTENSIONS – ANY VIOLATIONS:**

**Violations:**
Nothing to report.

**Permits:**
- Permit # 32-18 – David Lakhdir – 73 Spring Lake Road – Enforcement Officer Cooper reported the work is still in progress.
- Permit # 33-28 – Richard Sementilli – 175 Green Pond Road – Enforcement Officer Cooper reported no 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 work is complete.
- Permit # 02-19 – Lake Mauweehoo – 2 Mauweehoo – Enforcement Officer Cooper reported the only work left to be done is the spill way near the stream.
Permit # 12-19 – Lakeview/Russo – 27 Cedar Lane – Enforcement Officer Cooper reported work is in progress.
Permit # 26-19 – Paul Ruane – 1 Anderson Road West – Enforcement Officer Cooper reported work is in progress.
Permit # 34-19 – Lourd Family – 5 Brinsmade Lane – Enforcement Officer Cooper reported the driveway work has begun.
Permit # 02-20 – Sam Simons – 6 Glenview Drive – Enforcement Officer Cooper reported work is complete.
Permit # 03-20 – Paul Johnson – 33 Orchard Rest Road – Enforcement Officer Cooper reported work is complete.
Permit # 10-20 – Veronique Ansorge – 3 Oak Drive – Enforcement Officer Cooper reported work is complete.
Permit # 13-20 – David Fritz – 5 Short Lane – Enforcement Officer Cooper reported work is complete.
Permit # 17-20 – William Pederson – 41 Route 37 East – Enforcement Officer Cooper reported work is complete.
Permit # 18-20 – Timber Trails LLC – 8 Durgy Lane – Enforcement Officer Cooper reported work is complete.
Permit # 21-20 – Gary Goldring – 46 Mill Pond Road – Enforcement Officer Cooper reported work is in progress.
Permit # 22-20 – David Elliman – 258 Old Forge Road – Enforcement Officer Cooper reported work is in progress.
Permit # 23-20 – Peter Arnold – 5 Briggs Hill Road – Enforcement Officer Cooper reported he is waiting to receive a flood plain map to be filed before he can issue a zoning permit.

**Extension:**
Nothing to report

**Reports:**

V. **MINUTES:**

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING – 9-15-20**
Commissioner Dech made a motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Commissioner Lewis. Motion passed unanimously. Granted

VI. **CORRESPONDENCE:**
A. E-Mail from Darcy Winther regarding DEEP Municipal Inland Wetlands Agency Comprehensive Training Program.
B. Affidavit of Publication – 9-30-20
C. The Society of Soil Scientists of Southern New England Official Registry will only be available online during 2021.
D. Homeland Towers & AT&T for 16 Coote Hill Road regarding information for a cell tower.
E. Certificate of Completion for Commissioner Ginny O’Neill for Training Program.
F. E-Mail from Lorinda Pallisco resigning from the Commission.

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

As there was no further business the meeting ended at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Humphreys
Secretary

Prepared by Trish Viola, Clerk