SHERMAN INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES COMMISSION
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING – VIA ZOOM
DECEMBER 1, 2020

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

ABSENT: David Schneider, Jerome Mendell

Chairman Frank Galasso called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

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

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

Commissioners agreed to write in an application under New Business

I. SITE WALKS: November 1, 2020
   Christopher Bizier – 5 Upland Pastures – Application # 32-20
   (Proposed Single Family Dwelling, Garage, Pool, Patio, Driveway, Well, Septic System all within the established review area).
   Town of Sherman – Veteran’s Field – Saw Mill Road – Application # 31-20
   (Removal of invasive plants and replacement with native plants all within the established review area).
   Johnson/Pallante – 22 Route 37 Center – Application # 28-20
   (Repair Septic System all within the established review area).
   James Moskowitz – 13 Big Trail – Application # 29-20
   (Construction of an addition of bedroom and bath and other improvements also to include the construction of drainage system, grading and other related appurtenances 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).
   Ms. Amanda Branson attended the meeting via zoom representing Northwest CT Land Conservancy. Ms. Branson submitted a letter from Mr. Brian Neff, Engineer regarding the proposed footbridge engineering review. Commissioners all have a copy of the letter. Commissioners discuss the letter from the engineer and agreed with his proposal. After a brief 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 work begins – (3) work to be done per the engineer letter – (4) if bridge has an impact the applicant will fix it. Commissioner Lewis seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Granted.
2. **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).
Mr. Michael Mazzucco, Engineer and Mr. & Mrs. Villodas attended the meeting via zoom. Chairman Frank Galasso read into the record the minutes of the site walk. Mr. Mazzucco submitted drainage calculations and revised plan. Mr. Mazzucco explained in detail all the areas of concern on the plan. After a long discussion. Commissioner Cooperman made a motion to approved 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) pre-construction meeting with Enforcement Officer Cooper – (4) engineer to do a field inspection regarding the work for compaction – (5) engineer to determine in field with Enforcement Officer weather to use rip-rap or submit a planting plan – (6) all work approved is only for above the 440’ line – (7) driveway to be paved – (8) all work to be done per revised plan submitted 11-13-20 titled ‘site/septic plan’ that was discuss at meeting – (9) the application was approved for 4 years. Commissioner Lewis seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Granted.

3. **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 via zoom representing Mr. Moskowitz. Vice Chairman Bob Putnam read into the record the minutes of the site walk. Mr. Francis told Commissioners that he had no new information to submit. 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 at least 48 hours before starting work – (3) pre-construction meeting with Enforcement Officer Cooper. Commissioner Putnam seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Granted.

4. **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 via zoom representing the Town of Sherman. Vice Chairman Bob Putnam read into the record the minutes of the site walk. Commissioners had several concerns regarding the property lines and where the 440’ line is. After a long discussion, Mr. McCann and Mr. Main agreed to continue this application until next month’s meeting so they can get more information. Mr. McCann will follow-up with Enforcement Officer Cooper also. Will be on next month’s agenda.

5. **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. Dainius Virbickas, Engineer of Artel Engineering Group, LLC and Mr. Christopher Bizier attended the meeting via zoom. Vice Chairman Bob Putnam read into the record the minutes of the site walk. Mr. Bizier submitted a plan showing the areas where the tree cutting will be done. Mr. Virbickas explained the plan to the Commission. Commissioners also reviewed the site plan. Mr. Virbickas explained all the areas of concern to the Commission. 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 at least 48 hours before starting work – (3) pre-construction meeting in the field with Enforcement Officer Cooper to determine the relocation of the tree clearing – (4) cutting area to be move further west...
away from closest wetland - (5) work to be done per plan that was discuss at meeting.
Commissioner Putnam seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Granted

III. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Alfred Surprenant – 4 Bittersweet Lane – Application # 36-20
   (Construct a 12 x 16 shed within the established review area).
   Enforcement Officer Cooper explain why this application only came in today. Officer Cooper
described to the Commissioner what they would like to do. Commissioner Cooperman made a
motion to have Enforcement Officer Cooper approve this application administratively.
Commissioner Dech seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Granted

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

   Reports:
   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.

   Violations:
   Violation # 02-20 – Edward Castillo – 10 Candlewood Lake Drive – Enforcement Officer Cooper
reported work is complete.

   Permits:
   Permit # 39-18 – Lakeview Development – 22 Cedar Lane – Enforcement Officer Cooper reported
work is in progress.
   Permit # 02-19 – Lake Mauweehoo – 2 Mauweehoo Hill Rd. – Enforcement Officer Cooper
reported work is complete.
   Permit # 05-19 – Alex Chiesi – 29 Deer Run Trail – Enforcement Officer Cooper reported he will
be doing a site inspection.
   Permit # 12-19 – Lakeview/Russo – 27 Cedar Lane – Enforcement Officer Cooper reported that
the work has stopped for now, owner working on new dwelling.
   Permit # 34-19 – Lourd Family – 5 Brinsmade Lane – Enforcement Officer Cooper reported that
the driveway is in.
   Permit # 05-20 – Edward Castillo – 10 Candlewood Lake Drive – Enforcement Officer Cooper
reported that work is complete.
   Permit # 12-20 – Stephen Colen – 28 Deer Run Trail – Enforcement Officer Cooper reported work
is in progress.
   Permit # 23-20 – Peter Arnold – 5 Briggs Hill Road – Enforcement Officer Cooper reported that
he is waiting for information regarding flood plan.
   Permit # 31-20 – Karen Chance – 37 Route 37 East – Enforcement Officer Cooper reported work
is complete.

   Extension:
   Permit # 14-18 – Naromi Land Trust – Crooked Furrows Lane – Enforcement Officer Cooper
reported that he will be sending a letter from Planning & Zoning regarding the screening on the
site.

V. MINUTES:
   REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING – 10-20-20
Commissioner Cooperman made a motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by
Commissioner Lewis. Motion passed unanimously. Granted
SPECIAL MEETING IN FIELD – 11-1-20
Line 6 (delete) Greenwood Brook – (add) Toll Gate Brook - Commissioner Cooperman made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected, seconded by Commissioner Dech. Motion passed unanimously.

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING 11-17-20 - CANCEL

VI. CORRESPONDENCE:
A. Affidavit of Publication – 10-29-20
B. Certificate of Completion for Commissioner Merialis Lewis for Training Program.
C. Copy of Letter from 1st Selectman Don Lowe regarding Commissioner Mendell appointed to full member on Commission.
D. Affidavit of Publication – 11-12-20
E. E-mail form CACIWC-Environmental Conference – December 5, 2020

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 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Humphreys
Secretary

Prepared by Trish Viola, Clerk