

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
OLD LYME INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES COMMISSION
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2023**

PRESENT WERE: Rachael Gaudio, Tom Machnik, Peter Friel, Scott Basham, John Mesham, Mike Miller and Todd Crolius.

ABSENT: Chris Marchant and Jared Bombaci

Vice Chair Tom Machnik called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

23-19 – Todd Brink – 97 Lyme Street – Garden Shed 8 x 16 with shed roof.

The commission received an application and set a Site Walk for Monday, October 30, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.

23-20 – Roger Davis – 33 Town Woods Road – Gravel driveway over the culvert.

Kim Groves noted for the record the commission has not received an application. Mr. Davis stated that the commission had visited the site last year. The commission stated that was correct they had visited the site for an Enforcement action. Machnik stated that the permit granted at that time was for the culvert that was installed without a permit. Mr. Davis asked the commission to waive the application fee due to the fact he was on a fixed income. Groves explained that the land use fees do not currently cover the cost of the legal requirements of the publication of the commission's decision.

Mesham stated he felt the proposed work requires the submittal of a new application. The commission reviewed Mr. Davis's prior approval.

Gaudio stated that the fees are part of the Land Use process and not able to selectively waive fees. She also noted currently the commission is discussing this issue without an application submitted and she recommended Mr. Davis apply for what he is proposing to do on the site.

Mr. Davis provided the commission with an application. Mr. Davis indicated he did not feel another site visit was necessary. Gaudio explained we have new members on the commission who have not visited the site. Mesham further explained the commission would like to see the existing site conditions.

The commission set a Site Walk for Monday, October 30, 2023 at 5:15 p.m. and asked the applicant to make the area clear on the site for the proposed improvements.

OLD BUSINESS

23-18 – Brian and Jane Fox – 43 Brighton Road – An addition & renovation to an existing home to include minor grading and the removal of an existing shed and ramp.

Joe Wren, Indigo Land Design, located in Old Saybrook, CT and Bob Russo, Soil Scientist with CLA in Norwich, CT were present to discuss the application. Wren submitted a revised plan dated 10/17/23. Wren stated he presented an application to the Zoning Board of Appeals last week and as a result of that meeting the architect has modified the additions to a smaller footprint which makes it a few feet further from the wetlands. He stated the ground cover under the deck would be crushed stone. Wren submitted 11 x 17 versions of this updated plan to the Commission. Wren noted there area is currently mowed and maintained lawn to the edge of the wetland. He said the existing shed on the site which is proposed to be removed straddles the wetlands. Bob Russo reviewed the flags shown on the plan which delineates the wetlands. Russo also noted there was a steep slope down to the wetlands. Russo stated he did not feel the proposed addition would have an impact on the wetlands.

Mesham asked what was proposed for the area underneath the existing shed. Wren stated there is currently crushed stone under the shed. Wren stated the idea is to let that area revegetate.

Tom Machnik made a motion to approve the application with the condition should the size of the footprint of the proposed improvements increase they would need to come back before the commission. Rachael Gaudio seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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Reading and Approval of the 2024 Meeting Calendar

John Mesham made a motion to approve the 2024 Meeting Calendar. Todd Crolius seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Reading and Approval of the Minutes.

Site Walk Meeting Minutes – October 16, 2023

John Mesham made a motion to approve the Site Walk Meeting Minutes. Rachael Gaudio seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Regular Meeting Minutes- September 26, 2023

Rachael Gaudio made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes. Todd Crolius seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Groves