

**INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
MINUTES**

Regular Meeting of August 22, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.

Council Chambers, Newtown Municipal Center
3 Primrose Street, Newtown, CT

These Minutes are subject to Approval by the Inland Wetlands Commission

Present: Sharon Salling, Craig Ferris, Mike McCabe, Vanessa Villamil

Absent: John Davin, Kristen Hammar, Suzanne Guidera

Staff Present: Steve Maguire, Senior Land Use Enforcement Officer, Dawn Fried, Clerk

Ms. Salling opened the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

PENDING APPLICATIONS

Application #18-12 by David Basak-Smith, property located at 71 Lakeview Terrace, for construction of a 5-ft. wide switch-back trail from the house to the lake bordered on both sides by a 1 ½- ft. high stone wall and plantings. The applicant has withdrawn the application and will resubmit at a later date.

Application #18-17 by Jonathan S. Bond Sr., property located at 8 Zoar Road, for pond dredging.

The applicant, Jonathan S. Bond Sr., 24 Pole Bridge Road, Sandy Hook, explained that he is cleaning the silt from the pond with an excavator.

Ms. Salling questioned how Mr. Bond will get to the pond. Mr. Bond responded by the shed. Ms. Salling also questioned why is the pond being dredged. Mr. Bond stated he is dredging the pond for the owners and surmises it's for aesthetic reasons.

Ms. Salling questioned whether Mr. Bond is dewatering the pond. Mr. Bond stated there will be a sump at the inlet to bypass the pond. The water is too high at this time so Mr. Bond might have to wait until a dryer time which might not be until next year.

Mr. McCabe questioned how close Mr. Bond will be to the dam. Mr. Bond stated he will start at the top on a 45 degree slope and will not touch the dam. Mr. Bond doesn't want to risk disturbing the dam. Ms. Salling was also concerned about the integrity of the dam and suggested shoring it up. Mr. Bond stated he will assess the dam.

Mr. Ferris questioned if there is a stream. Mr. Bond stated yes but it is not well defined and it's swampy. Mr. Bond will put a sump in the stream.

Mr. Maguire confirmed that the water will be pumped out through the sump.

Mr. Ferris moved that Application #18-17 by Jonathan S. Bond Sr., property located at 8 Zoar Road, for pond dredging be approved with standard conditions A, B, C, D, E, F, O and P. The approved plans are: Pond and Cross Section Map dated received July 17, 2018. Mr. McCabe seconded. All in favor.

Application #18-18 by Seelena Genna, property located at 32 Lake Road, for the construction of stone steps and retaining wall, planting of native species and restoration of disturbed areas.

Mr. Stephen Wing, Landscape Architect, ASLA, 26 Crown Street, Milford, CT spoke on behalf of the applicant. Mr. Wing stated that he has been working with First Light on this project. Mr. Wing gave an overview of the property and the proposed improvements which consist of a 1,000 sq-ft sitting area and retaining wall by the lake edge, planting plan and stone material for upper driveway.

Mr. Wing gave a brief overview of the erosion control plan and discussed the use of an anti-tracking pad, an erosion control fence and a silt fence at the base of the retaining wall.

The project will begin this fall with the landscaping plan carrying over into spring of 2019.

Mr. Wing listed the flowers, plants and trees that will be added to the property. These plantings will provide a more woody area on the lower level of the property.

Ms. Salling questioned whether there was a discussion as to why the seawall will be built on the entire lake frontage. Mr. Paul Jenna, 32 Lake Road, explained that First Light wants the sea wall tilted back, not straight. This will be more protective. The wall will be built in October when the lake is drained. It will be 4-ft high and will be at the existing grade. No fill is needed. A silt fence will be installed in the lake during construction.

There will be two "lay-down" areas on the property for the storage of heavy equipment. One area will be by the house and the other area by the lake. A small track machine will be used to transport the material.

Mr. McCabe moved that Application #18-18 by Seelena Genna, property located at 32 Lake Road, for the construction of stone steps and retaining wall, planting of native species and restoration of disturbed areas be approved with standard conditions A, B, C, D, E, F, O and P. The approved plans are: Lakeside Improvements prepared for Paul and Seelena Genna 32 Lake Road, Newtown, Connecticut, prepared by Stephen Wing, Dated revised July 12, 2018, dated received July 24, 2018. Ms. Villamil seconded. All in favor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES for August 8, 2018

Mr. Ferris moved to accept the minutes from August 8, 2018. Mr. McCabe seconded. All in favor. The minutes from August 8, 2018 were approved.

ADJOURNMENT

With no additional business, Mr. Ferris moved to adjourn. Mr. McCabe seconded.

All in favor. The meeting of August 8, 2018 was adjourned at 8:17 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Dawn Fried.