

# TOWN OF COLUMBIA

## INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSE COMMISSION

Wednesday, November 15, 2023 4:00 P.M.

### SPECIAL MEETING – SITE WALK MINUTES

Members Present: Chairman John Allen, Secretary Ron Wikholm, David Holcroft, T. Garritt, Mary Roickle

Members Excused: Vice-Chair Tom Archambault, Ian Dann, Jon Dilworth (alternate)

Staff Present: Wetlands Agent Isabelle Kisluk, Board Clerk Mary Kay Hyman

Others Present: Applicant K. Lewis and M. Hall

#### 1. 4:00 P.M. – 214 Route 87 – LMAC will join this site walk.

**IWWC-2324-16:** Application of: Karen Lewis to replace an existing lake wall and existing dock with a proposed extension at 214 Rte. 87.

J. Allen called the meeting to order at **4:03 PM**.

I. Kisluk thanked the owner for the detailed description in the Application.

M. Hall pointed out that the access to the property will be from behind the garage. He then identified the east and west ends of current wall, which is approximately 35 feet long. He stated they believe the west end of the wall ends at the swale running from the road to the lake, along the west side of the property. He identified that the swale is washing out and the depth, in some areas, is up to 3 feet.

K. Lewis stated the swale is not mentioned on the current deed. She also stated she has met with C. Kisluk, the Town Zoning Officer, who is looking into the matter with the DOT.

M. Roickle stated that since the wall is only 35 feet and based on current regulations anything less than 50 feet does not allow for a Dock, but because this one already exists, they would be grandfathered in as is. She stated the requested extension will need to be discussed.

T. Garritt then asked why the wall is being replaced.

M. Hall showed where the wall is sinking near the dock and deteriorating at the base, allowing water to wash out the lakebed under the Wall, which is coming up through holes created behind the Wall on the property. M. Hall stated that the cement steps going into the lake are separate from the Wall and will stay in place. He also stated the Wall will be replaced with field stone and will have a stone base.

M. Roickle stated LMAC's concern with the extension of the Dock is that it may extend over the neighbors' property lines. She explained that the property lines extend into the lake. She also stated that the extension could interfere with the neighbors swimming areas. I. Kisluk stated she will obtain the GIS reflecting the property lines and send it out to the Commission. M. Roickle then stated that the neighbor J. Santos would prefer maybe a shorter extension of 2 ft. M. Roickle stated that J. Santos is a member of the LMAC and will abstain from voting on this Application.

The discussion then reverted to the swale and the members asked if the 12-inch pipe that comes through the wall will be the same in the new wall. M. Hall confirmed it would. M. Hall stated he would like to ultimately see a new trench and pipe installed from the road to the lake wall once the property line is decided.

I Kisluk confirmed that the Commission will be voting on the Wall and the extension of the dock at the next meeting. The swale will be left for further investigation.

The site walk concluded at **4:13 PM**.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Kay Hyman, Board Clerk

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