

TOWN OF COLUMBIA
INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSE COMMISSION

Saturday, January 27, 2024 9:00 A.M.

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

SITE WALKS WITH ACTION

Members Present: Chairman John Allen, Vice-Chair Jon Dilworth, Secretary Ron Wikholm, Mary Roickle

Members Excused: T. Garritt, Ian Dann

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

Others Present: Applicant Jim Blair

1. 9:00 A.M. – 166 Route 87

IWWC-2324-23: Application of: Jim Blair of Jim Blair Landscape and Design, LLC to Veneer Lake Wall and Replace Existing Patio with a Permeable Paver Patio at 166 Route 87.

J. Allen called the meeting to order at **9:03 AM**.

I. Kisluk stated that the application was received at the January 04, 2024 IWWC Meeting and stated the lake wall be getting a new veneer with little impact to the lake and the existing impermeable patio will be replaced with permeable pavers.

J. Blair stated the hardest work will be the removal of the existing patio, which currently has a traditional base. He stated they will approach the site on the side of the property and will use either gravel and/or planking to minimize ruts. He stated they will also use silt fencing and hale bales in some areas to manage stormwater runoff. He stated they will only be working on the top 2 feet of the wall and will be using a thin veneer, approximately 2 inches and will be capping the wall with granite.

J. Allen requested I. Kisluk to read the Summary Ruling with Conditions into the Record.

R. Wikholm **MOVED** to **APPROVE**, with conditions, **IWWC-2324-23: Application of:** Jim Blair of Jim Blair Landscape and Design, LLC to Veneer Lake Wall and Replace Existing Patio with a Permeable Paver Patio at 166 Route 87. J. Dilworth **SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 4:0:0**

2. 9:30 A.M. – 46 Erdoni Road

IWWC-2324-22: Application of: Jim Blair of Jim Blair Landscape and Design, LLC to Repair Lake Wall at 46 Erdoni Road.

I. Kisluk stated that the application was received at the January 04, 2024 IWWC meeting and explained that there are some loose stones that need to be replaced and mortared in place. She stated that J. Blair stated in his application that the work would be completed while standing on the lakebed and would only take one to two days to complete.

J. Blair showed the areas of the wall on both sides of the dock, where stones would be replaced and mortared in with cement. He identified that the wall is leaning forward, but the homeowner is not interested in rebuilding the wall at this time. He also pointed out an area where some of the wall has been washed out around a culvert coming in from Erdoni Road.

The Commission discussed the impacts on properties and the lake due to the heavy amounts of rainfall in the area, as well as the maintenance of leaves on the lakebed.

J. Allen requested I. Kisluk to read the Summary Ruling with Conditions into the Record.

J. Dilworth **MOVED** to **APPROVE**, with conditions as read, **IWWC-2324-23: Application of:** Jim Blair of Jim Blair Landscape and Design, LLC to Repair Lake Wall at 46 Erdoni Road. Wikholm **SECONDED**.
MOTION CARRIED 4:0:0

3. 10:00 A.M. – 62 Lake Road

IWWC-2324-24: Application of: William Fochi to Repair Loose Stone in Stone Wall with Existing Stone and Concrete at 62 Lake Road.

I Kisluk stated that the application was received at the January 04, 2024 IWWC meeting and summarized the application for Commission members. She stated three sections of the existing wall will be rebuilt. She stated the work will be done by the mason, J. Boland, who originally built the wall about 40 years ago. She showed the Commission 3 areas which will be worked on, per the application. Two small sections to be restructured are currently being impacted by tree growth which she identified for the Commission. She then identified a section of the wall that needs to be re-stabilized due to water runoff from Lake road, permeating through the yard and draining through the lake wall. She identified a drainage pipe coming through the wall, which will stay in place.

M. Roickle stated that the significant amount of rainfall has had a huge impact on properties all around the lake.

The Commission discussed the different types of walls, some built with mortar, vs without and the impacts of both types in relation to waves.

J. Allen requested I. Kisluk to read the Summary Ruling with Conditions into the Record.

M. Roickle **MOVED** to **APPROVE**, with conditions as read, **IWWC-2324-23: Application of:** William Fochi to Repair Loose Stone in Stone Wall with Existing Stone and Concrete at 62 Lake Road. J. Dilworth **SECONDED**. **MOTION CARRIED 4:0:0**

The site walk concluded at **10:03 AM**.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Kay Hyman, Board Clerk

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