

TOWN OF COLUMBIA
INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSE COMMISSION

Adella G. Urban Administrative Offices Conference Room

323 Route 87, Columbia, CT

Monday, October 7, 2019 - 7:00 P.M.

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Members Present: Chairman John Allen, Vice-Chair Tom Archambault, Tip Garritt, Carol Ann Jaswinski
Secretary Ron Wikholm

Members Excused: Ian Dunn, William Ross

Staff Present: Wetlands Agent John Valente, Board Clerk Flo Polek

Others Present: Mary Roickle, James Blair who arrived at 7:30pm.

Call to Order: J. Allen called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Roll Call-Seat Alternates: None

Additions/Changes in order of Agenda: None

1. Audience of Citizens: Mary Roickle

2. Old Business:

2.1. IWWC-1920-03: Application of Alfred Therrien Owner, James Blair Applicant to repair/replace the seawall at 132B Route 87, Assessor's Map 013B, Lot #051 in the LAR zone.

John Allen read the application and asked J. Blair to provide a brief summary on the repair of the seawall. J. Blair indicated that the existing wall is very unsafe. J. Blair will take down all stones and line up and will dig out to put in a base. A stabilization mat will be placed so the water is able to pass thru lower part of wall. It also prevents stone to be embedded in the earth's bed. It is a heavy-duty woven material, behind with $\frac{3}{4}$ in stone. Water coming in from the lake will not take soil back out and avoid erosion. The cement ramp will stay with returns at the outer side of ramp and will meet 132A. J. Valente read the summary ruling. J. Blair indicated that the material will be removed, and the new material brought into the site. He also had further discussion possibly increasing the wall and moving it back a little to meet with adjacent property walls. J. Valente required plastic to place over or under the plywood to prevent sediment flowing into the lake. J. Valente **MOVED to APPROVE**; Ron Wikholm **SECONDED. MOTIONED CARRIED 5:0:0**

3. New Business:

3.1. IWWC-1920-04: Application of Daniel & Kathleen O'Neill to repair/replace the seawall at 48 Route 87 Assessor's Map 013A, Lot #014A in the LAR zone. J. Valente said that D. O'Neill could not make the meeting. A site walk will take place on Saturday, October 19, 2019 at 9:00am.

3.2. IWWC-1920-06: Application of Stephen & Louise Cooke Owners, James Blair Applicant to repair/replace the seawall at 112 Route 87, Assessor's Map 013B, Lot# 086 in the LAR zone. J. Blair said this project is about the same as the sequences for 48 Route 87. The wall will be dismantled, the stone will be harvested, re-used and a stabilization mat will be placed at lakebed. Retaining wall above the seawall will remain. The lawn will have several diversions and breaks for equipment travel lanes. Trips will be limited to and from the site. The height of the sea wall will be raised to match existing docks filled with stone. Sea walls will be higher and will match walls at property lines. The application must be approved by BOS before any approval of IWWC. Mary Roickle stated that LMAC usually makes the recommendation before BOS approval.

3.3. IWWC-1920-07: Application of Chris & Lynn Connaughty owners, James Blair Applicant to repair/replace the seawall at 36 Erdoni Road, Assessor's Map 016A, Lot #006 in the LAR zone. J. Blair will dig out the wall, a bigger area, maintain the area, the sandy area will remain. Existing stairs will remain. Section of the wall will remain that integrates with the town wall. Dock to remain at this time. J. Blair will revisit the area once the lake is drained since we do not know what there is until then. We will need to establish the line of the wall, the height of the wall and how it will integrate correctly with the dock and if repairs or replacement is required to the dock. There are three patio areas. Patio 1 is a big rectangular brick area in front of the house and goes up to the lake. The plan is to have walkways out of the house, 4 or 5' that goes parallel to the house and the stairs. The rest of the area will transition into stone because the pavers will be set on a base with processed sand. Stone will capture the runoff. The shed will be enhanced with drainage with 2' of stone placed around the base. Adjacent to the shed, a rain garden will be created to capture the runoff of water from the road. The application must be approved by BOS before any approval of IWWC. Mary Roickle stated that LMAC usually makes the recommendation before BOS approval.

4. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

4.1. Meeting Minutes of February 4, 2019 T. Garritt **MOVED** to **APPROVE** the meeting minutes of February 4, 2019; C. Jaswinski **SECONDED**.

4.2. Site Walks Minutes of September 23, 2019 J. Allen **MOVED** to **APPROVE** the site walk minutes of September 23, 2019; R. Wikholm **SECONDED**.

5. Audience of Citizens: Mary Roickle of 34 Erdoni Road, thanked the commission for allowing her to attend. Mary stated she is here to support the property owners at 48 Erdoni Road and the contractor as well.

6. Communications/Correspondence:

6.1 The Habitat-Winter/Spring 2019, Summer/Fall 2019
All members opted to receive the publication on-line.

7. Commission Open Discussion: None

8. Administrative Reports: J. Valente reviewed administrative approvals with the members for the five applications.

IWWC-1819-11: Application of Karen Loiselle Goodwin to rebuild existing stone wall (80 ft total area), at 48 Erdoni Road, Columbia CT, Assessor's Map #016A, Lot #002 in the LAR zone.

APPROVED: 02/04/2019 Rebuild wall back from the lake without disturbing bottom of lake. Minimal amount of disturbance to lakebed and no wash. If any disturbance to the lakebed, repair would not be approved.

IWWC-1819-12: Administrative Approval of Kerry & Kathleen Butler to repair/replace/build a dock with no lake bottom disturbance, at 7 Lakeview Drive, Columbia CT, Assessor's Map #013B, Lot #058.

APPROVED: 03/20/2019 J. Valente indicated that there will be a minimal amount of disturbance to lakebed. If any disturbance to the lakebed, repair would not be approved.

IWWC-1819-13: Administrative Approval of Karen Loiselle Goodwin to construct a brick paver patio in the upland review area, at 48 Erdoni Road, Columbia CT, Assessor's Map #016A, Lot #002 in the LAR zone.

APPROVED: 04/01/2019 Previously, a wall and a large patio was built on the property, 30 feet back from the lake. To repair, without bring to the commission, we had to infiltrate 2" of water from patio with enough stone, 2" of stone, placed underneath the patio to handle the roof run-off from the 2 houses, with one being a small cabin. This improved the area rather than leaving it alone. The net increase disturbance on the building footprint on property resulted in less impact from the placement of the patio. Greenscape was the contractor.

IWWC-1819-14: Administrative Approval of Martin Shea of 1 Webster Lane to install a 10ft x 14ft patio within the upland review area.

APPROVED: 05/09/2019

This project is like 48 Erdoni Road. Make sure of a couple inches of stone for infiltration areas with structures above water table. We do not populate infiltration based on soil pattern.

IWWC-1920-01: Administrative Approval of Rebecca Liebel for an addition in the upland review area, at 67 Pine Street, Assessor's Map 029, Lot #034 in the RA zone.

APPROVED: 08/19/2019 The gross service area is populated with wash stone.

J. Valente and S. Harrington and had a conversation with new property S. Harrington purchased, previously Columbia Manufacturing with a two-family home on the property. Mr. Harrington said he plans to open a country store and one apartment upstairs as well as something else. He is looking at owning more to build a trail from Willimantic to the Physical Therapy Center. J. Valente has a concern of the sediments from all the digging around the watershed. J. Valente and S. Harrington worked out an elaborate and simple system of following the watershed. All the water that comes off the opened lot, goes down the hill, and gets caught in a swale. The plan is to improve the swale so no water escapes and water will follow a flow path that goes behind the Main Moose. There is a rise by the river so water will not go into the river. This will improve the water flow pattern with retaining some of the stone water behind a stone burn. Water will seep out after the storm event so we will capitalize on retaining the water flow, improve infiltration, and retention of funds.

There are two logging operations since June, one on 33 Cards Mill, property of Robert and Margaret Waldron, and another on 7 Hunt Rd, property of Richard and Lisa Napolitano. There will be no piping of any stream or filling of wetlands.

J. Valente gave administrative approval to East Conn. East Conn will be improving the back of building and build a 12x18 addition to service buses. Wetlands are about 25' from back of the building. Material will be removed from site and enough stone will be filled in around building to infiltrate the water runoff of the roof. The area is very flat and vegetated.

Also, East Conn is in the process of purchasing adjacent property, (in between the old Boivin Paving and Dubois Automotive), from C. Gates which is very wet. East Conn will fill to gain additional parking for vehicles.

9. Adjournment: C. Jaswinski **MOVED** to **ADJOURN**; R. Wikholm **SECONDED**. **MOTION CARRIED 5:0:0**