

TOWN OF COLUMBIA

INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSE COMMISSION

Thursday, September 26, 2019 - 5:30 P.M. SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

SITE WALKS

Members Present: Chairman John Allen, Vice-Chair Tom Archambault, Ian Dann, Secretary Ron Wikholm

Members Excused: Carol Ann Jaswinski, Tip Garritt, William Ross

Others Present: Contractor/Owner of James Blair Landscape and Design Jim Blair, **Staff Present:** Board Clerk Flo Polek, owner of 112 Route 87

Call to Order: J. Allen called the meeting to order at 5:32pm

1. 5:30 pm – 36 Erdoni Road, Columbia CT

Commission members met with Jim Blair regarding the reconstruction of the seawall and patio. J. Blair reviewed his plan of rebuilding the lake wall along with a new patio in front of the cottage. He said the primary construction was to build a new seawall in the same location using current stones. From the stairwell in front of cottage, Jim will dig a trench and stone will be used as the foundation. Wall will be stacked dry so water can pass through. The top of the wall will be cement. No debris will be stored on-site. Debris will be taken away and thrown off-site. The length of the seawall is approximately 140 ft. The outdoor living space will be re-configured into a walkway into a big patio area. Same square footage. A stone buffer will be built around an existing shed on the right side of the property. The two current decks and one dock will be removed. Existing wooden decks will be replaced by pavers. A rain garden will be built in an area where water might accumulate.

2. 5:50 pm – 112 Route 87, Columbia CT

Commission members met with Jim Blair regarding the reconstruction of the seawall. J. Blair reviewed his plan of rebuilding the seawall and stated that this project is like that on Erdoni Rd. The existing wall will be taken down wall and a new rebuilt using dry construction and using the stones that exist. A new base will be constructed up to property line and may not be in the same lay out as the lake wall turns. Height of the seawall will match existing docks; seawall will be level and on one plane. A wide buffer (approximately 10 ft.) will be built in front of the seawall. The organics will be moved and will need 18" of stone base. Equipment will be kept on hill. Trucks will be on plateau. Debris will be removed and discarded, ramp will remain, with a return with a match to neighbor's walls.

3. 6:10 pm – 132B Route 87, Columbia CT

Commission members met with Jim Blair regarding the reconstruction of the seawall. J. Blair reviewed his plan of rebuilding the seawall which will be like the seawall at 112 Rt. 87. The seawall will be repaired from the property line to the left up to the cement landing. The current cement will stay in place. The dock will stay and may need to be jacked up to meet new seawall. The seawall repair will continue to the right up to the property line. The height will reach the dock. There may not be a buffer since grass and weed buildup in the area may cause more problems. Equipment will be on property, accessibility is good. Stone will be re-used, and additional stone will be needed.

The site walks ended at 6:23pm.

Respectfully submitted by Flo Polek.