

TOWN OF COLUMBIA
INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSE COMMISSION
Monday September 14, 2020 - 6:00 P.M.
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Members Present: Vice-Chair Tom Archambault, Secretary Ron Wikholm, Ian Dann, Tip Garritt, Carol Ann Jaswinski, William Ross

Members Excused: Chairman John Allen

Staff Present: Inland Wetlands Agent John Valente

Others Present: Contractor/Owner of James Blair Landscape and Design, James Blair

1. **132 D Route 87** - The meeting began started at 6:00 p.m. Jim Blair, representing the P. Walsh contracted him to rebuild the wall which has fallen into disrepair. P. Walsh would like to replace the existing dock as well since the dock is old and the wood is rotting. A silt fence will be installed in the lakebed to prevent any silt or debris getting into the lake. Offsets with stakes will be established to locate the face of wall and docks and will remain in place throughout the project. Approximately 12-15" will be excavated for base of wall and be 1 1/4" crushed stone with a stabilization mat. The wall construction will be dry stacked fieldstone with 1/2' crushed stone filling the voids. The wall will be approximately 42" in height matching the wall on the west end of the property.

The site walk concluded at 6:15 p.m.

2. **3 Webster Lane** - The meeting began at 6:20 p.m. Jim Blair, representing the Baumert's contracted him to rebuild the wall which has fallen into disrepair. They would also like to replace the existing docks. Both docks are old, and the wood is rotting, becoming unsafe to use. The deck immediately adjacent to the larger dock will also be replaced. That deck will be 12" above the new dock with a retaining wall around it. The new patio surface will be permeable pavers in order to prevent any direct runoff into Columbia Lake. The plan includes installing steps along the side of the west side of the property. The stairs would have stone landings in between in order to reduce or eliminate any runoff. Any lake-bed activity would be completed on or before March 15, 2021. No machinery will be placed in the lakebed. A silt fence will be installed at the foot of the bank that approaches from the driveway area, which will be the construction access point and stretches across the property. The wall is established with sufficient fabric in place within the first three days of construction to provide a last resort protection. All exposed excavated areas are covered nightly with heavy tarps throughout the project duration to protect from ice, rain, freezing temperatures, and snow. These measures help to ensure no soils are migrating into the lakebed. All material for any dock or deck will be cut to length on the bank in a stable location where the saw dust can be contained and removed from the property. Any piers that may be needed would be set on the lakebed with no excavation being done, either by hand or machine.

The site walk concluded at 6:40.