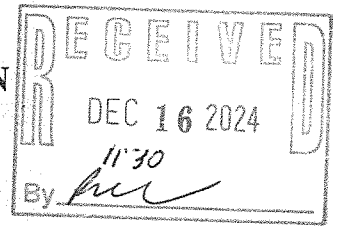


MORRIS INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
COMMUNITY HALL
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December, 2024

The regular December 12, 2024 meeting was called to order by the chair at 4:00 pm downstairs in the Community Hall. Present were Connie Trolle, Robin Viola, Doreen Gagnon, Clif Wheeler, and Mike Doyle. Also present were Murdo Smith, Micheal Delaney, Ben Paletsky, and Ken Hrica.

The minutes of the regular November 14, 2024 were accepted as written.

New Business

Application 24-18 from Mulimuka LLC for building renovation and replace 2 footings at 200 Bantam Lake Road was received. Also submitted was a site survey dated 11-4-24 by Berkshire Surveying and a building plan by Meehan Design Group. Murdo Smith told the members that two of the footings in the water supporting the building need to be replaced. This work will be done when the water is low. All other work will be done within the existing footprint in the building. Silt fencing and a boom in the water will be used as necessary to protect the lake. On a motion by Connie Trolle, seconded by Clif Wheeler, it was **VOTED** unanimously to approve this application that should have no significant impact to the lake.

Application 24-19 from Christian Edmonds for wall repair at 48 Brunetto Grove was received. This project had been approved on Permit 20-19 but was not finished at that time. On a motion by Connie Trolle, seconded by Doreen Gagnon, it was **VOTED** unanimously to approve this application.

Application 24-20 from Julie Miller for a greenhouse at 416 Thomaston Road was received. Also submitted was a site survey dated 5-10-23 by Robert Green Associates, a letter dated 7-31-24 by Lisa Cipolla, an approval from TAHD dated 7-18-24, and the Building Department sign-off sheet. It was not clear on the site survey where the greenhouse was proposed to be located and it was noted that Waterbury and the State have not been notified. Julie Miller will be contacted. This item will be on next month's agenda.

Application 24-21 from Michael Delaney for wall and riprap repair and stairs at 40 Brunetto was received. Also submitted was a project description, (2) sketches, photos (3 sheets, 16 photos), and a site survey dated 2-15-24 by All Seasons Land Surveying. Mr. Delaney explained that the area with the riprap will be cleaned up and the rocks put back at a 45 degrees angle, the concrete stairs will be replaced with 6-foot long granite steps, and the 3-foot retaining wall will be rebuilt removing some concrete pieces, but using existing rocks for a dry stack fieldstone wall.. No rocks will be removed from the lake bed. This will be on next month's agenda.

Application 24-22 from Ben Paletsky for a boardwalk at 21 Higbie Road was received. Also submitted were several photos. Ben Paletsky explained that this project that has been discussed at previous meetings is unchanged. The flower bed, watering delivery, and the dock boardwalk are the same, with the docks supported on ADS pipe (sketch included with the application). On a motion by Connie Trolle, seconded by Doreen Gagnon, it was **VOTED** unanimously to approve this application as as-of-right.

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Application 23-23 was received from SHR Energy Management as agent for Erica Dorsett for a solar array at 131 South Street. Also submitted was a drainage report dated 12-5-24 by Hrica Associates; a *Ground Mounted P.V. Array* dated 4-8-24 by SG Engineering; a site design dated 12-5-24 by Hrica Associates that includes sheets of: a pre-construction watershed map, a post-construction watershed map, a soils map, construction details, and erosion and sedimentation detail. It was noted that no authorization by the property owner for SHR Energy to act as agent was included. Mr. Hrica explained that the property where the array is proposed slopes to the east to a large mostly wetland area. He said that a solar array design must be approved by the Connecticut Siting Council. DEEP has several requirements, varying on slope, addressing runoff as well as undisturbed vegetated buffer areas 50 or 100 feet wide. Mr. Hrica said that the post construction runoff can not exceed that of the runoff from the existing conditions. The solar array is considered non pervious, but will have stone between the rows to absorbed energy and pipes to move the runoff and prevent erosion. Runoff controls are designed within 3.1 acres in the upland review area and include three detention areas designed to slowly release water as the level rises. The array is proposed on the westerly side of the property, including where a portion of the property extends to the north bordered on three sides by neighbor's property. An armored swale with 6" perforated pipe is proposed along the array where it protects the property to the north along the road (and continues thru the array to the east detention areas). The northernmost section of the array is also up slope of a neighbors property where a grassy swale is proposed to direct runoff to one of the detention areas. An 18" coir log barrier will run immediately below the detention areas. An access drive with tracking pad, and an area for equipment is proposed north of the existing buildings. Fencing will surround the solar array. This will be on next month's agenda.

Old Business

There was no old business.

Other Business

It was agreed to meet on the second Thursday of the month at 4:00 pm (2025 schedule on page 3).

It was agreed to have Mike Doyle chair the meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Doyle