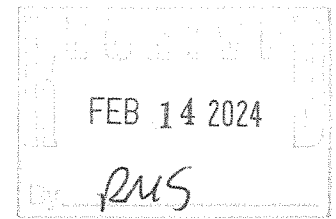


**MORRIS INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
COMMUNITY HALL
MORRIS, CT 06763**

February, 2024



The regular February 8, 2023 meeting was called to order by the chair at 4:00 pm downstairs in the Community Hall. Present were Connie Trolle, Doreen Gagnon, Robin Viola, Clif Wheeler, and Mike Doyle. Also present were William Colby, and Leonard Assard.

The minutes of the regular January 11, 2024 meeting were accepted as written.

New Business

Application 24-03 was received from William Colby as agent for John Marshall to demolish a house and build new at 38 and 38A Brunetto Grove. Also submitted was a site plan dated 1-27-24 by Colby Engineering and an email of authorization from the owner. Mr. Colby explained that the new house will be slightly larger and realigned to better fit the lot. The proposed house will be close to the original property of 38A Brunetto with 38A providing the necessary setback. It isn't clear if the two lots have been combined; Mr. Colby said they would have to be and he would check. Mr. Colby said there would be a walkout basement with the floor at an elevation of 904.5 (above the FEMA flood elevation). He said that the plan was to run the curtain drain and roof leaders to an existing drainage pipe on the property, but was told the roof leaders could not go directly to the lake. This will be on next month's agenda.

Old Business

Application 24-01 from Paul Richter to remove the existing home and build new at 154 Island Trail was considered. Also submitted was a document of FEMA notification. The plan calls for rain barrels to catch roof runoff, and Mr. Assard was asked about the overflow. On a motion by Connie Trolle, seconded by Clif Wheeler, it was **VOTED** unanimously to approve this application that should have minimal impact to the lake.

Application 24-02 from Jodi Cafritz for behind the seawall drainage at 184 Island Trail was considered. Mr. Colby was asked about access to the site, and he explained that the area where the work will be done is flat and there is access from Pioneer Lane. All work will be done behind the wall and there should be no impact to the lake. On a motion by Connie Trolle, second by Doreen Gagnon, it was **VOTED** unanimously to approve this application.

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Other Business

Notice has been received from the Connecticut Association of Wetlands Scientists (CAWS) that they will have a wetlands training session and networking on March 7. Connie Trolle, Doreen Gagnon, and Robin Viola said they were interested in going. There is a line item 01-6300-534-0 in our budget for this kind of expense. Connie Trolle will contact the Town Treasurer to have the Town pay this and will register the members for the event.

Invoice #24-02-032k was received from Byrne and Byrne for research and review the proposed street address on docks: 3.1 hours, \$620.00. On a motion by Connie Trolle, seconded by Doreen Gagnon, it was **VOTED** unanimously to approve payment of this invoice.

In response to the proposed regulation on dock addresses, Attorney Steven Byrne recommended that the Town have an ordinance for this that will have the Inland Wetlands enforce it. On a motion by Clif Wheeler, seconded by Robin Viola, it was **VOTED** unanimously to have Attorney Byrne prepare that ordinance for us. After receiving the proposed ordinance members of the commission will present it to the Board of Selectmen.

We have received a response for engineering review of the 34 Woodward Road property from Joe Perugini who proposes to 1) review plans, permit approval and applicable Town Regulations; 2) conduct one site visit; 3) prepare a summary memorandum of findings and follow up discussion with IW chair. He recommends a \$2000 budget to cover the work. There was discussion regarding the intention of the review with objection to a focus on site plans already approved and verified by the site engineer. It is agreed that there is a problem at the site, but it is felt that most of the issues are with the pool house construction. Recognizing that an engineering review that includes looking at the pool house only can help resolve our issues, on a motion by Clif Wheeler, seconded by Robin Viola, it was **VOTED** unanimously to approve spending not to exceed \$2000 as proposed by Mr. Perugini.

It was agreed to submit the same budget as last year.

It was suggested that we ask for PDF site plan files in addition to the paper site plans we review.

There was no other business and the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Doyle