



INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
March 6, 2012

MEMBERS PRESENT: Richard Girouard, Chairman  
Arlyne Fox, Vice Chairman  
John Lauria, Secretary  
Carmine DeFeo  
Kevin Chamberlain, Alternate (voting)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Lars Jorgensen, David Lucas and Frank Marcus

ALSO PRESENT: William Maurer, Civil Engineer

The Chair convened the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

All present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance led by the Vice-Chairwoman Ms. Fox.

REGULAR MEETING

The Chair opened New Business at 7:34 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

Application 12-06, Gail E. Felberbaum - Permit approval to cut up a fallen Maple tree, bring the 300 s.f. earthen stump to ground level, cut down a Maple tree leaning towards the house, cut fallen trees, remove debris and brush and place brush from stream in woods within a regulated area at 21 Brandy Lane.

Ms. Gail Felberbaum of 21 Brandy Lane was present and indicated damage had occurred from the two storms in late summer and early fall. A large maple tree fell over which created a 300 s.f. earthen stump. There are living trees interconnected with the large maple tree and are leaning down into the stream. If the one large fallen maple tree is cut and removed it will allow the other living trees to thrive, otherwise they may die. There is another large maple tree leaning towards the deck and kitchen/family area posing a danger to the home and another area where a dozen trees have fallen blocking the stream. The stream is lake-like. The trees had fallen due to a shallow root system. The trees will lie as they had naturally fallen, they are proposing to remove the debris from the stream.

Mr. Gary Felberbaum of 21 Brandy Lane was present and indicated that property is on the outflow of Canoe Brook Lake, specifically the outflow from the dam between Redcoat and Brandy Lane. They are also on the outflow of the water that comes down from Redcoat Lane; the stream water is not going into the lake. There is a steady flow of water going into the wetlands, then flows to Madison Avenue, crosses the street into Easton along Buck Hill Road to Rooster River. There are some blockages that need to be cleared and is not completely dammed. Water has always flowed around the fallen maple tree. The tree companies consulted were: Ground Control, Acer and Long Hill Tree Company. There is one tree standing that will be cut down, the tree that fell down is interlocked with three other trees, they may have to remove the other tree(s) that is interconnected, that

can not be determined at this time. Mr. Felberbaum reviewed the photographs submitted with the application with the commissioners. The tree company, Ground Control is going to have individual people go into the area and cut the wood, and confirmed for the commission that the trees that had come down would be treated in the same manner, no equipment would be brought into the wetlands and plan to restore it back to the normal water flow. All of the work is on their property. The tree company does not expect to impact downstream. They will be standing and working in a dry area. The water ebbs and flows, how wet or dry the area will be will depend on how much rain the area gets. They had waited until after the Association lowered the lake in November to start the work, this is among the times when the lake is at its lowest.

Motion made (Lauria) seconded (Fox) to RECEIVE Application 12-06 (Gail E. Felberbaum)  
VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Application 12-07, Colin and Lorri Lea - Permit approval to demolish existing seasonal cottage, construct new dwelling, relocate existing shed, install underground utilities, 900 gallon drywell and remove trees as indicated on the site plan within a regulated area at 74 West Lake Road.

Mr. Joseph Wren of Indigo Designs located in Old Saybrook, CT was present and indicated that this is essentially the same application as submitted and denied without prejudice at last month's IWWC meeting. They have made some revisions to the plan. A fee waiver request had been submitted with this application, the prior application was denied without prejudice, resulting in an additional application submission.

Mr. Wren reviewed the map with the commission indicating the wetlands on the map were flagged by a certified soil scientist, a full soils report was submitted with the application. The soils in the wetland are Ridgebury, Whitman and Leicester. The upland soils are Sutton, well drained loamy soils conducive for drainage.

The cottage had been connected in 2002 to the sanitary sewer system by way of an easement that runs through the rear property line, (indicated on their map), the septic tank was pumped, crushed and filled in. The plan proposes to demolish the existing cottage and build a new dwelling conforming to the Town's zoning regulations.

The associated work with construction of the new home is as follows:

- Grading
- Paver walkway
- Relocation of an existing 12'x16' shed to the rear of the property
- 900 gallon drywell in the rear yard.

The drywell is adequately sized to handle 1" of runoff from all of the impervious surfaces on the property. Computations are provided at the bottom of the plan. A test hole was dug with an excavator and inspected by Bill Maurer, Town of Trumbull Civil Engineer. The soils report indicates that the soil is a very well drained sandy loam with a lot of stone; very conducive to drainage, with the 900 gallon drywell and the 1½ feet of crushed stone around the drywell, the computations show that it will be adequate for the drainage from the roof tops. The property slopes from the west to the east towards the brook. There is silt fence around the eastern property line and again along the northern property line (minus the driveway area). The upland area is indicated on the map, essentially the whole parcel lies within that area. A wetlands data table is included at the right hand side of the plan, which shows the whole area of the parcel approximately 2.9 acres. There are no wetlands on the property, they are adjacent to the property, there is no proposed activity within the wetlands; the majority of activity is within the upland review area which equates to 2.1 acres. The proposed activity is a temporary disturbance; the areas that are lawn will remain lawn. There are five (5) trees identified on the plan that are within the new house footprint that will need to be removed. There are five (5) additional trees along the rear of the property between the proposed house and the relocated shed, at this time are proposed to remain. They do not want any trees within 50' of the foundation. The trees are listed on the plan and are as follows: 12" maple, 18", 24" oaks, 36" beech and a 24" ash. They are in various stages of maturity, some look healthy some do not.

Motion made (Chamberlain) seconded (Defeo) to RECEIVE Application 12-07 (Colin and Lori Lea)  
VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Application 12-08, Church Hill South Condominiums, Inc. - Permit approval to remove four (4) trees.  
within a regulated area at 226 Algonquin Trail.

Mr. Trevor Jackson of Imagineers LLC., Property Manager of the Church Hill South Condominiums was present.

Mr. Jackson explained that they had received a written request from a neighbor on Manor Drive to have certain trees along the Pequonnock River at the rear of the property evaluated. The trees are growing at a dangerous angle toward Manor Drive; they are requesting permission to remove the trees to prevent property damage. There are three (3) trees in the river and one (1) is to the east of Algonquin Trail, just inside the regulated area. It is predominantly dead, is in danger of falling, regularly drops limbs and is a liability. For safety purposes the plan is to use an existing clearing as access for a small tractor to drag the trees out and as a means of leverage to pull the trees back to prevent any property damage. A silt fence is proposed to be installed along the affected area to prevent any sediment run off into the river. Northeast Horticulture has been contracted to do the work and are confident if the work is done in the spring that any of plantings that may be run over by the equipment would rejuvenate. The work could be done with the current elevation of the river, but if the area gets a major rain or snow storm it could be an issue. The priority is to have the work done safely, they wanted to do the work when the ground was frozen and it does not appear that ever happened this winter. Due to the danger that the trees pose to the neighbors across the river they would like to get the work done as soon as possible. They will not be removing the stumps of the trees in the river because they are part of the river bank and would cause too much disturbance. The logs will be cut up to manageable lengths, pulled out of the wetlands and chipped. The fourth tree (not in the river) is on the edge of the area that they maintain (grass area), they will be probably grind it down to below grade but will not be excavating or pulling the stump out.

Motion made (Fox) seconded (Chamberlain) to RECEIVE Application 12-08 (Church Hill South)  
VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Motion made (Fox) seconded by (Lauria) to CLOSE NEW BUSINESS.  
VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.  
NEW BUSINESS closed at 8:00 p.m.

### MINUTES

Motion made (Lauria) seconded by (Chamberlain) to APPROVE the February 7, 2012 meeting minutes as submitted. VOTE: Motion CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

### WORK SESSION:

The Work Session began at 8:01 p.m.

After discussion and review, the Commission took action on the following applications as follows:

Application 12-06, Gail E. Felberbaum - Permit approval to cut up a fallen Maple tree, bring the 300 s.f. earthen stump to ground level, cut down a Maple tree leaning towards the house, cut fallen trees, remove debris and brush and place brush from stream in woods within a regulated area at 21 Brandy Lane.

Motion made (Lauria) seconded (Fox) to APPROVE Application 12-06, (Gail E. Felberbaum), as submitted, subject to the General Conditions as established by the Commission and the following specific condition:

- No equipment shall be used in the wetlands

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Application 12-07, Colin and Lorri Lea - Permit approval to demolish existing seasonal cottage, construct new dwelling, relocate existing shed, install underground utilities, 900 gallon drywell and remove trees as indicated on the site plan within a regulated area at 74 West Lake Road.

Motion made (Lauria) seconded (Fox) to APPROVE Application 12-07, (Colin and Lorri Lea), as submitted, subject to the General Conditions as established by the Commission.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Application 12-08, Church Hill South Condominiums, Inc. - Permit approval to remove four (4) trees. within a regulated area at 226 Algonquin Trail.

Motion made (Chamberlain) seconded (DeFeo) to APPROVE Application 12-08, (Church Hill South Condominiums, Inc.), as submitted, subject to the General Conditions as established by the Commission.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Motion made (Lauria) seconded by (Chamberlain) to WAIVE the second set of application fee paid on Application 12-07 (Colin and Lorri Lea) in the amount of \$300.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CORRESPONDENCE – The Southwest Conservation District Soil and Water Spring 2012 Newsletter was distributed to the full commission present at this meeting.

There being no further business to discuss the Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission adjourned by unanimous consent at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Margaret D. Mastroni, Clerk