

**TOWN OF MONTVILLE
INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY NOVEMBER 18, 2021 – 7:00 P.M.
MONTVILLE TOWN HALL
MONTVILLE, CT**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Brush called the meeting to order at 7:02.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Chairman-Doug Brush Vice-Chairman Charles O’Bday III, Commissioners, Jessica LeClair, (remote) Sandra Berardy, Joseph Berardy,

Absent: Anthony Tufares Vacancy, Vacancy Alt.

Attending: T. Williams

3. MINUTES

A. Approval of minutes for the October 21, 2021, Regular Meeting

Motion:(S. Berardy/J. Berardy) to APPROVE the minutes of October 21, 2021, as presented.

Vote: APPROVED. Approval of minutes of July 15, 2021. In favor-Brush, S. Berardy, J. Berardy, LeClair. Opposed-none. Abstaining- O’Bday.

4. REMARKS FROM the PUBLIC *NOT* RELATING to ITEMS on the AGENDA-none

5. OLD BUSINESS:

A. 221 IWC 15-40 Salt Box Ln (015-007-0CC) Applicant/Owner: Jeffrey Graves and application for activity within the Upland Review Area associated with driveway crossing (date received in office 1/14/21, date of received 10/21/21)

Jim Bernardo, for the applicant, stated he sent the soil scientist back to a “mucky” area the members had concerns about on the site walk. The soil scientist sent an email (November 16, 2021) stating, “As I found when I performed the delineation, the soils in this area are not hydric.” The reason for the standing water was due to recent rain, a high clay content and compaction.

The utilities will be running under the driveway to the house.

The staff has reviewed the plans and all comments have been addressed.

MOTION: (S. Berardy/O’Bday) After giving due consideration to all relevant factors including those in Section 10 and or Section 4 of the Montville Inland Wetland Regulation and Section 22a-41 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I move to APPROVE application 221 IWC 15

Owner/Applicant: Jeffrey Graves An application for work in *regulated upland review areas* in conjunction with the construction of single-family residence (piped driveway, grading, and utilities) on the property located at 40 Salt Box Lane, Uncasville, CT. As shown on Assessor’s Map 15 Lot 7-CC as depicted in the application and narrative dated 10-142021. Revised plan “Zoning Compliance Survey prepared for Jeffrey Graves for property located at 40 Saltbox Lane” dated August 9, 2021, revised 11/15/2021. (Standard Reasons for Approval Apply)

Vote: APPROVED unanimously.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. 221 IWC 8-157 B Doyle Road (057-010-00B) Applicant/Owner: Elisa B. & Steven C. Pierce; and application modification for the repair of a retaining wall within the Upland Review Area, in conjunction with demolition and replacement of a Single-Family Residence. (Date of receipt 11/18/21)

Elisa Pierce, applicant, informed the Commission that while getting quotes for work to be done on the well and house, contractors told her that the retaining wall was leaning approximately 15° and once the house was built, access to repair the wall could not be accomplished and would have to be done by hand. She said there is substantial erosion, and the wall is holding up a large hill. The wall will be built with 18” blocks which will be anchored 6” into the ground.

The site plan was modified at the meeting to show the silt fence extending into the neighbor’s yard

MOTION: (O’Bday/S. Berardy) After giving due consideration to all relevant factors including those in Section 10 and or Section 4 of the Montville Inland Wetland Regulation and Section 22a-41 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I move to APPROVE application 221 IWC 8 M Owner/Applicant: Elisa B. & Steven C. Pierce, To modify the application for two (2) wells in upland review area and add the repair of retaining wall in conjunction with the demolition and replacement of a Single Family Residence on the property located at 157 B Cottage Rd, Oakdale, CT. As shown on Assessor’s Map 57 Lot 10-B as depicted in the application and narrative dated 2-19-2021. Revised application, Narrative and plan dated 5-19-2021 (Standard Reasons for Approval Apply) Vote: APPROVED unanimously.

B. Discussion of 2021 POCD Draft

The Commission did not have any issues with the draft at this time.

- 7. PUBLIC HEARING-none
- 8. SHOW CAUSE HEARING-none
- 9. CORRESPONDENCE-none
- 10. OTHER BUSINESS-none

A. Election of Officers

MOTION: (Brush/S. Berardy) to reelect the current officers for another term. (Chairman-Brush, Vice Chairman-O’Bday, Secretary-S. Berardy)

Vote: APPROVED unanimously.

B. Approval of Meeting Dates

MOTION: (Brush/O’Bday) to approve the meeting dates as presented for 2022.

The members discussed meeting at 6:00 as opposed to 7:00 in 2022, they will decide at the next meeting.

Vote: APPROVED unanimously.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION -none

12. ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: (O’Bday/S. Berardy) to adjourn at 7:37

Respectfully Submitted
Sue Spang
Recording Secretary

2021 Meeting Dates: December 16, 2021

2022 Meeting Dates: January 20, 2022, February 17, 2022, March 17, 2022, April 21, 2022, May 19, 2022, June 16, 2022, July 21, 2022, August 18, 2022, September 15, 2022, October 20, 2022, November 17, 2022, December 15, 2022 & January 19, 2022