



TOWN OF RIDGEFIELD Inland Wetlands Board

APPROVED/REVISED MINUTES

October 14, 2021

Members present: Patricia Sesto, chair, Susan Baker, vice chair, Tim Bishop, David Tatge, Tracey Miller, Alan Pilch (Joined at 8:28PM).

Members Absent: Kory Salomone, secretary

Also present: Andrew P. Hally, inland wetlands agent, Aarti Paranjape, office administrator; Brian Dean, Richard & Laura Flood, Michael Mazzucco, Sara Demici, Daniel O'Brien

I: Call to order

Ms. Sesto called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M.

II: Applications for Discussion:

1. IW-21-43, 613 Ridgebury Road, Summary Ruling application for addition to the existing accessory garage within the upland review area of the wetlands. *Owner: Richard Flood. Applicant: Brian Dean.*

<https://ridgefieldct.viewpointcloud.com/records/83549>

Mr. Dean gave an overview of the application. An accessory structure is proposed as an addition to an existing barn/garage. Silt fence will be installed along the top of the steep slope. The actual work area is relatively flat, and the stockpile area is away from the slope. The existing fence goes around the structure and will be reinstalled after construction. Steel plates will be laid on the leaching fields so that the construction vehicles wouldn't damage the fields below. No trees are removed along the slope.

Mr. Bishop motioned to approve the Summary Ruling application with the applicable normal special conditions and standard conditions. Ms. Miller seconded. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Effective date is October 22, 2021.

2. IW-21-48, 197 Haviland Road, Summary Ruling application for addition of a screen porch within the upland review area of the wetlands. *Owner: Michael Egan. Applicant: Tara Pagano.*

<https://ridgefieldct.viewpointcloud.com/records/83342>



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Applicant was not present. Discussion of the application was continued to the next meeting.

3. IW-21-49, 19 Belvedere Court, Summary Ruling application for addition of pool patio, and Drainage system within the upland review area of the wetlands. Owner: Sean Adrian. Applicant: Michael Mazucco.

<https://ridgefieldct.viewpointcloud.com/records/83872>

Mr. Mazucco presented the application for a pool, patio and drainage. There is an existing yard drain at the end of the driveway. Its outflow piping is being rerouted around the new pool. The overflow discharge of the proposed infiltrator will hook up to this discharge point. Just below the pool and infiltrators a curtain drain exists to divert ground water around the leaching fields below. The pool is largely in existing lawn, although some trees to the north will need to be removed.

Mr. Bishop inquired about the type of patio and the stormwater system proposed. Mr. Mazucco stated he is not aware of the material used for patio. However, the stormwater system is designed to handle up to a fifty-year storm as per the Town's requirements.

Discussion took place about the driveway drainage, the design parameters of the infiltrators, and if the infiltrators could manage the sheet flow from driveway. Ms. Sesto noted the curtain drain is five feet down gradient from the infiltrators, thus there would be no benefit with regard to groundwater recharge. She asked Mr. Mazucco to explore alternative locations that would offer better recharge.

Ms. Baker inquired about the limit of lawn and if it is clearly demarcated. Mr. Mazucco confirmed that the limit of lawn is defined by the wooded edge and there is no room to expand. Trees to be removed are not shown on the plan.

Discussion proceeded, with members directing the applicant to submit the following items for the next meeting:

- Information regarding the feasibility of relocating the infiltration system.
- A revised survey showing the trees in the area of the pool. The survey should show species, size (dbh) and which trees are to be removed.
- A planting plan along the wetland edge to compensate the removal of trees.

4. IW-21-51, 34 Old Branchville Road, Summary Ruling application for addition of pool, patio and fence within the upland review area of the wetlands. *Owner: Daniel O'Brien Trustee. Applicant: Sara DeMici.*

<https://ridgefieldct.viewpointcloud.com/records/82415>



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Ms. DeMici gave an overview of the application for a pool and patio. The erosion measures include the double row of silt fence. A rain garden is proposed for stormwater management. No trees will be removed in this process.

Mr. O'Brien briefed the members about location of wetlands west of the pool.

Mr. Bishop inquired if any buffer area is proposed between the rain garden and the existing wetlands. Mr. O'Brien stated none was planned but agreed to planting the buffer as suggested. The planting plan should include the species, size and location of the plants for the rain garden and the area between the rain garden and wetland.

Ms. Sesto acknowledged the rain garden is likely over-sized since it is designed to take runoff from the pool itself, which is unlikely in most storms. With this assumption she suggested draining the roof leaders from the house towards the rain garden, provided such a change would not require a redesign of the rain garden

III: Applications for Receipt:

1. IW-21-52, 104 Haviland Road, Summary Ruling application for corrective action for potential violation, to expand landscape area, install deer fence and evergreens within the upland review area of the wetlands. *Owner/Applicant: Kenneth Rosenfield.*

<https://ridgefieldct.viewpointcloud.com/records/83682>

2. IW-21-53, 26 Hessian Drive, Summary Ruling application for corrective action for a prior violation to stabilize cleared area within the upland review area of the wetlands.

Owner: 22 LLC. Applicant: Robert R. Jewell

<https://ridgefieldct.viewpointcloud.com/records/84112>

3. IW-21-54, 9 Rita Road, Summary Ruling Application for construction of a new single family residence within the upland review area of the wetlands. *Owner: Candice Germain Applicant: James Casali.*

<https://ridgefieldct.viewpointcloud.com/records/83178>

4. IW-21-55, 36 Old Mill Road, Summary Ruling application for addition of pool and patio within the upland review area of the wetlands. *Owner: Phillip & Leah Pilla.*

Applicant: John Scavelli.

<https://ridgefieldct.viewpointcloud.com/records/84253>

Mr. Tatge motioned to receive the above four applications, Ms. Baker seconded. Motion carried 5-0-0.



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Sitewalk scheduled is for October 24 and discussion on October 28, 2021.

IV: Administrative Approvals:

None.

V: Status of Corrective Action Application-Completion of work

1. 136 Limekiln Road.

Ms. Culbert updated the Board, stating the work is going slow; the wood chips are being removed however the pathway is not cleared yet. She stated the work should be finished within few weeks.

2. 384 Branchville Road.

Mr. Hally reported Mr. Arcamone has plantings and garden in place. He is working to stage the boulders along the edge. Mr. Hally added that he advised the homeowner to maintain the plantings, including weeding.

3. 148 Ledges Road.

Mr. Hally told the Board that the homeowner is not complying with the planting plan approved by the Board and that he wants to change the planting plan. Ms. Sesto asked Mr. Halley to check if the building permit was completed and review the conditions of approval to see if they tied into the issuance of the Certificate of Occupancy. The homeowner should submit a revised plan for Board approval if he wants changes. Otherwise he has to comply with all the conditions of approval.

4. 33 Beaver Brook.

The homeowner has not submitted the application by the latest deadline.

Mr. Bishop motioned to direct staff to have Town Counsel initiate the next steps in enforcement. Ms. Baker seconded. Motion carried 5-0-0.

5. 10 Kendra Court.

Mr. Hally informed the work is almost done and he will perform the inspection soon.

6. 21 Bryon Avenue.

Board asked Mr. Hally to send a new violation notice.



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VI. Ongoing Enforcement by Agent:

- **40 Mountain Road.**

Mr. Hally provided an overview of the new violation. The homeowner had a prior wetlands violation. The new violation involves deposition of stone dust and pebbles, construction, and grading within the upland review area of wetlands. Homeowner has also deposited large piles of logs directly into the wetlands. The violation notice was sent to the homeowner. The homeowner has started to remove the logs and will soon submit an application.

- **33 Beaver Brook Road - Cease and Correct Order – *Michael & Christine Caramadre***

See above.

- **799 North Salem Road, Peter Moritz**

Mr. Hally informed that the homeowner has approached Southwest Conservation District for help. Chris Sullivan will be assisting the homeowner to submit the corrective application.

- **34 Rustic Road; Felicia Clem.**

Mr. Hally informed that Mr. Jewell attended Conservation Commission meeting and Mr. Grogins, counsel for Conservation, is reviewing the file to determine jurisdiction.

- **66 Keeler Drive; Alexandre & Vanderleia Suter**

Mr. Hally stated Mr. Mazzucco is looking into the submission of application on behalf of the homeowner.

- **56 Shadow Lake Road; David & Christine Dicamillo**

Mr. Hally informed the violation was grading and filling the upland review area of wetlands. He added that the soil scientist report will help determine the wetlands.

The homeowner, Mr. Dicamillo, reported to Mr. Hally they have stabilized the site and will hire the soil scientist.



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VII: Other Business:

Mr. Hally described three water main breaks along the same line within the South Street roadway over the past three days. A moderate amount of sediment deposition has occurred in the brook (a tributary to Ridgefield Brook) adjacent to the South Street Water Treatment Facility. There does not appear to be any particular reason for the series of breaks, other than the pipes are old.

Mr. Hally asked the AECOM, who is responsible for the treatment plant, to place the hay bales strategically to capture most of the sediment.

Mr. Hally will continue to monitor the area and provide updates.

VIII: Approval of Minutes:

Inland Wetlands Meeting – September 23, 2021

Ms. Susan motioned, and Mr. Bishop seconded to approve the minutes as submitted. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Alan Pilch joined the meeting.

Sitewalk Meeting- October 10, 2021

Mr. Bishop motioned, and Ms. Miller seconded to approve the minutes as amended. Ms. Sesto, Ms. Baker and Mr. Tatge abstained. Motion carried 3-0-3.

VIII. Adjourn

Mr. Pilch motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm. Ms. Baker seconded. Motion carried 6-0-0.

Respectfully submitted by,

Aarti Paranjape
Recording Secretary