



## TOWN OF RIDGEFIELD Inland Wetlands Board

### APPROVED/REVISED MINUTES

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January 12, 2023

Members present: Susan Baker, chair; Alan Pilch, secretary; Tracey Miller; David Smith; Chris Phelps, Carson Fincham

Members absent: Tim Bishop

Also present: Dean Pushlar, John Deakins

#### I. Call to order:

Ms. Baker called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

#### II: Application(s) for Discussion:

1. **IW-22-44, 115 Flat Rock Drive**, Summary Ruling application installation of Swimming pool, patio and associated work within upland review area of wetlands. *Owner: Todd Dewalt. Applicant: Dean Pushlar.*  
<https://ridgefieldct.viewpointcloud.com/records/90080>

Mr. Pushlar presented the application and said that the proposed pool is going to be installed where the existing lawn is located. The anti-tracking pads will be installed during construction. The existing shrubs like viburnum and green giants will be replanted. Additional shrubs will be added along the fence line to cover the gap. The invasive species will be removed and the area will be reseeded with the conservation seed mix. The existing shed will be relocated closer to the side yard along the fence.

Mr. Pilch inquired if the draw down is directed towards the downgrade slope.

Mr. Pushlar confirmed, this is not the typical dry down pool and uses cartridge system. The draw down will only happen during extreme storm conditions when there is overflow. He added that there is an existing dry well and they will direct the discharge towards that well which ultimately will discharge on the lawn outside of the 100 foot upland review area. He added that the proposed patio has permeable pavers which will reduce the overflow in case of the heavy rain events.

Mr. Pilch stated following should be noted on the plans and submitted to the office:

- Indicate that the draw down from the pool equipment will not be directly discharged down the slope and will be directed to the dry well.
- Five Ilex shamrocks to be planted rather than the three shown on the plan.

**Mr. Pilch motioned to approve the Summary Ruling Application with standard conditions and Special conditions with note to be incorporated on the plans as stated above. Motion carried unanimously.**

**The publication date is January 19 and the effective date is January 20, 2023.**

2. **IW-22-45, 105 New Street**, Summary Ruling application for extension of existing detached garage within upland review area of wetlands. *Owner/Applicant: John Deakins.*  
<https://ridgefieldct.viewpointcloud.com/records/90059>

Mr. Deakins gave an overview of the project. The existing garage is extended by 20x30 feet. The garage will be used as a work shed and will be installed on a poured concrete slab with frame construction. The driveway is extended to access the garage.

Mr. Pilch commented that the property is in the floodway zone boundary.  
Mr. Phelps inquired how will the metal waste be handled.  
Mr. Deakins confirmed they will be swept away and put away in trash.  
Ms. Baker inquired about the roof leader discharge and where its being directed.  
Mr. Deakins stated that Landtech has designed a stormwater system.  
Mr. Pilch suggested a riparian buffer of native plantings at the lower portion where the overflow discharge is directed.  
Discussion ensued and members asked applicant to submit a planting plan consisting of native plants to cover of approximately 900 square feet to be planted near where the two streams meet and where grass grows next to the stream. The members stated the plants should include sedges which will serve as dense undercover. The plantings should be along the wetlands flags 15-18 and flags 2-6 along the lawn edge.  
The discussion is continued to January 24, 2023.

**III: Application(s) for Receipt:**

None

**IV: List of Ongoing Enforcement by Agent:**

Ms. Baker updated the members that there are no new violations and that she is working with couple of homeowners who will be submitting corrective action applications.

**V: Other Business:**

Board discussed about the deadline for submission of the application and the materials pertaining to ongoing discussion of an application. Ms. Miller said that according to Ms. Brook the deadline notice doesn't have to be an amendment regulation but can be discussed as an administrative step.

Board agreed that a narrative stating the submission procedure should be noted on the landing page of the online permit system. This will help the applicants to determine the steps to be taken and deadline to submit an application and the associated materials in order to present to the Board for discussion.

Ms. Miller also added that the owner of the New England wetlands plants will be able to attend the zoom meeting and talk about retention basins, coir logs etc.

Ms. Miller will contact him to attend the next regular meeting in January.

**VI: Approval of Minutes:**

- **Inland Wetlands Meeting:** December22, 2022

**Mr. Smith motioned and Mr. Phelps seconded to approve the above minutes.  
Motion carried unanimously.**

- **Sitewalk Minutes:** January 08, 2022

**Mr. Pilch motioned and Ms. Miller seconded to approve the above minutes.  
Motion carried unanimously.**

**VIII: Adjourn**

Hearing no further business, Ms. Baker adjourned the meeting at 8:07 P. M.

Submitted by Aarti Paranjape,

Recording Secretary