

Town of Thompson Inland Wetlands Commission

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MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING
INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2015 7:00 PM
MERRILL SENEY COMMUNITY ROOM - TOWN HALL

A) Call to Order & Roll Call.

Meeting was called to order by Chair Fran Morano at 7:15 PM.

Roll Call: Commissioner and Chair Fran Morano, Commissioner Ron Tillen, Commissioner H. Charles Obert, Commissioner Peter Ricard, Wetlands Agent, Marla Butts and Recording Secretary, Diane Minarik. Absent: Commissioner Donald Hoenig II

Others Present: D.R. Hoenig, Michelle Wood, Dan Julian

B) Action on Minutes of Previous Meetings:

Motion to accept the minutes of the December 9, 2014 meeting was made by Commissioner Tillen.

Seconded by Commissioner Ricard. Motion passed unanimously.

- C) Citizen's Comments Pertaining to Agenda Items None
- D) Pending Applications:
 - a) Permits:
 - 1) IWA14026 Raceway Golf Club and Restaurant, LLC, 205 East Thompson Road, Assessors Map 137, Block 20, Lot 2, to maintain material stockpiles in upland review area, received by Town Clerk on 11/12/14, the missing drawings for the application were received by Town Clerk on 12/08/14, received by IWC on 12/9/14. Ms. Butts read her memo on this property and a discussion ensued with the IWC and Mr. D.R. Hoenig.

Motion to approve permit application IWA14026 with the condition that the bituminous concrete piles to be removed and relocated by 8/1/15 and the slopes stabilized in accordance with the 2002 CT Guidelines for Soil Erosion and Sediment Control was made by Commissioner Obert. Seconded by Commissioner Tillen. Motion passed unanimously.

2) IWA14030 Thompson Rail Business Park, LLC, 0 Reardon Road, Assessors Map 65, Block 101, Lot 6C, construct temporary wetland crossing to facilitate construction of retaining wall approval under WAA14024, received by Wetlands office on 12/1/14, received by IWC on 12/9/14. Ms. Butts read her memo on this property and a discussion ensued with the IWC and Dan Julian.

Motion to approve permit application IWA14030 with the condition that should Ms. Butts find unacceptable amounts of soil being deposited within the blasting mats and transported downstream via stream flows, the use of the temporary crossing shall be terminated until such time as alternative actions are proposed and found to be acceptable to address the unacceptable deposition and transport of soils from temporary crossing, was made by Commissioner Obert. Seconded by Commissioner Tillen. Motion passed unanimously.

- b) Wetlands Agent Approvals None
- c) Declaratory Rulings:
 - 1) **DEC14031** Diane Chapin, 382 Lowell Davis Rd, Assessors Map 99, Block 43, Lot 5F & 5G, timber harvest with 4 pre-established wetlands crossings, received by Wetlands Office on 12/30/14. Ms. Butts read her memo on this property and a discussion ensued with the IWC and Michelle Wood from Hull Forest Products. This project start date is 1/15/15 with a finished date of 4/15/15.

Motion to approve request DEC14031 was made by Commissioner Ricard. Seconded b Commissioner Obert. Motion passed unanimously.

- E) New Applications Pending Receipt Date (includes those received after agenda publication):
 - a) **DEC15001** Richard & Cynthia Kjerting, 280 Lowell Davis Rd, Assessors Map 99, Block 42, Lot 4, timber harvest in upland review area using pre-established crossings, received by Wetlands Office on 1/13/15. Michelle Wood from Hull Forest Products was present to explain request and answer questions.

Motion to approve request DEC15001 was made by Commissioner Ricard. Seconded by Commissioner Obert. Motion passed unanimously.

- F) Permits Extensions/Changes None.
- G) Active Violations & Pending Enforcement Actions:
 - a) VIOL14002 issued 1/28/14, to Norman Rudzinski, 0 Labby Rd., Assessor's Map 95, Block 27, Lot 17. Violation file remains open until all work referenced under permit IWA14012 is satisfactorily completed.
- H) Other Business:
 - a) Old Business None.
 - b) New Business:
 - Review Budget Request for Fiscal Year 2015 2016: The town's budget request worksheet is unavailable at this time but is required to be submitted before the 2/10/15 IWC meeting. So Ms. Butts created a spreadsheet proposing the same budget amounts as FY14-15 with exceptions to the salary accounts, based on previous FY budget expenditures.

Motion to submit the proposed FY15-16 budget recommendations to Finance Board was made by Commissioner Obert. Seconded by Commissioner Tillen. Motion passed unanimously.

2) Thompson Email Addresses are now up and running and a test email was sent to those addresses with this meeting's agenda as a test.

I) Reports:

a) Budget & Expenditures: Wetlands Budget for Fiscal Year 2014 - 2015 (Results of Fiscal Reporting 7/1/14 - 12/31/14) Commissioner Obert stated that the Commission has used 45.8% overall of its budget. Ms. Butts requested the Commission consider encumbering \$300 from professional services for Patricia Lacasse to perform more work reviewing the pre-1990 wetlands since Ms. Butts has been unable to make progress and Ms. Lacasse may be available to perform file reviews of the pre-1990 wetlands files (like those authorized on May 14, 2013).

Motion to encumber \$300.00 from Professional Services Acct. # 522220 for the Reorganization of pre-1990 Application/Permit Files was made by Commissioner Obert. Seconded by Commissioner Tillen. Motion passed unanimously.

• Wetlands Agent Report -Chris Nelson is still working on Ms. Butts computer problems. No work has been reported for the past month on the Interstate Reliability Project. On 1/13/15 DEEP's Pesticide Program issued a memo stating that beginning in 2015 aquatic pesticide applicants will have the option of sending their DEEP permit applications to municipal inland wetlands agencies electronically via email, with the agencies advance permission. The Commission has no objection to receiving such applications electronically. Ms. Butts and 1st Selectman Lenky inspected 36 Watson Rd. the site of a new house construction by Jolanta Bugajski authorized by WAA14027 or. 12/29/14 following his receipt of complaints that erosion and sediment controls were not installed at the new home construction site. She found that silt fence anchored with straw logs were installed along the south side of the property as shown on the approved drawings. There was no evidence of any erosion or sedimentation problem. This approval became final on 1/2/2015 without any appeal.

There were 3 building permits reviewed - (1) 6 Juliet Ave. (2) 36 Watson Rd. (3) 500 Quaddick Rd. Ms. Butts is still working with the 1st Selectman's office regarding MS4 DEEP General Permit and the town's compliance with the General Permit for the Discharge of Storm Water from Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems. Ms. Butts attended a public hearing on Starr Road on 12/17/14 at the request of 1st Selectman Lenky. The purpose of her attendance was to answer questions regarding wetlands and watercourse regulation. There is a lot of discussion and concern by the neighbors on Starr Rd. A purchase requisition of \$22.05 was paid for a legal notice to Stonebridge Press.

- J) Correspondence:
 - a) Connecticut Wildlife November/December 2014

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- b) CT Bar Association is holding a seminar on Land Use Law for Municipal Land Use Agencies, Boards And Commissions on 3/21/15. There is money available in the budget should any commissioner's wish to attend.
- K) Signing of Mylars None.
- L) Comments by Commission:
 - a) Commissioner Obert has concerns regarding non-flagging of wetlands where activity is occurring. Ms. Butts to bring her evaluation of possible options to address concerns at the next meeting.
- N) Adjournment.

Chair Fran Morano called to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 PM. Motion made by Commissioner Obert to adjourn. Seconded by Commissioner Tillen. Motion passed unanimously.

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Diane Minarik

Recording Secretary

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