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**MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING**  
**INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION**  
**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2014, 7:00 PM**  
**MERRILL SENEY COMMUNITY ROOM- TOWN HALL**

A) Call to Order & Roll Call:

**Meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Baranow at 7:03 PM.**

**Roll Call:** Commissioner and Vice Chair Steven Baranow, Commissioner H. Charles Obert, Commissioner and Treasurer Howard Peck, Commissioner Ron Tillen, Wetlands Agent, Marla Butts and Recording Secretary, Patricia Lacasse.

**Absent:** Commissioner Donald Hoenig II and Commissioner and Chairperson Fran Morano.

**Others Present:** Norman Rudzinski.

B) Action on Minutes of Previous Meetings:

a) Minutes of Regular Meeting of January 14, 2014.

**Motion to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes of the January 14, 2014, meeting, as presented, made by Commissioner Obert. Seconded by Commissioner Tillen. Motion passed unanimously.**

b) Minutes of Special Meeting of January 14, 2014.

**Motion to accept the Special Meeting Minutes of the January 14, 2014, meeting, as presented, made by Commissioner Tillen. Seconded by Commissioner Peck. Motion passed unanimously.**

C) Citizen's Comments Pertaining to Agenda Items – None.

D) Pending Applications:

a) Permits:

1) Application #IWA14001, Jason Lavalley, 83 Rich Rd., (Assessor's reference 116/27/12Q), to (1) upgrade existing wetland crossing by replacing existing broken and clogged pipe with new 15 inch plastic culvert, raising driveway by 2 feet and widening driveway by 5 feet and (2) construction of a 50' by 80' garage and associated grading within upland review area. Submitted January 2, 2014. Receipt date January 14, 2014. – Ms. Butts stated that since the site walk was cancelled due to snow cover until next month, they may need additional time to process this application. No action taken.

b) Wetlands Agent Approvals – None.

c) Declaratory Rulings – None.

E) New Applications Pending Receipt Date (includes those received after agenda publication – None.

F) Permits Extensions/Changes – None.

G) Active Violations & Pending Enforcement Actions:

- a) #VIOL12023 issued August 7, 2012, to Charles Paquette, Terrace Dr., and (Assessor's reference 103/40/6N). – Ms. Butts sent an email to the attorney regarding the pending litigation. Currently, the court case is scheduled for March 12, 2014.
- b) #VIOL14002 issued January 28, 2014, to Norman Rudzinski, 0 Labby Rd., (Assessor's reference 95/27/17). – Norman Rudzinski was present for comment and to answer any questions. Ms. Butts read her memo to the Commission regarding the violation and recommendations to Mr. Rudzinski. He was instructed to cease any further modifications to Owen Adams Road and Rich Road except as necessary to abate erosion and sedimentation of the wetlands and watercourses and to cease any grading and removal of gravel and he was instructed to complete the following: 1) By February 11, 2014, install erosion and sediment controls. Mr. Rudzinski brought in photos showing the placement of wind rows of wood chips along Rich Road. 2) By April 1, 2014, submit a permit application for all of the work performed by him on his property, on Owen Adams Road and Rich Road and as well as the restoration of wetlands that were filled along Rich Road including such drainage facilities as may be needed to restore adequate drainage across Rich Road. Mr. Rudzinski provided the Commission with 4 photographs showing wood chip berms he had put in along Rich Road in an attempt to control siltation of the wetlands along Rich Road. Ms. Butts agreed that an extension may be needed since the ground is now frozen. Mr. Rudzinski stated that he has entered into a contract with KWP Engineering to develop site plans and wetlands delineation. Also, Ms. Butts sent a memo on January 20, 2014, to the Thompson Board of Selectmen requesting the reinstallation of the guard rails at the Labby Road end of Owen Adams Road to restrict access until such time as the violation has been resolved. Lastly, the damaged culvert will need to be repaired in order for the gravel operation to continue. A subsequent application may be needed for this work and may involve the town as the culvert is on town property.

H) Other Business:

- a) New Business – None.
- b) Old Business – None.

I) Reports:

- a) Budget & Expenditures: Wetlands Budget for End of Fiscal Year 2013 and 2014 (Results of Fiscal Reporting July 2013 through January 2014) – Commissioner Peck stated that the Commission used 56.6% overall of its budget.

- b) Wetlands Agent Report – Ms. Butts read her written report.

Updates:

●Grading behind the Knights of Columbus – Ms. Butts sent a letter dated January 16, 2014, to Richard Desrochers (the contractor doing the work), Thompson Board of Selectmen (property owner) and Club 2087, Inc. (owner of the Knights of Columbus building) advising them that the failure to install adequate erosion and sediment controls on and to the rear of 1017 Riverside Drive has resulted in pollution of North Grosvenordale Pond. They were collectively requested to take immediate action to ensure adequate erosion and sediment controls are installed to protect the pond from further siltation and pollution. As of this date, Ms. Butts has been unable to verify any action has been taken due to snow cover.

●Audubon French River Water Quality Testing – Ms. Butts provided a copy of the test results received from Paula Coughlin from the stream sampling program done last summer.

●Board of Selectmen Meeting on Budget Request – Ms. Butts forwarded to the Finance Director, Michael Martin, the IWC budget request for next fiscal year with the changes made as requested during the last IWC meeting. She also stated that a Board of Selectmen meeting has been scheduled on Thursday, February 13, 2014, to discuss the IWC budget should any commissioner wish to attend.

Inspections/Follow-Up Actions: Complaint #13-10 Grading on and around Rich Road – This complaint file has been closed upon the issuance of Notice of Violation #VIOL14002 to Norman Rudzinski on January 28, 2014.

Miscellaneous: Computer and Network Issues – On December 9, 2013, some of the staff in the land-use offices met with First Selectmen, Paul Lenky, to discuss some of the IT issues including 1) Reactivate/renew the antivirus program that expired in November and 2) too many unplanned network disconnects and network downtime. On February 11, 2014, she sent an email to the Board of Selectmen that on April 8, 2014, Microsoft Office 2003 will no longer be supported by Microsoft.

Purchase Requisitions Statues: Paid \$51.45 to Stonebridge Press for a legal notice.

J) Correspondence:

- a) Letter from Quaddick Lake Association, Inc., to First Selectmen, Paul Lenky, dated January 21, 2014, regarding grant money for invasive weed control. – The Commission agreed to table this matter.
- b) Letter from the DEEP to CL&P, dated January 14, 2014, regarding the Request for Technical Plan Revision, Permit Nos. WQC-201205697 & SCEL-201205698, Interstate Reliability Project.
- c) Letter from the DEEP, dated December 27, 2013, regarding a Notice of Intent to Modify General Permit for Water Resources Construction Activities for Compliance with 2013 Legislative Changes.
- d) Brochures from CT Federation of Lakes.
- e) 2014 Annual Meeting of the CT Association of Wetland Scientists to be held Thursday, March 20, 2014, 8:15 am – 3:45 pm at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Southbury, CT.
- f) The Habitat Winter 2014.

K) Signing of Mylars – None.

L) Comments by Commission – None.

M) Adjournment:

**Vice Chair Baranow called to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 PM. Motion made by Commissioner Tillen to adjourn. Seconded by Commissioner Peck. Motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Patricia Lacasse – Recording Secretary



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