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**MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING**  
**INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION**  
**TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2014, 7:00 PM**  
**MERRILL SENEY COMMUNITY ROOM- TOWN HALL**

A) Call to Order & Roll Call.

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

**Roll Call:** Commissioner and Vice Chair Steven Baranow, Commissioner and Chair Fran Morano, Commissioner Ron Tillen, Commissioner H. Charles Obert, Wetlands Agent, Marla Butts and Recording Secretary, Diane Minarik.

**Absent:** Commissioner Donald Hoenig II and Commissioner and Treasurer Howard Peck.

**Others Present:** David Smith, Norman Rudzinski, Ben Khebler and George Khebler.

B) Action on Minutes of Previous Meetings.

**Motion to accept the minutes of the April 8, 2014, meeting, as presented, made by Commissioner Tillen. Seconded by Commissioner Obert. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Motion to accept the site walk notes of May 10, 2014, as presented, made by Commissioner Obert. Seconded by Commissioner Tillen. Motion passed unanimously.**

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

D) Pending Applications:

a) Permits

Application #IWA14002, Melissa Kapitulik, 48 Quinebaug Rd (Rte 131), Assessor's Map 59, Block 88, Lot 11, grading wetland/watercourse for Christmas tree farm. Ms. Butts updated IWC stating a letter of withdrawal was expected but hasn't been received yet. The Commission approved Ms. Butts sending a letter to the applicant stating the application doesn't contain sufficient information allowed for by the IWC regulations for a ruling and to request additional information be supplied by the next meeting or withdraw the application. Ms. Butts had a conversation with applicant's husband regarding the grading of a slope within 100 feet of wetlands and advised him to seed and mulch it immediately and not wait until blasting was done and septic system was installed.

b) Wetlands Agent Approvals – None.

c) Declaratory Rulings – None.

E) New Applications Pending Receipt Date (includes those received after agenda publication).

- a) Application #DEC14006, Ben Khebler, Eagle Scout Troop 66, 500 Riverside Drive, Assessor's Map 85, Block 95, Lot 11A, to (1) clear brush on walking trail and (2) construct a 8' x10' fishing platform. Recreation Director, Renee Waldron advised Ms. Butts the Thompson Housing Authority has granted permission to the Eagle Scouts to do this work. Discussion ensued regarding a cantilevered platform verses a non-cantilevered platform.

**Motion made by Commissioner Obert to allow Chairman Morano to sign request as a non-regulated use providing she has no reservations based on the information she receives from Eastern Connecticut Conservation District. Seconded by Commission Tillen. Motion passed unanimously.**

- b) Application #DEC14007, Thompson Recreation Department, 0 Main St., Assessor's Map 169, Block 88, Map 36A, to resurface existing trail, install park benches and picnic tables.

**Motion made by Commissioner Obert is approved as a non-regulated use providing the finished surface of stone dust is at grade with the existing grade. Seconded by Commission Tillen. Motion passed unanimously.**

F) Permits Extensions/Changes – None.

G) Active Violations & Pending Enforcement Actions:

- a) #VIOL12023 issued August 7, 2012, to Charles Paquette, 0 Terrace Dr., (Assessor's reference 103/40/6N). Ms. Butts is expecting they will have paperwork in hand on settlement soon.
- b) #VIOL14002 issued January 28, 2014, to Norman Rudzinski, 0 Labby Rd., (Assessor's reference 95/27/17). Discussion ensued with IWC, Dave Smith of KWP Assoc. and Norman Rudzinski regarding the options for fixing and restoring a 260 foot section of road with a damaged culvert on Rich Road at corner of Owen Adam Road. Ms. Butts asked they come back to the IWC meeting on June 10, 2014.

H) Other Business:

a) Old Business:

- i) Commissioner Obert said he went to the Board of Selectmen's meeting regarding our IT issues in the office and asked if issues have been resolved? – (please see **Computer and Network Issues** in Wetlands Agent Report below)

b) New Business:

- i) Proposal to complete the Reorganization of pre-1990 Application/Permit Files

**Motion made by Commissioner Obert to move forward with proposal and encumber \$526.00 for the Reorganization of pre-1990 Application/Permit Files. Seconded by Commission Tillen. Motion passed unanimously.**

l) Reports:

- a) Budget & Expenditures: Wetlands Budget for Fiscal Year 2013 and 2014 (Results of Fiscal Reporting July 2013 through April 2014). Ms. Butts stated that the Commission used 77.9% overall of its budget.
- b) Wetlands Agent Report - Ms. Butts read her written report.

**Updates:**

- **Grading behind Knights of Columbus** - On April 22, 2014 I visited the site and found that no mulching reseeding had been done to the disturbed ground and that the existing hay bale check dam was inadequate to prevent silt from moving into the riprap line channel that discharges to North Grosvenordale Pond. I recommend a notice of violation be issued given no response has been received to my January 16, 2014 letter sent to the Board of Selectmen, Club 2087 Inc. and Richard Desrochers.
  - Commissioner Obert gave Ms. Butts permission to send letter.
- **Interstate Reliability Project (DEEP Permit WQC-201205697)** – Beginning the week of May 12, 2014 crews will be surveying in the vicinity of Quaddick Town Farm Road, Randall Road and Elmwood Hill Road. On related business on May 1, 2014 I was notified via email by Northeast Utilities that CL&P would be replacing existing structures #9332 and #9333 located north of Elmwood Hill Road and that this work was not part of the Interstate Reliability Project but rather was routine maintenance not subject to the DEEP permit. As you are aware I have forwarded that email to those within town Hall that might receive any inquiries regarding this work and have asked them to contact me if there any problems so that I may get them addressed.
- **Thompson Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance** - On April 30, 2014 I sent the Thompson board of selectmen a memo recommending that the town abandon revisions to Thompson's flood damage prevention ordinance as was discussed at last month's IWC meeting.
- **Computer and Network Issues** - In accordance with last month's discussions on April 8, 2014 Chair Fran Morano signed a memo to the Thompson Board of Selectmen requesting they place on their meeting agenda the issues relating to information technology issues affecting the wetlands office operations for their discussion and commitment of the resources needed to reach solution. Based upon my review of the minutes posted on the town's website this issue has not been discussed at a Board of Selectmen meeting. To date there has been no change in information technology issues that were raised in the April 8, 2014 memo.

**Building Permits Reviewed:**

- There were 14 building permits reviewed – (1) 161 Thompson Rd. (2) 42 Townes Lane (3) 9 Lavoie St. (4) 1281 Thompson Rd. (5) 1187 Riverside Dr. (6) 48 Quinebaug Rd. (7) 145 Wagher Rd. (8) 392 Sand Dam Rd. (9) 338 Chase Rd. (10) 77 Hagstrom Rd. (11) 492 Quaddick Rd. (12) Fairway Drive, lot 8 (13) 157 Spicer Rd. (14) 196 Hill Rd.

**Inspections/Follow-Up Actions:**

- **Complaint #14-01, Little Pond, Center Street** -On April 11, 2014 I received an inquiry regarding fill that had been brought in and deposited on the access area to Little Pond owned by the Little Pond Improvement Association. After inspecting the site I determined that some gravel materials had been placed within 100 feet of the water body but that it did not seem to be causing the problem. Peter Nalewajk informed me that this was not done by the Association, but was done by parties unknown. I did find however that the handling of the runoff from the street was not adequate and was causing an active erosion problem, albeit small. After touching base with Judy Rondeau at the Eastern Connecticut Conservation District I notified Peter Nalewajk that she is available to work with the Little Pond Improvement Association to come up with some ideas on how to handle the street runoff. The complaint file has been closed.
- **Complaint #14-02, 245 East Thompson Rd./Spicer Road** -on April 21, 2014 while traveling on E. Thompson Rd. I noticed piles of materials that appeared to be in or adjacent to wetlands/red Maple swamp on property owned by the Raceway Golf Club and Restaurant -I have spoken to JR Hoenig and expect to be conducting a site inspection within the next week.

I am still working on documenting the site inspections that were conducted by Fran Morano and myself on March 16, 2014.

**Miscellaneous:**

- **Thompson Water Pollution Control Authority Phosphorus Removal Building** - In the beginning of April I received information from Mary Ann Chinatti and a request from Fred Mueller, PE of Tighe & Bond (a consulting engineering firm) regarding the need for any wetlands approvals for the construction of a phosphorus removal building at the Thompson water pollution treatment facility located off Route 12 near the Putnam town line. On April 21, 2014 I looked at the proposed construction site and emailed a reply to Mr. Mueller that based on my review of the site and the information I received that the proposed work was outside of the 100 foot upland review area. I also asked him to make sure that the plans included provisions for proper erosion and sediment controls to abate any sediment from entering any wetlands that may be located downslope.
- **Wetlands Agent Approval #WAA14004 Issued to Norman Rudzinski, 19 Jensen Dr.** - On April 14, 2014 Norman Rudzinski applied for and I issued a wetlands agent approval to replace an existing septic tank in the upland review area to residential home located at 19 Jensen Dr. (Assessors reference 143/16/7K), which property. Mr. Rudzinski reported that the property was being purchased by Peter Ricard. (You will recall that Mr. Ricard withdrew Application #WAA112014 for 15 Jensen Dr. after the

purchase of that property fell through.)

- **Starr Road and Starr Road Subdivision Preliminary Review** - In response to a request for input from 1<sup>st</sup> Selectmen Lenky on April 21, 2014 I participated in a site walk of Starr Road on April 30, 2014 with 1<sup>st</sup> Selectmen Lenky, MaryAnn Chinatti, John Mahon and a number of area residents. 1<sup>st</sup> Selectmen Lenky had received from Messier and Associates a proposal for modifications to the unimproved portions of Starr Road as well as property owned by River Junction LLC. As a result of that site walk I sent to 1<sup>st</sup> Selectmen Lenky a memo detailing my observations and suggestions for consideration regarding the proposal and additional information needed. While these are public documents it is premature for the Inland Wetlands Commission to discuss this matter as a permit application will be required for the activities identified in the proposal and discussion at this time may be prejudicial. I would request that you direct any inquiries to me. You may if you wish view the documents that are part of the public record but I request that you have no discussions with anyone regarding any opinions that you may form at this time.
- **Riverview Landing, New Rd., River Junction Estates LLC** - On April 21, 2014 1<sup>st</sup> Selectmen Lenky asked that I look at a proposal for the subdivision/lot line adjustment of land on New Road that is owned by River Junction Estates LLC. The proposal would involve readjusting several property lines to abutting properties not owned by River Junction Estates LLC, transferring some land in fee to the town of Thompson as well as establishing conservation easements on the remaining land that would contain to residential lots. These plans are preliminary and I have provided my comments via email to Messier and Associates, MaryAnn Chinatti, 1<sup>st</sup> Selectmen Lenky, Carolyn Werge and Sabrina Heroux. As with the Starr road proposal it is premature for the Inland Wetlands Commission to discuss this matter as a permit application will be required for the activities identified in the proposal and discussions at this time may be prejudicial. I would request that you direct any inquiries to me. You may if you wish view the documents that are part of the public record but I request that you have no discussions with anyone regarding any opinions that you may form at this time.

**Purchase Requisitions Status** – Paid 4 invoices; 2 to Stonebridge Press for legal notices, a mileage reimbursement for travel and a reimbursement for office supplies.

J) Correspondence:

- a) The Habitat, Spring 2014
- b) Pesticide Application for Quaddick Lake by Aquatic Control Technology, LLC, received April 15, 2014 for review and comment to DEEP.
- c) DEEP Training Classes information and a voucher for 1 person to attend for free. Ms. Butts will send info electronically to all Commissioners.
- d) 2013 Annual Town Report

K) Signing of Mylars – None.

L) Comments by Commission –

- a) Commissioner Baranow asked for a street map to be available to reference locations during the meetings.
- b) Commissioner Morano asked if any members went to the meeting regarding the Marianapolis Sewer project and the status of it. Commissioner Obert said the project was approved by town vote.
- c) Commissioner Tillen had a meeting last night regarding Land Trusts.

M) Adjournment.

**Chair Morano called to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 PM. Motion made by Commissioner Tillen to adjourn. Seconded by Commissioner Obert. Motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted

  
Diane Minarik  
Recording Secretary