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MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
TUESDAY, June 10, 2014, 7:00 PM
MERRILL SENEY COMMUNITY ROOM- TOWN HALL

A) Call to Order & Roll Call.

Meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Steven Baranow at 7:20 PM.

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

Absent: Commissioner and Chair Fran Morano and Commissioner Donald Hoenig II.

Others Present: David Smith, Norman Rudzinski and Paul Baer.

B) Action on Minutes of Previous Meetings.

Motion to accept the minutes of the May 13, 2014 meeting, with a correction to item (D)(a)(1) application #IWA14002 is corrected to #IWA14005, made by Commissioner Tillen. Seconded by Commissioner Obert. Motion passed unanimously.

C) Citizen's Comments Pertaining to Agenda Items

a) Paul Baer had some comments pertaining to item (H)(b) FOIA Requirements - he expressed his concerns and the legal consequences of Thompson's Boards and Commissions lack of knowledge of the FOIA Act.

D) Pending Applications:

a) Permits – None.

b) Wetlands Agent Approvals

1) Application #WAA14010, Peter Vanghel, 0 Thompson Rd, Assessor's Map 114, Block 25, Lot 2C, Septic system for new residential home in upland review area. Ms. Butts stated she received this application on May 22, 2014 without NDDH approval. She has now received all necessary paperwork and will be issuing an approval.

c) Declaratory Rulings – None.

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

a) Application #IWA14011, Norman Rudzinski, 0 Labby Rd & 0 Owen Adams Rd, Assessor's Map 95, Block 27, Lot 17 & Map 95, Block 28, Lot 2 respectively, gravel mining within 100' of wetlands. Submitted June 9, 2014. Receipt date June 10, 2014.

b) Application #IWA14012, Norman Rudzinski, Rich Road, Assessor's Map 95, Block 27, in response to #VIOL14002, roadway and drainage repair of a 260 foot section of road and damaged culvert on Rich Road at corner of Owen Adam Road. Submitted June 9, 2014. Receipt date June 10, 2014.

A discussion ensued on both applications with Dave Smith of KWP Assoc. and Norman Rudzinski. Application IWA14012 is missing signature of landowner, 1st Selectman Lenky for the Town of Thompson. Prior to the next meeting the Ms. Butts will make arrangements for a site walk for the gravel mining application to be rescheduled from the 4th of July weekend to another time prior to the next meeting.

F) Permits Extensions/Changes – None.

G) Active Violations & Pending Enforcement Actions:

- a) #VIOL12023 issued August 7, 2012, to Charles Paquette, Terrace Dr., Assessor's Map 103, Block 40, Lot 6N, Ms. Butts has received notification of "Motion Granted" judgment for stipulation but awaiting official documentation from the court.
- b) #VIOL14002 issued January 28, 2014, to Norman Rudzinski, 0 Labby Rd., Assessor's Map 95, Block 27, Lot 17, Applications previously discussed are in response to these violations. Violation file remains open while the applications are being processed.

H) Other Business:

a) Old Business:

- i) Update - the Reorganization of pre-1990 Application/Permit Files (see Updates below)

b) New Business:

- i) FOIA Requirements – 2 requests received by IWC for meeting notifications. FOIA requirements discussed
- ii) FOIA Requirements – Town email addresses are advised to be used for IWC business.

I) Reports:

a) Budget & Expenditures: Wetlands Budget for Fiscal Year 2013 and 2014 (Results of Fiscal Reporting July 2013 through May 2014). Treasurer Howard Peck stated that the Commission used 85.8% overall of its budget.

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

Updates:

- **Grading behind Knights of Columbus** – Site inspected and photographs taken on May 30, 2014. The disturbed slope had been seeded but not mulched. The hay bale check dam along the riprap lined swale had not been extended nor modified to capture sediments eroding from the slope.
- **Interstate Reliability Project (DEEP Permit WQC-201205697)** – No construction work has begun yet.
- **FEMA & Thompson Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance** - Following the town's abandonment last month to modify its flood damage prevention ordinance at Ms. Butts recommendation, she has received several inquiries from property owners complaining that their mortgage lenders were requiring them to get low-cost flood insurance even though they believed their buildings were not subject to flood impacts. She has posted on the town's website information she received from DEEP containing advice as how to address.
- **Reorganization of Application/Permit Files** - The purchase order request to encumber \$526 as previously authorized for Patty Lacasse's professional services to finish cataloging the pre-1990

files will be processed.

- **Computer and Network Issues** - 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 3 building permits reviewed – (1) 133 Elliott Rd. (2) 200 Ballard Rd. (3) 765 Quinebaug Rd.

Inspections/Follow-Up Actions:

- **Complaint 14-02, Thompson International Speedway LLC, 245 East Thompson Rd. Assessors Map 137, Block 20, Lot 3**, - Based on 2004 & 2012 aerial photography the area in question has been used for many years to stockpile materials. On June 9, 2014 a letter was sent to the Speedway (to the attention of Donald R Hoenig) recapping the situation and requesting that they cease grading and filling activities within 100 feet of the current toe of slope and submit a permit application by August 12, 2014.

Miscellaneous:

- **Processing of Wetlands Agent Approvals** has been reviewed and modified by adding the following condition:
 1. A notice of decision will be requested to be published in the Thompson Villager. **No regulated activities may commence until after the 15 day appeal period (counted from date of such publication) has expired, or if appeal taken, until a decision of the Agency is made.**
- **Processed Wetlands Agent Approvals** #WWA14008 0 Fairview Dr. and #WAA14009 78 Green Acres Ln.

Purchase Requisitions Status – Encumbered \$50.00 for 2 legal notices to Stonebridge Press.

J) Correspondence:

- a) Thompson Recreation Dept. registration for “Thompson Community Day” on Sunday September 28, from 12:00-4:00 p.m. at Riverside Park.

K) Signing of Mylars – None.

L) Comments by Commission –

- a) Commissioner Tillen expressed concern for a backup recorder and requested a new one be purchased for use at the July meeting.
- b) Discussion continued with IWC and Paul Baer regarding the FOIA Act.

M) Adjournment.

Vice Chair Baranow called to adjourn the meeting at 9:23 PM. Motion made by Commissioner Obert to adjourn. Seconded by Commissioner Tillen. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted



Diane Minarik

Recording Secretary