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MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
TUESDAY, JULY 08, 2014, 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 7:02 PM.

Roll Call: Commissioner and Chair Fran Morano, 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 Donald Hoenig II.

Others Present: David Smith, Norman Rudzinski, Peter Ricard and Ann Ricard.

B) Action on Minutes of Previous Meetings:

- a) **Motion to accept the minutes of the June 10, 2014 meeting made by Commissioner Obert. Seconded by Commissioner Tillen. Motion passed unanimously.**
- b) **Motion to accept the Site Walk notes from June 23, 2014 made by Commissioner Obert. Seconded by Commissioner Morano. Motion passed unanimously.**

C) Citizen's Comments Pertaining to Agenda Items - None

D) Pending Applications:

a) Permits

- 1) 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. An extensive discussion ensued between IWC, Wetlands Agent Marla Butts, Dave Smith of KWP Assoc. and Norman Rudzinski regarding the options available and the missing information on the current application.

Motion made by Commissioner Obert should Mr. Rudzinski submit a letter to withdraw application #IWA14011 by July 15, 2014 and submits a revised application by August 4, 2014, the IWC will waive the fee for the resubmitted application. If no request for withdraw and resubmission is received the IWC will go to a Public Hearing. Motion seconded by Commissioner Tillen. Motion passed unanimously.

- 2) 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 with Dave Smith of KWP Assoc. and Norman Rudzinski. This application is still awaiting 1st Selectman Lenky's signature. Ms. Butts will meet with Mr. Lenky to give her approval of the application and get his signature which should be done by the next IWC meeting on August 12, 2014.

b) Wetlands Agent Approvals – None.

c) Declaratory Rulings – None.

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

- a) Application #DEC14013, Lawrence Groh Jr & Erica Ellison-Groh, 183 Wagher Rd, Assessor's Map 75, Block 46, Lot 7, timber harvest in uplands. Submitted July 3, 2014. Approved no work in wetlands identified. Request signed by Chair Morano.

Noted for the record, Commissioner Peck exited the meeting room at 7:57 PM.

- b) Application #DEC14014, Peter & Ann Ricard, 19 Jensen Drive, Assessor's Map 143, Block 16, Lot 7k, Construct deck & stairs at rear of house and stoop & stairs at front of house. Submitted July 7, 2014.

Motion to accept (approve) application #DEC14014 as a use permitted as of right for maintenance and enjoyment of a residential home made by Commissioner Obert. Motion seconded by Commissioner Tillen. Motion passed unanimously. Request signed by Chair Morano.

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 Map 103, Block 40, Lot 6N. Ms. Butts requested recess for her to retrieve documents from Wetlands Office

Meeting recessed at 8:16pm.

Meeting reconvened at 8:22pm.

Ms. Butts reviewed the language of the stipulation with the Commission from official documentation dated June 6, 2014 that has been granted by 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 - None
b) New Business - None

I) Reports:

- a) Budget & Expenditures: Wetlands Budget for Fiscal Year 2013 and 2014 (Results of Fiscal Reporting July 2013 through June 2014) was unavailable at this time.
b) Wetlands Agent Report - Ms. Butts read her written report.

Updates:

- **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 was processed, PO 114330.
- **Computer and Network Issues** - To date there has been no change in information technology issues that were raised in the April 8, 2014 memo.

Inspections/Follow-Up Actions:

- **Complaint 113-11 Town Property behind Knights of Columbus** – Site needs an inspection to determine existing conditions.
- **Complaint 14-02, Raceway, Golf Club and Restaurant LLC** (not Thompson International Speedway LLC), **245 East Thompson Rd. Assessors Map 137, Block 20, Lot 3**, - On June 17, 2014 a letter was sent to the correct property owner (Attn: Donald J Hoening, Manager of the LLC)

reiterating the contents of the June 9, 2014 letter and requesting they submit a permit application by August 12, 2014.

- There are 22 open complaints – 10 need inspections, 7 need closure documented & 5 require monitoring over time.

Wetlands Agent Approvals Processed

- **WAA14010**, Peter Vanghel, 0 Thompson Rd, Assessor's Map 114, Block 25, Lot 2C, approved with conditions on 6/16/14, the legal notice was posted on 6/20/14 and no appeal of decision was received.

Building Permits Reviewed:

- There were 7 building permits reviewed – (1) 27 Old Turnpike Rd. (2) 200-202 Thompson Rd. (3) 30B Buckley Hill Rd. (4) 0 Thompson Rd. (5) 81 Pasay Rd. (6) 59 Cortiss Rd. (7) 254 Chase Rd.

Miscellaneous:

- **Purchase of Town Owned Vehicle** – monies have been allocated in FY14-15 budget for the purchase of a vehicle to be used by town staff.

Purchase Requisitions Status:

- Encumbered \$80.00 for 3 legal notices to Stonebridge Press, paid \$118.92 to WB Mason & \$39.20 for mileage reimbursement.

J) Correspondence:

- a) Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC, Received June 17, 2014, Elmwood Hill Rd., Proposed Cathodic Protection Systems.

K) Signing of Mylars – None.

L) Comments by Commission –

- a) Commissioner Obert stated many thanks to Marla for all the hard work she is doing for IWC.
- b) Commissioner Tillen is still awaiting instruction on using his town email.
- c) Commissioner Obert suggested each member should try to recruit someone since more members are needed for the Board. Chair Morano suggested IWC should do a booth in Thompsons Community Day event. Commissioner Obert suggested we do it with another board like Conservation.

M) Adjournment.

Chair Fran Morano called to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 PM. Motion made by Commissioner Obert to adjourn. Seconded by Commissioner Tillen. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted



Diane Minarik
Recording Secretary
07-08-2014 Minutes IWC Regular Meeting