

Town of Thompson Inland Wetlands Commission

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MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING
INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
TUESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2014, 7:00 PM
COMMUNITY ROOM #2, THOMPSON PUBLIC LIBRARY
934 RIVERSIDE DRIVE, NORTH GROSVENORDALE

A) Call to Order & Roll Call.

Meeting was called to order by Chair Fran Morano at 7:00 PM.

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

Absent: Commissioner Donald Hoenig II, Commissioner and Treasurer Howard Peck

Others Present: David Smith & Bruce Woodis of KWP, Norman Rudzinski and Marjorie Woodward.

B) Action on Minutes of Previous Meetings:

- a) Motion to accept the minutes of the July 08, 2014 meeting 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

1) 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 on Rich Road north of its intersection with Owen Adam Road. Submitted June 9, 2014. Receipt date June 10, 2014. A discussion ensued with Dave Smith of KWP Assoc. and Norman Rudzinski. 1st Selectman Lenky has signed a revised application and Wetlands Agent has no abjection to issuance of permit.

Motion to approve application #IWA14012 made by Commissioner Obert. Seconded by Commissioner Tillen. Motion passed unanimously.

b) Wetlands Agent Approvals:

- Application #WAA14016, Daniel Schmeelk, 0 Chase Rd, Assessor's Map 126, Block 34, Lot 27AA, construct single family dwelling & septic system in upland review area, date submitted July 21, 2014. Application lacks approval from NDDH for the septic system.
- c) Declaratory Rulings:
 - 1) Application #DEC14017, Mary P. Andrea, 33 Watson Rd, Assessor's Map 15, Block 71, Lot 3, timber harvest, Ms. Butts advised the Commission that since no harvesting was proposed in wetlands/watercourse and only selective cutting in the upland review area with no construction or grading proposed that no regulated activity is proposed. The Commission agreed and Chair Morano signed the request for ruling.
 - 2) Application #DEC14018, Sylvia Allard, 631 East Thompson Rd, Assessor's Map 154, Block 5, Lot 12, top soil in upland review area. The Commission agreed to allow the activity as a use permitted as of right under section 4.1.d of Inland Wetland Watercourse Regulations provided the placement of fill doesn't extend more than 15 feet beyond the edge of the grass on the west side of the pond. Chair Morano signed the request for ruling.

- E) New Applications Pending Receipt Date (includes those received after agenda publication).
 - a) Application #IWA14019, Norman Rudzinski, 0 Labby Road, Assessor's Map 95, Block 27, Lot 17, excavating/gravel mining in upland review area, submitted on August 8, 2014, receipt date August 12, 2014. A discussion ensued with Dave Smith and Bruce Woodis of KWP Assoc. and Norman Rudzinski regarding the location of Rich Road, among other things. IWC accepted the application.
 - b) Application #IWA14021, Scott G. & Tracy A. Parker, 12 Woodstock Rd (Rte. 171), Assessor's Map 29, Block 104, Lot 22, Submitted August 11, 2014, receipt date August 12, 2014, for stormwater discharge to wetland/watercourse and grading in upland review area for construction of commercial building. Ms. Butts presented the application documents for the Commission's viewing. IWC accepted the application.
- 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 reviewed the status of case.

Motion to authorize Ms. Butts to issue the Release of Cease and Restore Order as approved by Atty. St.Onge was made by Commissioner Obert. Seconded by Commissioner Tillen. Motion passed unanimously.

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 application #IWA14019 is being processed.

H) Other Business:

- a) Old Business None
- b) New Business
 - i) Received a resignation letter from Commissioner Howard Peck effective August 11, 2014.
 - ii) Complaint 14-02, Raceway, Golf Club and Restaurant LLC, 245 East Thompson Rd. Assessors Map 137, Block 20, Lot 3. Ms. Butts received a letter on July 17, 2014 from Jonathan Hoenig updating IWC on their progress to submit an application. Ms. Butts received a voice message today they do not have all info for an application yet but will do so soon. Ms. Butts expects will follow up.

I) Reports:

- a) Budget & Expenditures: Wetlands Budget for Fiscal Year 2014 and 2015 (Results of Fiscal Reporting July 2014). Budget balance is not accurate but is reported as 9.4% expenditure.
- b) Wetlands Agent Report Ms. Butts read her written report.

Updates:

 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 #13-16 was closed following an inspection on March 16, 2014.
- Complaints #11-7, #11-08, #11-11, #13-03, #13-08, #13-11, # 14-03, and #14-05 were closed following an inspections on July 24, 2014.
- Complaint #14-04 involving a report of tree cutting and ATV riding in French River floodplain last winter north of Buckley Hill Road on property owned by the Town of Thompson was inspected on July 24, 2014. Inspection results were inconclusive due to limited access. Ms. Butts will coordinate with Selectman's office.

Wetlands Agent Approvals Processed

• WAA14015, Thompson Rail Business Park LLC, 0 West Thompson Rd, Assessor's Map 65, Block 101, Lot 9, approved with conditions on 7/11/14, the legal notice was posted on 7/18/14 and no appeal of decision was received.

Building Permits Reviewed:

• There were 9 building permits reviewed – (1) 685 Thompson Rd. (2) 41 Porter Plain Rd. (3) 28 Randall Rd. (4) 60 Norman Hill Rd. (5) 939 Quaddick Town Farm Rd. (6) 19 Jensen Dr. (7) 49 Highland Dr. (8) 1379 Thompson Rd. (9) 321 Brandy Hill Rd.

Miscellaneous:

- Notice of Violation #VIOL14020 was issued yesterday to Vincent T. Fallovallita for filling a
 red maple swamp and grading in the upland review area on his property known as 170
 Wilsonville Rd. He has been requested to attend the next IWC meeting to explain the
 activities on the property.
- Purchase of Town Owned Vehicle is still pending.

Purchase Requisitions Status:

- Paid \$88.20 for 3 legal notices to Stonebridge Press (2 of which were encumbered in FY 13-14).
- J) Correspondence:
 - a) The Habitat, Summer 2014.
 - b) Lycott Environmental, Inc. Received July 13, 2014, Reams Pond Quinnatisset Golf Course, Aquatic Pesticide Permit Application.
 - c) Client update, received July 21, 2014, from Attorney Steven E. Byrne re: <u>Yorgensen v.</u> Chapdelaine case.
- K) Signing of Mylars None.
- L) Comments by Commission
 - a) Commissioner Tillen suggested we do something special for Howard Peck.

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- b) Chair Morano suggested IWC should do a booth in Thompsons Community Day event with another board like Conservation.
- M) Adjournment.

Chair Fran Morano called to adjourn the meeting at 8:28PM. Motion made by Commissioner Tillen to adjourn. Seconded by Commissioner Obert. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted

Diane Minarik

Recording Secretary 08-12-2014 Minutes IWC Regular Meeting