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Inland Wetlands Commission

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MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 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 7:04 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

Others Present: Bruce Woodis of KWP, Arthur Allen, Norman Rudzinski, Paul Terwillinger, Donald & Jim Pimental, Arnold & Michelle Buxton, Jonathan Hoenig, Marjorie Woodward, Gail Livingstone and Vincent Fallovallita.

B) Action on Minutes of Previous Meetings:

Motion to accept the minutes of the August 12, 2014 meeting with correction to Application #WWA14016, correct address 0 Hill Rd not Chase Rd, made by Commissioner Tillen. Seconded by Commissioner Obert. Motion passed unanimously.

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

D) Pending Applications:

a) Permits

- 1) **Application #IWA14019**, Norman Rudzinski, 0 Labby Road, Assessor's Map 95, Block 27, Lot 17, excavating/gravel mining in upland review area and construction of access road across a wetland/intermittent watercourse, submitted on August 8, 2014, receipt date August 12, 2014. Ms. Butts provided her review of the application documents and updated the Commission on the deteriorating condition of the culvert on Owen Adam Road over Long Branch Brook. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding site conditions and the potential off site effects caused by a failure of the Long Branch Brook culvert under Owen Adam Road. Soil Scientist Arthur Allen provided comments on his evaluation of the vernal pool conditions found in the central wetland/ watercourse corridor. There was discussion regarding the proposed pond, its depth and source of water and the alternative to constructing a pond. Mr. Rudzinski is waiting to hear back from 1st Selectman Lenky regarding the town's position on the culvert repair. The Planning and Zoning Commission is holding a public hearing on 9/22/14. Commissioners noted that the public's interests could be addressed at that time. No action taken on the application pending receipt of further information.
- 2) **Application #IWA14021**, Scott G. & Tracy A. Parker, 12 Woodstock Rd (Rte. 171), Assessor's Map 29, Block 104, Lot 22, for stormwater discharge to wetland/watercourse and grading in upland review area for construction of commercial building, submitted August 11, 2014, receipt date August 12, 2014. Paul Terwillinger, representing the applicant, explained the activities proposed in the application, which involved the construction of an addition to an existing residence for commercial use along with a parking lot and drainage facilities. A detention basin is proposed to handle increases in runoff for larger storm events and discharge into an intermittent watercourse/wetland located on the northern border of the

property draining to Route 171. A detailed engineering analysis was provided with the application.

Motion to approve Application #IWA14021 as presented was made by Commissioner Obert. Seconded by Commissioner Tillen. Motion passed unanimously.

- 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, 0 Terrace Dr., Assessor's Map 103, Block 40, Lot 6N, reviewed status of case, awaiting a response from Atty. St. Onge regarding the release language.
 - 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.
 - c) **#VIOL14020** Vincent T. Fallovallita, 170 Wilsonville Rd, Assessor's Map 77, Block 46, Lot 28D, filling of a red maple swamp and grading in upland review area. Mr. Fallovallita explained he was only cleaning up the lot, is now complete and did not know there were wetlands on his property. Ms. Butts will photodocument the current status of this property for our file and Mr. Fallovallita was informed he will need to submit an application for any further work.
 - d) **Complaint File #14-08**, Prescott & Bernice Baxter, 160 Quaddick Mountain Rd, Assessor's Map 143, Block 16, Lot 17AN, small black hose/pipe comes from a building on the property to Quaddick Reservoir. Ms. Butts contacted the Northeast District Department of Health and has spoken to Chris Baxter reported the hose/pipe was not hooked up to any thing but will remove it from the Reservoir. Ms. Butts will re-visit the property to confirm the hose has been removed and will report back to the Commission at the next meeting.
- H) Other Business:
 - a) Old Business:
 - i) **Complaint File #14-02** Spicer Rd, Raceway Golf Club and Restaurant LLC, 245 East Thompson Rd. Assessors Map 137, Block 20, Lot 3, Jonathan Hoenig reported they are still waiting on information to complete the application so he is requesting a 30 day extension. The Commission granted the extension.
 - b) New Business
 - i) **Application #IWA14022**, Arnold & Michelle Buxton, 7 Greene Island. Assessor's Map 143, Block 16, Lot 49B, reconstruct 41 feet of stone retaining wall along Quaddick Reservoir, submitted 8/29/14. The Commission accepted this application on 9/9/14.
- I) Reports:
 - a) Budget & Expenditures: Wetlands Budget for Fiscal Year 2014 and 2015 (Results of Fiscal Reporting July 1 – Aug 28, 2014) Ms. Butts stated that the Commission has used 13.6% overall of its budget.

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 #14-04** – report of tree cutting and ATV riding in French River floodplain last winter - first Selectman Lenky agreed that due to lack of information on what was done and by whom, that it was appropriate to take no action at this time. Complaint closed.

Wetlands Agent Approvals Processed - None

Building Permits Reviewed:

- There were 12 building permits reviewed – (1) 68 Parkway Dr. (2) 72 Riverside Dr. (3) 5 Heritage Cir. (4) 3 Paul Ave. (5) 83 Kapitulik Rd. (6) 395 Fabyan Rd. (7) 270 Buckley Hill Rd. (8) 480 Quaddick Town Farm Rd. (9) 29 Logans Lane (10) 160 Hill Rd. (11) 278 O’Leary Rd. (12) 1087 Quaddick Town Farm Rd.

Miscellaneous:

- Purchase of Town Owned Vehicle – no vehicle purchased yet.
- Thompson Rail Industrial Park Lot 6-2 – An application for a wetlands agent approval is expected to be submitted in the next several months that will involve the construction of a retaining wall and parking area as well as some grading in the upland review area associated with the construction of a building to house a stone cutting facility.

Purchase Requisitions Status:

- Paid \$44.10 for 2 legal notices to Stonebridge Press.

J) Correspondence:

- a) Connecticut Wildlife, July/August 2014
- b) Denise Savageau, Town of Greenwich Conservation Director, Received August 20, 2014, The Long Island Sound Study is updating the Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan.
- c) Thompson Community Day info

K) Signing of Mylars – None.

L) Comments by Commission – None.

M) Adjournment.

Chair Fran Morano called to adjourn the meeting at 9:07PM. Motion made by Commissioner Obert to adjourn. Seconded by Commissioner Tillen. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted



Diane Minarik
Recording Secretary
09-09-2014 Minutes IWC Regular Meeting