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MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 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 7:10 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: David Smith, P.E. of KWP Associates, Norman Rudzinski and Marjorie Woodward.

B) Action on Minutes of Previous Meetings:

Motion to accept the minutes of the September 9, 2014 meeting, 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, submitted on 8/8/14, receipt date 8/12/14. Mr. Smith explained the changes made in revised site plans that were submitted on 10/8/2014 in response to the comments that he had received from Ms. Butts, Town Planner Mary Ann Chinatti and interim Zoning Enforcement Officer Alvin Hill. Two major changes were the removal of any grade changes on other land of Mr. Rudzinski (re Assessor's reference 95/28/2) and grade changes in Phase II pond design. Ms. Butts read her 10/14/14 memo regarding the revised plans submitted on 10/8/14 and offered a draft permit with 5 conditions for the Commission's consideration. Besides the conditions that are routinely issued with every permit, she recommended an additional condition as follows: "1. Regulated activities authorized by this permit are prohibited until the Commission acknowledges in writing to the permittee that it has received a signed and sealed statement by a professional engineer licensed to practice in Connecticut certifying that the hydraulic structure carrying the water flows of Long Branch Brook under Owen Adam Road is capable of bearing a weight load of 73,000 pounds (see Conn. Gen Stat. § 14-269 and www.ct.gov/dot "Divisible Load Permits") without structural failure or degradation." A lengthy discussion ensued. It was noted that the Planning and Zoning Commissions public hearing originally scheduled for 9/22/14 was postponed to 10/27/14.

Motion to approve application #IWA14019 and to remove the word "Draft" from the Draft Permit was made by Commissioner Obert. Seconded by Commissioner Tillen. Motion passed unanimously.

- 2) **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, accepted 9/9/14. Ms. Butts advised the Commission that she had received a written statement from Carl Acimovic, P.E. that the wall reconstruction has been designed to remain stable for its intended use.

Motion to approve application #IWA14022 as presented was made by Commissioner Obert. Seconded by Commissioner Baranow. Motion passed unanimously.

b) Wetlands Agent Approvals:

- 1) **WAA14023**, Leonidas & Cynthia Lafortune, 134 O'Leary Rd, Assessor's Map 124, Block 32, Lot 19B, construction of a single family home with a portion of the driveway and yard grading located in the 100-foot upland review area. Received 9/30/14 and approved 10/9/14. Legal notice to be published 10/17/14. Appeal period expires 10/31/14. Ms. Butts showed the Commission the site plans for the approval.
- 2) **WAA14024**, Thompson Rail Business Park, LLC, 0 Reardon Rd., Assessor's Map 65, Block 101, Lot 6C, construction of a rock retaining wall, a small portion of a gravel parking area and grading within the 100-foot upland review area to support a proposed 5,000 sq. ft. building with septic system and paved parking located outside of the 100-foot upland review. Received and approved 10/7/14. Legal notice to be published 10/17/14. Appeal period expires 10/31/14. Ms. Butts showed the Commission the site plans for the approval.

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 8/7/12, to Charles Paquette, 0 Terrace Dr., Assessor's Map 103, Block 40, Lot 6N, this case is now closed, Ms. Butts will send Mr. Paquette a copy of the filed court judgment and a letter stating the violation is now closed.
- b) **#VIOL14002** issued 1/28/14, 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 until all work is completed on Rich Road.
- c) **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 was unable to re-visit the property this past month due to her vacation. She will 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. Assessor's Map 137, Block 20, Lot 3, Don Hoenig called today to report they are still waiting on information to complete the application. Ms. Butts will send a letter stating they need to submit an application by a certain date.

b) New Business:

- i) CACIWA membership renewal and annual meeting on 11/15/14.

Motion to approve the expenditure for the annual membership renewal made by Commissioner Tillen. Seconded by Commissioner Obert. Motion passed unanimously.

- ii) CACIWA requests support of proposed definition to the Clean Water Act and a draft letter of support. No action taken.

I) Reports:

- a) Budget & Expenditures: Wetlands Budget for Fiscal Year 2014 and 2015 (Results of Fiscal Reporting 7/1 – 9/25/14) Commissioner Obert stated that the Commission has used 20.6% overall of its budget.
- b) Wetlands Agent Report - Ms. Butts read her written report.

Updates:

- Computer and Network Issues - Thompson has now hired Jim Stratus, a graphics designer to upgrade and perform webmaster services. Additionally, the town has engaged the services of Christopher G. Nelson of System Solutions to provide information technology services to the Town Hall computers.
- **#VIOL1420, Vincent Fallovallita, 170 Wilsonville Rd.** - by letter dated 9/18/14 I advised Mr. Fallovallita and that the violation file has been closed.
- **Interstate Reliability Project** – This week Northeast Utilities is beginning clearing work and the installation of construction roads and paths for the Interstate Reliability Project. Any concerns or inquires should be directed to her.

Inspections/Follow-Up Actions - None

Wetlands Agent Approvals Finalized - None

Building Permits Reviewed:

- There were 7 building permits reviewed – (1) 388 Lowell Davis Rd. (2) 185 Fabyan-Woodstock Rd. (3) 1020 Riverside Dr. (4) 69 Wilsonville Rd. (5) 70 Messier Rd. (6) 145 Porter Plain Rd. (7) 75 Church St.

Miscellaneous:

- Purchase of Town Owned Vehicle – no vehicle purchased yet – reluctantly still performing site inspections with own vehicle.

Purchase Requisitions Status:

- Paid \$55.00 for CACIWC Membership renewal.
- Encumbered \$89.40 for 3 legal notices to Stonebridge Press.

J) Correspondence – None.

K) Signing of Mylars – None.

L) Comments by Commission:

- a) H. Charles Obert asked Ms. Butts to look into a tree lying down at the landfill entrance.
- b) Vice Chair Steven Baranow notified the board of his upcoming resignation.

M) Adjournment.

Chair Fran Morano called to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 PM. Motion made by Commissioner Baranow to adjourn. Seconded by Commissioner Obert. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted



Diane Minarik

Recording Secretary

10-14-2014 Minutes IWC Regular Meeting