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MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 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 7:03 PM.

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

Absent: Commissioner Donald Hoenig II

Others Present: Ann Ricard.

- Chair Morano read a letter from the Selectman's office appointing Peter Ricard to serve as a commissioner on the Inland Wetlands Board as of 11/5/2014.

B) Action on Minutes of Previous Meetings:

Motion to accept the minutes of the October 14, 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 - None

b) Wetlands Agent Approvals:

- 1) WAA14025, Arnold & Olive Weiss, 33 Totem Pole Dr., Assessor's Map 141, Block 17, Lot 60, replacement of septic system and well for existing seasonal cottage. Received by Town Clerk 10/21/2014. Ms. Butts read an email she received today regarding the waivers this property has received from the State Health Dept. and NDDH. She will be drafting an approval for this septic system but with a special condition to comply with the waiver from the State Health Dept. and NDDH.

c) Declaratory Rulings - None

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

- a) **IWA14026** Raceway Golf Club and Restaurant, LLC, 205 East Thompson Road, Assessors Map 137, Block 20, Lot 2, to maintain material stockpiles in upland review area, received by the Town Clerk 11/12/14. Application to be statutorily received at the next Inland Wetlands Commission's meeting. Ms. Butts noted the application was incomplete missing site plans, some owner and property information was incomplete.
- b) **WAA14027** Jolanta Bugajski, 36 Watson Rd, Assessor's Map 15, Block 72, Lot 37C, construction of a new home, a portion of which is in the upland review area, received 11/12/14 by the Wetlands Office, being held pending NDDH approval of septic system,.

F) Permits Extensions/Changes – None.

G) Active Violations & Pending Enforcement Actions:

- a) **#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.

H) Other Business:

- a) Old Business – None.
b) New Business:
i) Approval of 2015 Site Walk and Meeting calendars.

Motion to accept the 2015 site walk and meeting schedule made by Commissioner Tillen. Seconded by Commissioner Ricard. Motion passed unanimously.

- ii) Eastern Connecticut Conservation District contributory support.

Motion to approve the expenditure of \$1,000 to support the Eastern Connecticut Conservation District made by Commissioner Obert. Seconded by Commissioner Tillen. Motion passed unanimously.

- iii) NECCOG Land Use Workshops were announced for possible attendance by Commissioners.

I) Reports:

- a) Budget & Expenditures: Wetlands Budget for Fiscal Year 2014 and 2015 (Results of Fiscal Reporting 7/1 – 10/30/14) Commissioner Obert stated that the Commission has used 25.1% overall of its budget.
b) Wetlands Agent Report - Ms. Butts read her written report.

Updates: Computer and Network Issues - Chris Nelson has begun working on some of the problems with Ms. Butts computer. He has been hired to handle hardware issues but not software issues. Some of the problems with Ms. Butts computer are software issues. She sent an email to the Selectman's office regarding commissioner's email addresses and system failures over the past months. Chris Nelson will be looking into the email addresses and will create an email address for our new commissioner, Mr. Ricard.

Inspections/Follow-Up Actions: On 10/14/14 Ms. Butts attended a meeting at the request of Carolyn Werge to go in her stead regarding Starr Road. The purpose of the meeting was apparently to review with the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management the possibility of repairing the watercourse crossing and returning flows to the main channel in RI. The roadway conditions in Connecticut were viewed but there was not much discussion regarding modifying conditions in Connecticut

Wetlands Agent Approvals Finalized

- WAA14023, Leonidas & Cynthia Lafortune, 134 O'Leary Rd, construction of a single family home with a portion of the driveway and yard grading located in the 100-foot upland review area, was not appealed following the publication of legal notice on 10/17/14.
- WAA14024, Thompson Rail Business Park, LLC, 0 Reardon Rd., 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, was not appealed following the publication of the legal notice on 10/17/14.

Building Permits Reviewed:

- There were 2 building permits reviewed – (1) 68 Parkway Dr. (2) 59 Cortiss Rd.

Miscellaneous:

- **Zoning Regulation Change Requested** - Planning and Zoning Commission is in the process of developing revisions to its regulations. On 10/24/14 Ms. Butts sent an email to the Town Planner and the Zoning Enforcement Officer requesting a change in the Zoning Regulations Article VI, Section 1, Paragraph 4. This paragraph allows for the expansion of non-conforming uses by 25% without any additional approval.
- **DEEP 2014 Municipal Staff Forum** – On October 30, 2014 Ms. Butts attended the DEEP municipal staff form that included talks on the Freedom of Information Act and municipal records management. Under FOIA filing the record of votes taken by the Inland Wetlands Commission is required to be made within 48 hours after the meeting (if the minutes are not available within 48 hours).
- **MS4 DEEP General Permit** (Outstanding Initiative #10) - Recently came to Ms. Butts attention that the General Permit for the Discharge of Storm Water from Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems was being significantly revised.
- **Purchase of Town Owned Vehicle** – No vehicle purchased yet but 1st Selectman Lenky informed her he's working on it.

Purchase Requisitions Status:

- Paid \$110.25 for 3 legal notices to Stonebridge Press.

J) Correspondence:

- a) Connecticut Wildlife September/October 2014
- b) The Habitat Fall 20104

K) Signing of Mylars – None.

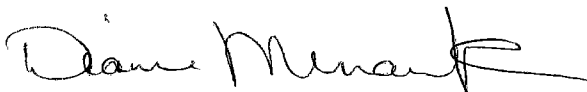
L) Comments by Commission:

- a. Commissioner Obert asked Ms. Butts to look into Airline Trail erosion on Rt. 193.
- b. Commissioner Tillen asking if any new info on the electric line clearing & Marianapolis sewer line.
- c. Vice Chair Commissioner Baranow submitted his resignation letter.

M) Adjournment.

Chair Fran Morano called to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 PM. Motion made by Commissioner Baranow to adjourn. Seconded by Commissioner Obert. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted



Diane Minarik
Recording Secretary
11-12-2014 Minutes IWC Regular Meeting