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MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
TUESDAY, JUNE 12, 2018 7:00 PM
MERRILL SENEY COMMUNITY ROOM - TOWN HALL

A) Call to Order & Roll Call:

Meeting was called to order by Chair Jarrett Thomas at 7:03 PM.

Roll Call: Commissioner & Chair Jarrett Thomas, Commissioner & Vice Chair Fran Morano, Commissioner Diane Chapin, Commissioner Victoria Szamocki, Wetlands Agent Marla Butts and Recording Secretary Diane Minarik.

Absent: Commissioner Charles Obert

Others Present: Norm Thibeault, Jessica DiCostanzo and members of the public

B) Action on Minutes of Previous Meeting: Copies of the minutes listed below were available for review. Chair Thomas asked if there were any corrections and being none:

a) **Minutes of the 5/8/18 regular meeting was accepted as written.**

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

D) Applications:

a) Old Applications: None

b) New Applications:

1) **WAA18009** Lavallee Construction, 125 New Rd, Assessor's Map 154, Block 3, Lot 2K & 2L, construct 6" footing drain for existing home in the 100' upland review area because they are getting water in the basement, received 5/21/18, issued 5/22/18, legal notice published 6/1/18, end of appeal period 6/15/18, Ms. Butts explained the proposed work.

2) **SUB18010** Lavallee Construction, 0 Lillian Ave, Assessor's Map 114, Block 26, Lot 50I, re-subdivision of lot into 2 lots, stamped received 5/21/18, PZC requests IWC input, Ms. Butts read a memo for the PZC.

Motion to authorize Ms. Butts to send the memo as read for SUB18010 to clarify the issue regarding wetlands on this site was made by Commissioner Morano. Seconded by Commissioner Szamocki. Motion passed unanimously

3) **IWA18011** Benjamin Nichols, 305 Quaddick Town Farm Rd, Assessor's Map 156, Block 8, Lot 70, excavate a 100' X 25' of wetlands to create pond, stamped received 6/5/15, statutory receipt date 6/12/18, Ms. Butts explained the proposed work in the application.

a) Applications Received After Agenda was Published:

1) **DEC18012** Jessica DiCostanzo, 30 Church St, Assessor's Map 67, Block 103, Lot 8F, place a 12' X 30' prefabricated barn on stone in upland review area, stamped received 6/12/18, Jessica DiCostanzo was present to explain the purposed work, 2 horse stalls, solar electric fence and a container for manure which gets hauled away monthly

Motion to approve DEC18012 as read and use permitted as of right was made by Commissioner Morano. Seconded by Commissioner Chapin. Motion passed unanimously

E) Permit Extensions / Changes: None

- a) **WAA17001** Madison Avenue Investments, LLC, 0 Madison Ave, Assessor's Map 103, Block 31, Lot 6R, request for modification to the construction of stormwater quality impact basin in 100-foot upland review area, revised plans electronically received by Wetlands Office 6/5/18, Norm Thibeault was present to explain the purposed changes,
Motion to approve modification as requested in 6/6/18 correspondence and as shown on the drawings dated 6/4/18 was made by Commissioner Morano. Seconded by Commissioner Szamocki. Motion passed unanimously
- F) Active Violations & Pending Enforcement Actions:
- a) **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, inspection in June 2017 found inadequate sediment controls and grading activity in the upland review area beyond what is shown on the approved plan, no change.
- b) **VIOL17017** Linden O'Leary, President of Quaddick Mountain Resorts Inc., Assessor's Map 143, Block 16, Lots 17, 17AK, 17AL, 17AM & 17AN, violation issued on 5/8/17, the second 90-day extension expired 11/21/17, septic system needs approval from DEEP, Mr. Chappell will work on the erosion problem and has hired Killingly Engineering Assoc. who will submit preliminary plans at the August 14, 2018 meeting.
- c) **VIOL17036** (Complaint 16-04) Urgel & Fahey Lapierre, 0 & 533 Brandy Hill Rd, Assessor's Map 143, Block 17, Lot 7 & 7-7, drainage problems related to activities at 533 Brandy Hill Rd, open swell to be restored by 12/3/17, Ms. Butts visited site on 5/17/18, sent letter on 6/11/18 to remove sufficient material for water to flow without obstruction.
- d) **VIOL18008** Stephanie Simas & Wayne Witherell, 291 Buckley Hill Rd, Assessor's Map 83, Block 49, Lot 7G, placing various materials and structures in wetlands and grading in upland review area without authorization, NOV issued 5/21/18, Ms. Butts explained the violation, a lengthy discussion ensued, suggested they go to original engineers (J&D) to get an updated authorized site plan, need to return w/plans within 90 days.
- G) Other Business: None
- H) Reports:
- a) Budget & Expenditures: Wetlands Budget for Fiscal Year 2017–2018 (Results of Fiscal Reporting 7/1/17 – 5/31/18) Ms. Butts stated that the Commission has used 83.4% overall of its budget. The FY19 IWC Budget has been cut.
- b) Wetlands Agent Report: June
Updates:
- Status of Court Appeal on Application IWA15029, River Junction Estates, LLC – Still awaiting a court decision.
 - MS4 Annual Report & Follow Up Actions– Ms. Butts is still working on contracts for the required outfall monitoring in the watershed of impaired waters and the screening program for storm drain outfalls in the 2000 urbanized area (by ECCD) and the mapping of the stormwater drainage system in the urbanized area (by J&D).
 - Pre-1990 File Destruction Plan – To date Ms. Butts has purged the pre-1990 files through 1986 in accordance with the procedures she has previously discussed.
- Inspections/Follow-Up Actions:
- Complaint 18-02, Scott Josey, 637 East Thompson Rd. - On 5/17/18, following an anonymous complaint of work occurring in and around wetlands, Ms. Butts investigated the conditions. Since this is private property Ms. Butts attempted to view activities on the property from New Road and the abutting properties. While there had been some grading work that occurred on the property she could not verify that it was within 100' of

wetlands or watercourses. Vehicles had recently crossed a wetland/swampy area to the residence from New Road. On 5/21/18 Ms. Butts spoke to the homeowner, Scott Josey regarding the regulation of wetlands and watercourses on his property. This was followed up with a letter dated 5/31/18 advising him to review any future development plans with her in advance to determine the need for any approvals under the regulations. The complaint has been closed.

- Complaint 18-03, 1105 & 0 Quaddick Town Farm Rd (Quaddick Country Store) – Following a report of digging in wetlands at the Quaddick Country Store Ms. Butts inspected the site on 4/26/18 and found that recent land disturbance had occurred to the rear of the store, apparently in anticipation of moving propane tanks (a building permit was pending for that). There is no detailed mapping of wetland soils for this property but portions of the lawn were flooded with standing water. A letter dated 5/1/18 was sent to the property owner, QSC Holdings, LLC advising it to contact her to discuss any future proposed activities. The complaint was closed. Subsequently, on 5/17/18 Ms. Butts visited the site again after receiving a phone call that machinery was doing grading work at the site. Ms. Butts found that the propane tanks had been moved and a small earthmoving machine was parked in the area with the tanks had been, apparently being used to clean up the site. Ms. Butts met with Paula Boisvert, a member of QCS Holdings LLC. She said she had not gotten the 5/1/18 letter so Ms. Butts gave her a copy. She said they were just cleaning up where the propane tanks had been and had no intention of bringing fill in or doing any major grading work. After that meeting Ms. Butts had received several calls regarding earthmoving work. Ms. Butts asked Paula Boisvert to get in touch with her in advance of any future earth moving, filling or construction work to determine if it would need an approval from the Inland Wetlands Commission. Ms. Butts confirmed this with her in a letter dated 6/6/18. The complaint file has been closed.
- WAA17034, Caleb Stevens, 369 Quaddick Rd. – On 5/17/18 Ms. Butts conducted a post approval inspection following a phone call that a piece of excavation machinery was located to the rear of the property near a brook that flows to Lower Pond. The machinery was parked near the road and Ms. Butts found no problems affecting wetlands or watercourses.

Building Permits Reviewed: There were 10 building permits reviewed – (1) 512 Brandy Hill Rd (2) 54 Blaine Rd (3) 210 Hill Rd (4) 65 Hill Rd (5) 84 Labby Rd (6) 496 Quaddick Town Farm Road (7) 46 First St (8) 324 West Thompson Rd (9) Linehouse Road (10) 198 Ballard Rd.

Miscellaneous:

- Route 131 (a.k.a. Quinebaug Road) Wetlands Flooding - Since August of last year Ms. Butts has been receiving inquiries regarding the flooding of wetlands located on the west side of Rt. 131 including the homeowner of 92 Quinebaug Road. A review of Google Earth's aerial photography reveals that at least 2 beaver dams on Backwater Brook were built on the property of Melissa Kapitulik sometime after April 2016 but before August 2016. Since then many of the trees in the wetlands system have died and have fallen over. The flooding spans several properties. Because the beaver dams are not man-made the Inland Wetlands Commission has no jurisdiction to require them to be removed. The only potential input the Commission may have is to ensure that should the beaver dams be mechanically breached, that it be done in such a way as to prevent downstream flood damage or erosion. Otherwise, the issue of the beaver dam removals is primarily a civil matter between the landowners involved.

- Emergency Culvert Replacement Hill Rd (MS4 Outfall # SD-61) – On 6/6/18 Ms. Butts was informed by Public Works Director Rich Benoit that the 15" corrugated aluminum pipe on Munson Brook under Hill Road was failing and required immediate replacement. Ms. Butts was shown pictures of the decayed pipe and the installation of a corrugated plastic pipe. Ms. Butts intends to inspect the site as soon as possible to verify the conditions.
- Douglas Road Pond Dam (Dam # DS14111), E. Thompson Rd. – On 5/24/18 Ms. Butts sent DEEP Dam Safety an email providing copies of photos that she took of the dam on 5/17/18 where water levels impounded by the dam's weir board are causing water to flow around the spillway and across the embankment into E. Thompson Rd. Ms. Butts got a voice message from DEEP's Civil Engineer Kartik Parekh saying that he has a dam inspection report that was submitted previously and will be looking into the matter. Ms. Butts notified Don Hoenig of this via email. This impoundment serves as an irrigation source for the nearby golf course.
- Town-Owned Langer's Pond Dam (Dam #DS14106) Breach Analysis by UConn Students – As part of their education UConn engineering students performed a breach analysis of Langer's Pond Dam located just south of Wilsonville Rd on the French River. Ms. Butts told them where to obtain hydraulic information for the French River. Subsequently, they produced a report that Ms. Butts provided feedback on. On related business, Ms. Butts has been advised by the First Selectman that the Town will be hiring Leonard Engineering to perform an inspection of the dam as required by a notice the Town received last December.

Purchase Requisitions Status: Encumbered \$30.00 for Stonebridge Press for legal notice.

- I) Correspondence:
 - a) Town Report
 - b) Reems Pond Pesticide
- J) Signing of Mylars: None
- K) Comments by Commissioners: None
- L) Adjournment: **Chair Thomas called to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 PM.**

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Morano. Seconded by Commissioner Szamocki. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane Minarik

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Recording Secretary
06-12-18 Minutes IWC Regular Meeting