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MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 2015 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 7:12 PM.

Roll Call: Commissioner and Chair Fran Morano, Commissioner and Vice Chair Peter Ricard, Commissioner H. Charles Obert, Commissioner Jarrett Thomas, Wetlands Agent Marla Butts and Recording Secretary Diane Minarik.

Absent: Commissioner Donald Hoenig II and Commissioner Ron Tillen

Others Present: Lewis Worley and Norman Rudzinski

B) Action on Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Motion to revisit the discussion of approval of the 5/12/15 minutes due to insufficient membership was made by Commissioner Obert. Seconded by Commissioner Ricard. Motion passed unanimously.

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

D) Pending Applications:

a) Permits - None

b) Wetlands Agent Approvals:

1) **WAA15013** Capital Development Partners LLC., 0 Riverside Dr., Assessors Map 63, Block 94A, Lot 1B, for the construction of a commercial retail facility (Dollar General), stamped received by Wetlands Office on 6/9/15. Ms. Butts brought the proposed WAA15013 plans to the attention of the commission for feedback and questions before approving. The proposed drainage is outside of the 100 year flood plan and seems to be adequate.

c) Declaratory Rulings – None

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

a) **IWA15012** Lewis E. Worley, 167 Fabyan Rd, Assessors Map 21, Block 84, Lot 15A&B, clean pond of accumulated sediment, stamped received by Wetlands Office on 6/1/15, statutory receipt date 6/9/15. Mr. Worley was present to explain his plan to remove about 1 foot of muck from the bottom of his pond.

Motion to accept IWA15012 was made by Commissioner Thomas. Seconded by Commissioner Obert. Motion passed unanimously.

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, Violation file remains open until all work referenced under permit IWA14012 is satisfactorily completed.
- b) **IWA14019** issued 5/20/15 to Norman Rudzinski, 0 Labby Rd., Assessor's Map 95, Block 27, Lot 17, Pending violation of conditions #1 & #4 of permit #IWA14019, gravel mining and Rich Rd., Ms. Butts explained the violations and concerns. Mr. Rudzinski was present to discuss his plans to address the violations. On 6/8/15 Ms. Butts received a signed and sealed letter by engineer David Smith of KWP Associates certifying the hydraulic structure already installed is adequate and capable of bearing a weight load of 73,000 pounds without structural failure or degradation until a more permanent structure

can be installed and the approval of the First Selectman because it is a town road. This letter is acceptable to meet the requirements of Condition #1 of Permit #IWA14019.

Motion to approve hydraulic structure as adequate to meet restriction on Permit #IWA14019 condition #1 for protection of water flow was made by Commissioner Obert. Seconded by Commissioner Ricard. Motion passed unanimously.

Violation of Condition #4 is now mute since Ms. Butts is aware work has started on this project. Ms. Butts also stated in her letter of 5/20/15 that no work had been performed on Rich Road that was authorized under Permit #IWA14012 to address Notice of Violation #VIOL14002 but instead it appeared that Rich Road had been top dressed with additional soil. Mr. Rudzinski stated when the shrub swamp on the right hand side of Rich Road is dry he will remove imported material and replace it with stone as required. Ms. Butts also observed grading and filling work for an access road through a red maple swamp near the access road's intersection with Owen Adam Road located about 225 feet west of Labby Road. Mr. Rudzinski will need to apply for a permit for that access road.

H) Other Business:

a) Old Business:

- 1) Review of Bylaws – Ms. Butts went over some proposed changes to Bylaws but due to insufficient membership the commission was unable to render any decisions on the bylaws and will take it up at the next meeting.

b) New Business:

- 1) Reorganization of pre-1990 application/permit files modification of 1/13/15 authorization.

Motion to modify the encumbrance of \$300.00 from Professional Services Acct. # 522220 authorized at the January 13, 2015 IWC meeting from the reorganization of pre-1990 application/permit files to the cataloging and documenting of all post-1989 IWC regulatory files was made by Commissioner Obert. Seconded by Commissioner Ricard. Motion passed unanimously.

I) Reports:

- a) Budget & Expenditures: Wetlands Budget for Fiscal Year 2014 - 2015 (Results of Fiscal Reporting 7/1/14 – 5/31/15) Commissioner Obert stated that the Commission has used 83.9% overall of its budget.

b) Wetlands Agent Report -

Updates:

- **Computer and Network Issues** – Ms. Butts requested Chris Nelson to order 2 gigs of memory for the office computer.
- **Interstate Reliability Project Construction Update** – various clean-up activities will be conducted in areas along the right-of-way, and a helicopter will be used to help install and string overhead lines in the vicinity of Quaddick Town Farm Road and Elmwood Hill Road.

Inspections/Follow-Up Actions –

- **Permit #10-07-01, Tri-State Baptist Church site** was inspected on 5/26/15. Ms. Butts is expecting a letter from Pastor Berard requesting a 4 year extension of the permit to complete the work on the detention basin.
- **Interstate Reliability Project/Wyndham Land Trust** - Heron rookery site was inspected on 5/28/15 following a report that dead trees within the alignment had been cut or broken in the area of the historic rookery. Only 3 active nests were found. Based on the number of dead trees that were beginning to fall down naturally in the flooded area, it appeared that the rookery was likely in decline before the clearing work occurred.

Wetlands Agent Approvals Finalized –

- **WAA15013** – construction of a commercial retail facility (Dollar General Store) is pending approval.

Building Permits Reviewed:

- There were 9 building permits reviewed – (1) 371 Pasay Rd. (2) 169 Porter Plain Rd. (3) 1476 Riverside Dr. (4) 72 Babula Rd. (5) 492 Quaddick Rd. (6) 601 East Thompson Rd. (7) 26 Wakefield Pond Rd. (8) 210 Hill Rd. (9) 13 Main St.

Miscellaneous:

- **USGS Dissolved Oxygen Monitoring Equipment** - USGS is working with DEEP on a project to measure dissolved oxygen levels in 12 rivers in Connecticut including the French River and will be collecting data from about 6/15/15 to 9/13/15 and possibly returning in the summer of 2016.
- **DEEP Training for Commissioners/Agents** – Ms. Butts has reserved the town's vehicle for the DEEP Municipal Inland Wetlands Agency Continuing Education workshop on 7/1/15 and will carpool with Commissioners.
- **Applied Graphics MapGeo Digitizing Subdivision Maps** - Mary Ann Chinatti has a cost estimate to have subdivisions that were approved after the development of the current MapGeo GIS data layer of the assessor's maps digitized but has a shortfall of just under \$500 to get the job done. Since the Wetlands Office uses and encourages the use of MapGeo Ms. Butts requested that the IWC approve the encumbrance for expenditure of up to \$500 from unexpended funds.
Motion for monies to be reallocated to provide necessary funding for GIS data layering of assessor map information which is not currently in the data base was made by Commissioner Obert. Seconded by Commissioner Ricard. Motion passed unanimously.
- **Monies for Thompson Webpage Modification** – Ms. Butts received a quote of \$400 from Jim Stratus for a possible modification of the Agendas & Minutes portion of the town's webpage.

Motion to approve the encumbrance of up to \$400 of any unexpended or unencumbered monies for the purpose of funding modifications to the Thompson Webpage was made by Commissioner Ricard. Seconded by Commissioner Obert. Motion passed unanimously.

Purchase Requisitions Status:

- Paid \$29.40 and encumbered \$50.00 for legal notices to Stonebridge Press.

J) Correspondence:

- a) Thompson Community Day, Sunday Sept. 28, 2015, from 12 – 4 pm at Riverside Park.
- b) Town of Thompson Annual Report year ending June 2014.

K) Signing of Mylars – None.

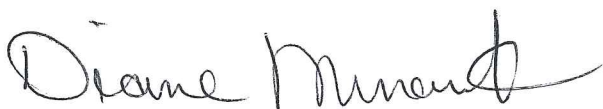
L) Comments by Commission:

- a) Commissioner Morano welcomed Commissioner Thomas to the IWC Board.
- b) Commissioner Obert discussed the E-Coli testing being performed on rivers in Thompson and his concern the Heron colonies have found a new nesting location due to their nests being disturbed by the installation of the new electrical lines.

N) Adjournment.

Chair Fran Morano called to adjourn the meeting at 9:18 PM. Motion made to adjourn by Commissioner Ricard. Seconded by Commissioner Thomas. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Diane Minarik
Recording Secretary
06-9-2015 Minutes IWC Regular Meeting