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MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
TUESDAY, JULY 10, 2018 7:00 PM
MERRILL SENEY COMMUNITY ROOM - TOWN HALL

A) Call to Order & Roll Call:

Meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Fran Morano at 7:10 PM.

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

Absent: Commissioner & Chair Jarrett Thomas

Others Present: Mr. & Mrs. Nichols

B) Action on Minutes of Previous Meeting: Copies of the minutes listed below were available for review. Vice Chair Morano asked if there were any corrections: Page 2, Item E. a) WAA17001 was previously converted to IWA17001.

a) **Minutes of the 6/12/18 regular meeting was accepted as edited.**

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

D) Applications:

a) Old Applications: None

- 1) **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, Mr. & Mrs. Nichols were present to answer questions, Ms. Butts explained they are converting an area that is subject to occasional flooding/standing water to one where they are attempting to get more permanent water but the water table on its own is still dropping, pond will be 10' deep during wet times and 4-5' deep in late summer, Ben Young is the excavator, stone wall to hold back fill, possible site walk on 7/11/18.

b) New Applications:

- 1) **WAA18013** Thompson Rail Properties, LLC, 0 & 299 Reardon Rd, Assessor's Map 65, Block 101, Lot 6B & 6C, retaining wall and grading for stone cutting and storage operation originally authorized under WAA14024, stamped received 6/21/18, issued 7/2/18, legal notice published 7/6/18, end of appeal period 7/20/18, Ms. Butts explained the proposed work: expanding stone cutting operation, installing stockade fence for sound barrier; Ms. Butts issued an approval with conditions (putting berms around Conservation Easement areas).
- 2) **WAA18014** Lavallee Construction LLC, 0 Fabyan Woodstock Rd, Assessor's Map 5, Block 86, Lot 7B, grading for new single family home in upland review area, received 6/28/18, issued 7/2/18, legal notice to be published 7/13/18, end of appeal period 7/27/18, Ms. Butts explained the driveway just touches the upland review area.
- 3) **WAA18015** Michael Ryley, 461 East Thompson Rd, construction of a 26' X 34' in-law apartment addition and a 10' X 24' carport in the upland review area, stamped received 7/3/18, Ms. Butts explained the proposed work, under review pending NDDH approval.

a) Applications Received After Agenda was Published:

- 1) **SUB18016** Richard Brotbeck, 622 Fabyan Rd, Assessor's Map 17, Block 81, Lot 42, 4-lot subdivision, stamped received 7/9/18, the property has one of the 10 significant wetlands but no work is proposed in wetlands therefore no IWC approval required but PZC is looking for the Commissions input, Ms. Butts read a memo she drafted to the PZC stating IWC doesn't need to approve this subdivision.

Motion to send 7/10/18 Memo as read to Thompson PZC was made by Commissioner Obert. Seconded by Commissioner Szamocki. Motion passed unanimously.

E) Permit Extensions / Changes: None

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, Ms. Butts visited site and took pictures, looks like project has been abandoned, Ms. Butts will check w/ZEO.
- 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. Ms. Butts visited site and took pictures on 6/25/18, both walls are over 6 feet and need a building permit, Norm Thibeault has been hired to do site plans.
- 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, letter sent on 6/11/18 to remove material for water to flow without obstruction, Ms. Butts played a voicemail received by Mr. Lapierre on 7/6/18, Ms. Butts will call him back to find out his plans.
- a) **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, must submit plans before 9/11/18 meeting (90 days), Ms. Butts read her follow up letter she sent on 6/14/18 stating they have 90 days to submit application with updated authorized site plans or a written explanation as to why they couldn't submit application on time and when the application will be submitted; no green cards are being returned from the Providence address; received call from J&D Engineers;

G) Other Business:

- a) Discussion on Madison Ave, project is 14 years old in December 2018, Town doesn't have a bond. Ms. Butts will contact DEEP if they walk away from project.

H) Reports:

- a) Budget & Expenditures: Wetlands Budget for Fiscal Year 2017–2018 (Results of Fiscal Reporting 7/1/17 – 7/10/18) Commissioner Obert stated that the Commission has used 95% overall of its budget and encumbered \$386.37 for office supplies.
- b) Wetlands Agent Report: July
Updates:
 - Status of Court Appeal on Application IWA15029, River Junction Estates, LLC – Still awaiting a court decision.

- MS4 Annual Report & Follow Up Actions– 3 contracts were entered into before 7/1/18: (1) J&D Civil Engineers for developing a written IDDE Program which Ms. Butts is reviewing now. (2) ECCD for sampling outfalls in the watershed of impaired waters and the screening program for storm drain outfalls. (3) J&D for mapping stormwater drainage system.
- Pre-1990 File Destruction Plan – To date Ms. Butts has purged the pre-1990 files through 1987 in accordance with the procedures she has previously discussed.

Inspections/Follow-Up Actions: None

Building Permits Reviewed: There were 3 building permits reviewed – (1) 30 Church St (2) 116 Porter Plain Rd (3) 24 Linda Ln.

Miscellaneous:

- Yesterday Ms. Butts met with J&D & DPW regarding a bridge that failed DOT inspection on LeClare Rd that services only one house. DPW Director feels this is an emergency and proposed to put in a culvert and sleeve with concrete, J&D is determining the hydraulic capacity of sleeve. Because this is an emergency Ms. Butts told him to do what needs to be done and come in after for a permit to finish.

Purchase Requisitions Status: Encumbered \$386.37 for Stonebridge Press for legal notice and office supplies.

- I) Correspondence:
 - a) Forested Wetland Soils UConn Workshop
 - b) Thompson Community Day on Saturday 10/6/18 12-4pm
- J) Signing of Mylars: None
- K) Comments by Commissioners:
 - a) 7/12/18 ribbon cutting ceremony at Bull Hill
 - b) Airline Trail, Ballard Rd flooding
 - c) Anya Restaurant has soft opening this weekend
- L) Adjournment: **Vice Chair Morano called to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 PM.**

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane Minarik

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Recording Secretary
07-10-18 Minutes IWC Regular Meeting