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MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 08, 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 7:00 PM.

Roll Call: Commissioner and Chair Fran Morano, Commissioner and Vice Chair Peter Ricard, Commissioner Ron Tillen, Commissioner Charles Obert, Wetlands Agent Marla Butts and Recording Secretary Diane Minarik

Absent: Commissioner Donald Hoenig II and Commissioner Jarrett Thomas

Others Present: Jim Pimental, Donald Pimental, Robert Mann, 1st Selectman Ken Beausoleil, Kevin Walsh, Joseph H. Gaucher, Allan Rawson

B) Action on Minutes and Notes of Previous Meetings:

a) **Motion to accept the minutes of the 11/10/15 regular meeting was made by Commissioner Obert. Seconded by Commissioner Tillen. Motion passed unanimously.**

b) **Motion was made to amend the wrong date of 1/4/16 in the motion in item b) to 1/6/16 and approve the minutes of the 12/2/15 Special Meeting was made by Commissioner Obert. Seconded by Commissioner Ricard. Motion passed unanimously.**

C) Citizen's Comments Pertaining to Agenda Items:

a) Don Pimental, Starr Rd, asked if **IWA15029** will it be discussed tonight? Ms. Butts said possibly yes if applicant's representatives are present. Mr. Pimental has comments on the wording in the application, on page 4 it states Mr. Lenky is the land owner and Mr. Pimental doesn't believe Mr. Lenky has the authority to consent as the land owner so he wants the application looked at closely; on page 3 Mr. Pimental would like to know if any alternatives have been considered for disturbing the wetlands because there is a check next to no; Mr. Pimental would like to know the rules of abutters because on application 15029 the Livingstones are listed as abutters but on application 15025 they are not listed as abutters so Mr. Pimental feels both these application are not done correctly that's why he's bring it up; also he thought the public hearing was going to be held at the library because the Merrill Seney Room isn't big enough to support the people because everybody in town has the right to attend the public hearing. Chair Morano stated the Commission will address that when they come to it on the agenda.

b) 1st Selectman Ken Beausoleil stated as an ex official member he has a few comments and will chime in accordingly during the meeting.

D) Applications:

a) Old Applications:

1) **WAA15019** Leo Bellanceau, 653 Quaddick Town Farm Rd, Assessor's Map 160, Block 11, Lot 17, removal & replacement of mobile home with minor grading in

upland review area, received by Wetlands Office 8/11/15, Ms. Butts stated no change, still awaiting B100a approval from NDDH, no action taken.

- 2) **IWA15025** River Junction Estates, LLC, to alter inland wetlands and watercourses and perform work in upland review areas for the construction of a driveway on property identified in the Thompson Tax Assessor's records as 0 New Rd. (Assessor's Map 154, Block 3, Lot 2A, previously identified in the Tax Assessor's records as "Starr Road To Rhode IslandState Line", Map 154, Block 3, Lot 7A), stamped received by Selectman's office 9/4/15, statutory received date 9/8/15. Ms. Butts stated on 12/8/15 Mr. Rawson signed an extension letter granting the IWC a 30-day extension to hold a public hearing, after the IWC Special Meeting on 12/2/15 it came her attention there is a Facebook page encouraging the public to attend the 1/6/16 public hearing and after discussing capacity of the Merrill Seney Room with the 1st Selectman the Thompson Public Schools Auditorium was made available to the IWC to hold it's 1/6/16 public hearing at 7:00pm.

Motion to change the location of 1/6/16 Public Hearing from Merrill Seney Community Room to Thompson Public Schools Auditorium, 785 Riverside Drive was made by Commissioner Obert. Seconded by Commissioner Ricard. Motion passed unanimously.

A discussion ensued regarding abutters. Ms. Butts read section 9.3 of the Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Regulations.

- 3) **WAA15026** Dennis & Debra Lamarche, 25 Becola Rd, Assessor's Map 116, Block 24, Lot 23, reconstruct/rebuild existing house, stamped received by Selectmen's Office 9-9-15, Ms. Butts stated no change, still awaiting B100a approval from NDDH, No action taken.

b) New Applications:

- 1) **IWA15029** River Junction Estates, LLC, Starr Road, construction of water diversions on Starr Rd, Assessor's Map 154, Block 3, Lot NA, stamped received by Wetlands Office 11/16/15, statutory receipt date 12/8/15. A petition to conduct a public hearing has been received by the Town Clerk on 11/30/15 with 39 confirmed/accepted signatures, Mr. Rawson was present to explain the project and answer questions, a lengthy conversation ensued with IWC, Ms. Butts and 1st Selectman Beausoleil.

c) Application Received After Agenda was Published:

- 1) **DEC15030** River Junction Estates, LLC, 0 New Rd, Assessor's Map 154, Block 3, Lot 2A (previously identified in the Tax Assessor's records as "Starr Road To Rhode IslandState Line", Map 154, Block 3, Lot 7A), timber harvest (cordwood removal with temporary bridge) stamped received by Wetlands Office 12/7/15, Mr. Rawson was present to explain this project and answer questions, a lengthy discussion ensued with IWC, Ms. Butts and 1st Selectman Beausoleil.

Motion to approve DEC15030 as read was made by Commissioner Obert. Seconded by Commissioner Tillen. There was a discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

E) Permit Extensions / Changes - None

F) 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.

G) Other Business

- a) **Permit #06-12-01** Rick Desrochers, 700 Riverside Dr., Assessors Map 62, Block 94A, Lot 1, Ms. Butts stated she hasn't received a new application yet.

H) Reports:

- a) Budget & Expenditures: Wetlands Budget for Fiscal Year 2015 – 2016 (Results of Fiscal Reporting 7/1/15 – 11/25/15) Commissioner Obert stated that the Commission has used 40.8% overall of its budget.
- b) Wetlands Agent Report -
Updates:
- **Applied Graphics Parcel Updates** – On 11/17/15 a meeting was held between Mary Ann Chinatti, Dianna Couture, Carolyn Werge and Ms. Butts to discuss how the mismatches can be addressed.
 - **Inland Wetlands Commission Ordinance** – Ms. Butts spoke to new 1st Selectman Beausoleil and he hopes to get the matter reviewed and reconsidered in the next several months.

Inspections/Follow-Up Actions:

- **0 Riverside Drive, Renewable Ventures LLC Solar Farm** - At Mr. Held's request Ms. Butts inspected 4 small isolated wetlands located in the proposed solar field on 11/17/15. The wetlands involved were man-made and she suggested his clients have someone with expertise in vernal pools provide them with an opinion regarding the function of these isolated wetlands as it would be needed for any application to destroy them.

Wetlands Agent Approvals - **WAA15028** approved 12/7/15

Building Permits Reviewed: There was 4 building permit reviewed – (1) 706 Riverside Dr. (2) 230 San Dam Rd. (3) 36 Greene Acres Lane (4) 4 Linehouse Rd

Miscellaneous:

- **Tree/Cordwood Removal on River Junction Estates LLC Property** - On 11/19/15 Ms. Butts received an email from Mr. Rawson seeking approval to cut and remove a few trees along Starr Road in the driveway alignment (which driveway is shown in pending application IWA15025) along with cordwood from trees that were cut 2 years ago located south of the watercourse that crosses the property. Ms. Butts reported she emailed a response to Mr. Rawson with a statement that the cutting and removal of several trees and cordwood from the property in the upland review area south of the watercourse by definition is not a regulated activity providing no work is performed in wetlands or watercourses for the extraction and no earth moving, filling or construction work is performed. She further advised him to use care to minimize land disturbance as the siltation of wetlands or watercourses is a regulated activity.
- **Tree Removal 65 Center St. Little Pond** - Following an email request by David Prybyla containing photographs identifying a number of trees he wish to cut on his property abutting Little Pond, Ms. Butts sent him an email reply stating it appeared that he was not clear cutting the lot and that no further approval was required.
- **CACIWC's Annual Meeting and Environmental Conference** - on 11/14/15 Ms. Butts attended CACIWC's annual meeting.
- **Town Webpage Changed without Notice** – Town's webpage was significantly changed last week. Ms. Butts asked the IWC to take a look at the webpage and provide her with any comments that they would like her to include in her feedback to the Board of Selectmen.
- **Thompson Access to Public Records Policy** – Ms. Butts emailed the Board of

Selectmen requesting that they review the Access to Public Records Policy adopted by the Board in August 2015 and consider forwarding it to the Freedom of Information Commission (FOIC) for its review and comment.

Purchase Requisitions Status: Paid \$132.30 & encumbered \$40.00, Stonebridge Press for legal notices

- I) Correspondence - None
- J) Signing of Mylars – None
- K) Comments by Commission – Commissioner Obert asked Ms. Butts where the map info comes from for Map digitizing, a discussion ensued.
- L) Adjournment: **Chair Fran Morano called to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 PM.**
Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Tillen. Seconded by Commissioner Obert. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Diane Minarik
Recording Secretary