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**MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING**  
**INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION**  
**TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2016 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 7:02 PM.**

**Roll Call:** Commissioner and Chair Fran Morano, Commissioner and Vice Chair Peter Ricard, Commissioner 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:** Donald Pimental, Robert Mann, 1<sup>st</sup> Selectman Beausoleil, Bob Deluca, CLA Engineers, INC, Greg Tucker and other citizens.

B) Action on Minutes of Previous Meetings:

- a) **Motion to accept the minutes of the 1/12/16 regular meeting was made by Commissioner Obert. Seconded by Commissioner Ricard. Motion passed unanimously excepting that Commissioner Thomas abstained.**
- b) **Motion to accept the minutes of the 2/3/16 special meeting was made by Commissioner Ricard. Seconded by Commissioner Thomas. Motion passed unanimously excepting that Commissioner Morano abstained.**
- c) **Motion to accept the minutes of the 2/17/16 special meeting was made by Commissioner Thomas. Seconded by Commissioner Obert. Motion passed unanimously**
- d) **Motion to accept the minutes of the 2/24/16 special meeting was made by Commissioner Obert. Seconded by Commissioner Ricard. Motion passed unanimously excepting that Commissioner Thomas abstained.**

C) Citizen's Comments Pertaining to Agenda Items: - Paul Baer had a comment on item E) and is requesting standardization of lot numbers on applications. Chair Morano stated they will address his concern when they come to that agenda item.

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, Ms. Butts was informed by the Thompson Building Office that the mobile home has already been replaced with a new one but no approval from NDDH has been received and apparently no grading was done in the upland review area as proposed. Ms. Butts will do a site visit to confirm and will report back next month.
- 2) Schedule deliberation on closed public hearing for **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 Island State Line", Map 154, Block 3, Lot 7A), stamped received by Selectman's office 9/4/15, statutory received date 9/8/15, public hearing dates: 1/6/16, 2/3/16 & 2/17/16. Ms. Butts gave the Commissioners a list of all the Exhibits and will be giving each member a flash drive containing the recordings of the 3 public hearings and copies of all Exhibits because some members were absent from some meetings.



**Motion to hold a special meeting on 4/6/16, but if applicant fails to grant an extension then the meeting will be held on 3/23/16, at 7:00 PM in the Merrill Seney Room was made by Commissioner Ricard. Seconded by Commissioner Obert.** Commissioner Obert confirmed this meeting is only for discussion between the Board Members and that Atty. St. Onge will also be in attendance for guidance. **Motion passed unanimously.**

- 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 the B100a approval from NDDH has been received with conditions, approved 2/22/16, legal notice published 2/26/16, appeal period ends 3/12/16, see Wetlands Agent Report (below) for conditions of NDDH approval.

- 4) **IWA16001** Town of Thompson, Riverside Dr, Assessor's Map 85, Block 51, Lot NA, (previous permit #IWA13018) to construct a sewer line under watercourse & wetlands for Marianapolis sewer extension, stamped received by Town Clerk on 1/8/16, statutory receipt date 1/12/16, Bob Deluca, CLA Engineers, INC was present to explain project and answer questions.

**Motion to approve IWA16001 as read was made by Commissioner Obert. Seconded by Commissioner Thomas. Motion passed unanimously.**

b) New Applications:

- 1) **WAA16002** Shane Pollock, 0 Quaddick Town Farm Rd, Assessor's Map 162, Block 11, Lot 12F, installation of footing drain outlet with associated cleaning and grading in upland review area for the construction of a single family home, stamped received by Wetlands Office 2/23/16, approval issued 2/23/16, legal notice published 3/4/16, appeal period ends 3/19/16.

c) Application Received After Agenda was Published:

- 1) **DEC16003** Gregory K. Tucker, 66 Quaddick Rd, Assessor's Map 105, Block 32, Lot 32, construction of a 24'x28' barn with a 24'x12' shed in upland review area associated with residential home, stamped received by Town Clerk 3/7/16, Mr. Tucker was present to explain his project and to answer any questions.

**Motion to approve DEC16003 as use permitted as of right for maintenance and enjoyment of a residential home was made by Commissioner Obert. Seconded by Commissioner Ricard. Motion passed unanimously.**

E) Permit Extensions / Changes:

- a) **Permit 11-09-02** Strategic Commercial Realty, Inc., New Rd, Assessor's Map 154, Block 3, Lots 2B-2I, regrading and removal of 275,000 cu. yds. of material in upland review area, approved 12/13/11, current expiration date 12/13/16, request for a 5-year extension (to 12/13/21), stamped received by Wetlands Office 12/10/15, statutory receipt date 1/12/16, Ms. Butts read a letter dated 12/7/15 from applicant requesting an extension, a conversation ensued, the Commission explained to Mr. Bear the lot numbers on the plan is from the Assessor's maps and they can't change them nor do they have control over applicants adding their own lot numbers for their own use. The Commission asked Ms. Butts to send a letter to applicant asking him to attend the next meeting to answer some questions including why the work won't be completed by Dec 2016 and how much longer do they think it will take.

**Motion to table decision for more information was made by Commissioner Obert. Seconded by Commissioner Thomas.** Commissioner Thomas asked Ms. Butts to include in the letter how much gravel has already been removed. **Motion passed unanimously.**

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. Ms. Butts hasn't had time to visit the site due to the amount of time spent on #IWA15025 & #IWA15029 public hearings.



## G) Other Business:

- a) Review of 2015 Legislation and Regulation Advisory from DEEP – Ms. Butts explained some of the changes in the Regulations.
- b) Eastern CT Conservation Annual Report and 2016-17 municipal support -
- c) FY 2016-17 Budget worksheet – Ms. Butts spoke with some Commission Members and got approval to submit 16-17 budget with no changes from last year except for salary, see Wetlands Agent Report (below).

## H) Reports:

- a) Budget & Expenditures: Wetlands Budget for Fiscal Year 2015 – 2016 (Results of Fiscal Reporting 7/1/15 – 2/26/16) Commissioner Obert stated that the Commission has used 68.1% overall of its budget.

## b) Wetlands Agent Report:

Updates:

- **Applied Geographics Parcel Updates** – The parcel mismatches for the update has been completed. Waiting on Applied Geographics to upload the updated CAMA files to determine the necessary remaining work.
- **Inland Wetlands Commission Ordinance** – The Ordinance Committee is reviewing the ordinance language and Ms. Butts expects it to be forwarded to the BOS for their consideration at their 3/15/16 meeting.
- **FY 16-17 Budget** – Ms. Butts sent a memo to Orla McKiernan-Raferty on 2/11/16 proposing no changes to last year's budget except for the non-union position salary increases. Ms. Butts has been advised by 1<sup>st</sup> Selectman Beausoleil that the requested budget has been passed on to the Board of Finance for consideration.

Inspections/Follow-Up Actions: None

Wetlands Agent Approvals: **WAA15026** per NDDH there wasn't enough space on house lot for a reserve septic system if existing system fails so NDDH gave approval with 2 conditions; 1) the Lamarches were required to reserve an area on their lots across Becola Road for a new septic system, obtain and file a sanitary sewer easement from the Town to allow a sewer pipe to go under the road if existing system should fail and 2) if existing septic system fails a new well must be drilled and the existing well and septic system property be abandoned. After Ms. Butts received proof of easement filing she granted approval.

Building Permits Reviewed: There were 3 building permits reviewed – (1) 0 Quaddick Town Farm Rd (2) 12 Woodstock Rd (3) 697 Riverside Dr.

Miscellaneous:

- **ECCD French River Watershed Basin Plan update** – On 2/29/16 Judy Rondeau from ECCD gave the results of last summer's water sampling for *E. coli* bacteria in the French River and its major tributaries. The results of the main stem of the French River and Long Branch Brook were both well within acceptable limits. A portion of Backwater Brook near Main Street and Quinnatisset Brook downstream from Means Pond contained excessive bacterial counts. A water sample was taken at a storm drain outfall near the library had high bacterial counts also.
- **2015 Legislators Environmental Score Card** - Legislators Senator Mae Flexer and Representative Daniel Rovero both scored 100% on the Connecticut League of Conservation Voters 2015 Scorecard.
- **Aquatic Pesticide permit Application Vincent Pond** - On 2/11/16 a copy of the pesticide application for Vincent Pond east of Lambert Road was received from Solitude Lake Management, a company out of Shrewsbury. Ms. Butts requested to be notified prior to treatments.

Purchase Requisitions Status: Paid \$147.00 Stonebridge Press for legal notices and encumbered \$94.57 for flash drives and a legal notice.

I) Correspondence:

- a) Letter from Quinntasset Golf Club re: Reams Pond Dam – DEEP has received a general permit filing to repair the dam and Ms. Butts believes they are in the repair process now.
- b) Letter from Atty. Byrne re: court ruling on Folsom v. Zoning Board of Appeals
- c) The Habitat, Winter 2016

J) Signing of Mylars: None

K) Comments by Commission:

Commissioner Obert stated he has already made some comments during the meeting because he didn't want to forget anything and then asked if the Commission can request more information from the applicant on permit extension requests. Ms. Butts stated they can do that, a form would need to be made with the requirements they want for a permit extension application. Ms. Butts also stated she has started going through their applications creating such forms but has been unable to work on it lately due to the amount of time she has spent on the current public hearings.

Chair Morano added Ms. Butts has done a tremendous amount of work standardizing forms, cleaning up files and giving them some professional creditability and all Commissioners agree and are very supportive and thankful to Ms. Butts for all that she does.

L) Adjournment: **Chair Fran Morano called to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 PM.**

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

Respectfully Submitted,



Diane Minarik  
Recording Secretary  
03-08-2016 Minutes IWC Regular Meeting