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MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 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 7:27 PM.

Roll Call: Commissioner and Chair Fran Morano, Commissioner Charles Obert, Commissioner Ron Tillen, Commissioner Donald Hoenig II and Wetlands Agent Marla Butts.

Absent: Commissioner and Vice Chair Peter Ricard, Commissioner Jarrett Thomas and Recording Secretary Diane Minarik

Others Present: Jeff Rawson and Paul Baer

B) Action on Minutes of Previous Meetings:

a) **Motion to accept the minutes of the 3/8/16 regular meeting was made by Commissioner Obert. Seconded by Commissioner Morano. Commissioner Obert and Morano – yes. Commissioners Tillen and Hoenig abstained.**

b) **Motion to accept the minutes of the 3/16/16 special meeting was made by Commissioner Tillen. Seconded by Commissioner Obert. Commissioners Morano, Obert and Tillen – Yes. Commissioner Hoenig abstained. Motion passed.**

c) **Motion to accept the minutes of the 3/30/16 special meeting was made by Commissioner Obert. Seconded by Commissioner Morano. Commissioner Obert and Morano – yes. Commissioners Tillen and Hoenig abstained.**

d) The minutes of the 4/6/16 special meeting were tabled till next meeting because they were not available.

C) **Citizen's Comments Pertaining to Agenda Items:** - Paul Baer had a comment on item E) and handed out a copy of an agreement between O&G and River Junction Estates, LLC regarding the 50' set back and an unknown dated Google Earth aerial photograph of the property.

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 said she hasn't had time to do a site visit yet but will try before next meeting.

b) New Applications:

1) **WAA16004** Melissa Harmon, 0 Juliette Ave, Assessor's Map 116, Block 27, Lot 12N, grading and the construction of a driveway, a portion of a septic system and a portion of a new single family home in the 100 foot upland review area, stamped received by Town Clerk 3/11/16, stamped received by Wetlands Office 3/14/16, pending NDDH approval for septic system, legal notice published 4/1/16, appeal period ends 4/15/16. Ms. Butts explained why she asked the applicant to swap the septic system and driveway on the lot. After reviewing the plans which included the requested changes, she issued a Wetlands Agent approval on 3/21/16.

c) Application Received After Agenda was Published: None

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 sent a letter to applicant on 3/24/16 requesting he attend the 4/12/16 meeting and for additional information. Jeff Rawson was present to answer the questions in the letter and additional questions from the Commissioners. Mr. Rawson submitted an accounting of the total amount of gravel removed to date which is 50,880.56 tons. The removal of gravel is market based and they estimate it could take another 3-5 years to remove the remainder of material based on their current rate of removal. A discussion ensued.

Motion to approve the request for a 5 year extension was made by Commissioner Obert. Seconded by Commissioner Tillen. Commissioner Obert strongly requested the Commission be notified as the work progresses so they can visit the site. **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 still hasn't had time to visit the site due to the amount of time spent on #IWA15025 & #IWA15029 public hearings.

G) Other Business:

- a) Ron Tillen appointed by BOS for a 5 year term, expiration date 3/15/21.

b) Election of Officers

Motion to elect Peter Ricard as Chairman and Charles Obert as Treasurer was made by Fran Morano. Seconded by Commissioner Tillen.

Motion to elect Fran Morano as Vice Chairman and to close the nominations was made by Commissioner Obert. Seconded by Commissioner Tillen. Motions passed unanimously.

H) Reports:

- a) Budget & Expenditures: Wetlands Budget for Fiscal Year 2015 – 2016 (Results of Fiscal Reporting 7/1/15 – 3/31/16) Commissioner Obert stated that the Commission has used 87% overall of its budget. Commissioner Obert stated for the record they should request money for both salary line items when they go to the BOF for additional money for salaries because of the two public hearings this year.

b) Wetlands Agent Report:

Updates:

- **Applied Geographics Parcel Updates** – Applied Geographics finished uploading the updated CAMA files and hopes to have us up and running by May.
- **Inland Wetlands Commission Ordinance** – On 3/10/16 the Ordinance Committee voted to pass on the revised ordinance language to the Board of Selectmen for action.
- **FY 16-17 Budget** – Ms. Butts has been advised by 1st Selectman Beausoleil that the requested budget remains in the hands of the Board of Finance for consideration.

Inspections/Follow-Up Actions: None

Wetlands Agent Approvals: **WAA16004** Melissa Harmon, 0 Juliette Ave, appeal period ends 4/15/16

Building Permits Reviewed: There were 3 building permits reviewed – (1) 66 Quaddick Rd (2) 28 Richard Bennett Ln (3) 72 Sunset Hill Rd.

Miscellaneous:

- **State Funding to CT Conservation Districts** - The Conservation Districts state funding has not been reinstated. CACIWC sent an email with Thompsons' legislators contact info in case anyone wishes to get in touch with them regarding reinstatement of the funding.
- **Posting of the ECCD French River Watershed Basin Plan update** – Ms. Butts loaded Judy Rondeau's presentation and results of last summer's water sampling for *E. coli* bacteria in the French River to the towns web page.

Purchase Requisitions Status: Encumbered \$120.00 for Stonebridge Press for legal notices.

- I) Correspondence:
- a) Town of Thompson Annual Report
 - b) US Army Corps of Engineers Public Notice – Proposed replacement & revision of Dept. of the Army CT general permit
 - c) DEEP Notice of application for Quinnatisset Country Club
 - d) DEEP Permit for swim area markers on Quaddick Reservoir
- J) Signing of Mylars: None
- K) Comments by Commission:
- Commissioner Obert stated he won't be able to attend the public hearing on 4/20/16 because he has been negligent with his responsibility for the Economic Development Commission which has a meeting scheduled for the same night so he will be attending that meeting.
- L) Adjournment: **Chair Fran Morano called to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 PM.**
- Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Obert. Seconded by Commissioner Tillen. Motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,



Diane Minarik
Recording Secretary
04-12-2016 Minutes IWC Regular Meeting