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MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
TUESDAY, AUGUST 09, 2016 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 7:02 PM.

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

Absent: Commissioner Donald Hoenig II and Commissioner & Chair Peter Ricard.

Others Present: Joseph Bachand, Erik Fredrick and Dave Duquette.

B) Action on Minutes of Previous Meetings: Copies of the minutes listed below were available for review. Vice Chair Morano asked if there were any corrections; Commissioner Thomas made a correction to a) Minutes of 7/12/16, the date in the header on page 2 is incorrect, correct date is 7/12/16. There were no corrections on b).

a) **Minutes of the 7/12/16 regular meeting was approved as corrected.**

b) **Minutes of the 6/22/16 special meeting was approved as presented.**

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

Ms. Butts suggested the Commission move item F) d) Compliant of the Quinnetis Country Club, to the top of Active Violations & Pending Enforcement Actions since there isn't anybody present for items a) b) & c).

Commissioner Tillen so moved this suggestion as a motion. Seconded by Commissioner Obert. Motion passed unanimously.

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, approval pending receipt of NDDH B100a approval, mobile home replaced, waiting for confirmation on proposed grading work. Ms. Butts and Vice Chair Morano visited this site on 7/28/16, Ms. Butts stated some work on application has already been done; NDDH will notify applicant he must go through Wetlands Agent before receiving a certificate of occupancy.

b) New Applications:

1) **WAA16011** Gregory Lee, 64 New Rd, Assessor's Map 154, Block 5, Lot 19, replacing existing deck with 10'x19' addition on sonotubes, received by Wetlands Office 8/1/16, this work was previously pulled under application # 84-04-01, Ms. Butts explained the project and approval issued, legal notice published 8/12/16, appeal period ends 8/27/16.

c) Applications Received After Agenda was Published: DEC16012 see F) c) below.

E) Permit Extensions / Changes: None

F) Active Violations & Pending Enforcement Actions:

- d) **COMPLAINT 16-05** Quinnetis Country Club (QCC), 241 County Home Rd, Assessor's Map 107, Block 34, Lot 3, breaching of beaver dam at upper Reams Pond, complaint call came in from Mr. Reynolds on 8/21/16, Ms. Butts inspected the property on 8/22/16 and explained the situation, Joseph Bachand and Erik Fredrick of QCC were present to explain the issue and answer questions, Ms. Butts will investigate the property boundaries, QCC hopes to start on repairing the lower pond's dam in September.
- a) **VIOL14002** issued 1/28/14 to Norman Rudzinski, 0 Labby Rd., Assessor's Map 95, Block 27, Lot 17, violation remains open until all work is complete on Rich Road, Ms. Butts and Vice Chair Morano were unable to check on the status of this violation due to a locked gate at Labby Rd, First Selectman said Mr. Rudzinski probably has the key.
- b) **VIOL16009** issued 6/13/16 to Vincent Fallovalita, 170 Wilsonville Rd, Assessor's Map 9, Block 18, Lot 28D, filling and grading in upland review area without a permit, Ms. Butts updated the Commission on the changes she found on her last visit, the Commission wants Ms. Butts to send him a letter requiring him to submit an application on the proposed work with details within 90 days.
- c) **VIOL16010** Donna Oliver, 158 Old Turnpike Rd, Assessor's Map 3, Block 77, Lot 1, grading and filling in upland review area without approval, NOV issued 7/28/16, complaint came in 7/6/16 regarding a septic system install, Ms. Butts sent a letter stating they need to submit an application to replace a failing septic system, NDDH had already given their approval and required them install sediment controls. On 8/8/16 Ms. Butts received **DEC16012** Donna Oliver, 158 Old Turnpike Rd, Assessor's Map 3, Block 77, Lot 1, replace septic system. Ms. Butts reviewed their request for determination and believes this proposal falls under a use permitted as of right maintenance and enjoyment of a residential home for replacement of septic system and if the Commission agrees she would like to send a letter advising them when to replant and before any more work can be done they will need to have the wetlands delineated.

Motion to approve DEC16012 as a use permitted as of right for maintenance and enjoyment of a residential home to improve the septic system and any future work will have to be flagged by a soil scientist was made by Commissioner Obert. Seconded by Commissioner Tillen. Motion passed unanimously.

G) Other Business: None

H) Reports:

- a) Budget & Expenditures: Wetlands Budget for Fiscal Year 2016 – 2017 (Results of Fiscal Reporting 7/1/16 – 7/30/16) Commissioner Obert stated that the Commission has used 6.6% overall of its budget.
- b) Wetlands Agent Reports for July and August:
Updates:
 - **Marianapolis** – nothing new to report.
 - **Whitman's Pond Dam** (DEEP Dam Repair # DS201302144) – On 7/8/16 Ms. Butts received notification that drawing down the impoundment would start on 7/11/16 and it would take about a month to repair the dam. As of today the work is progressing well but will take a little more time.

Inspections/Follow-Up Actions:

- **IWA13001 Valley Springs Sportsman's Club**, on 7/11/16 Ms. Butts inspected the site grading and twin 24-inch culvert with Alvin Hill. On 7/18/16 Ms. Butts sent a letter requesting they install the culvert inlet and outlet protection within 2 weeks and install/maintain erosion and sediment controls to protect the wetlands and watercourses from siltation. On 8/8/16 she re-inspected the site and found stone lined plunge pools at the inlet and outlet of the culverts.

- **Starr Road, RI** – During the public hearing on IWA15029, a photo was entered into the record (Exhibit Other30-25) which was taken at the state line showing extensive sediment that Ms. Butts did not observe during the 10/10/15 site walk so she conducted an inspection on 7/22/16 with Mr. Rawson and his representatives. Ms. Butts explained her report to the Commission, sent a copy of the report to Mr. Rawson's representative and asked the Commission for the course of action they would like her to take. The Commission agreed Ms. Butts should send her report to RIDEM.

Wetlands Agent Approvals:

- WAA16011 – previously discussed under New Application.

Building Permits Reviewed: There were 7 building permits reviewed – (1) 735 Quaddick Town Farm Rd (2) 40 Riverside Dr (3) 1387 Thompson Rd (4) 139 Riverside Dr (5) 377 West Thompson Rd (6) 247 Ravenelle Rd (7) 15 County Home Rd.

Miscellaneous:

- **Thompson MS4 Comprehensive Report** – Per request of First Selectman Beausoleil, Ms. Butts spent 2 months working on and produced this report for Thompson's DEP General Permit Registration #GSM000112, in which the town has been under a consent order for since 8/10/09, and was also asked to assist the Selectman's office in coming up with a plan to bring the town back into compliance.
- **C-TEC Solar, LLC Solar Energy Project for Ballard Road** – On 7/18/16 Ms. Butts received notification that C-TEC Solar, LLC intended to file a petition for declaratory ruling with the CT Siting Council for the construction of a 3.75 megawatt solar photovoltaic project off Ballard Rd. She hasn't reviewed the plans yet.

Purchase Requisitions Status: Encumbered \$30.00 for Stonebridge Press for a legal notice and paid \$73.50 to Stonebridge Press for legal notices.

I) Correspondence: None

J) Signing of Mylars: None

K) Comments by Commission:

Commissioner Obert asked if there is anything they can do in their guidelines or rules so they don't fall into the same kind of situation they just got out of in regards to the 2 public hearing and Ms. Butts said yes and has already spoken to Atty. St. Onge about that and will work with him when finishing up modifying their regulations.

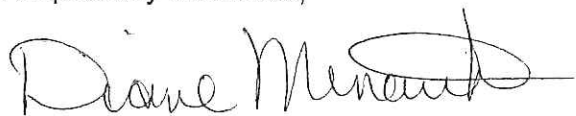
Dave Duquette, 522 Thompson Rd, has concerns about his well and wetlands on his property and the addition of water and trash onto his property from property across the street. A discussion ensued. Ms. Butts took his contact info and will look into this situation.

Commissioner Obert said they should buy Ms. Butts business cards.

L) Adjournment: **Vice Chair Morano called to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 PM.**

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

Respectfully Submitted,



Diane Minarik
Recording Secretary
08-09-2016 Minutes IWC Regular Meeting