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MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2017 7:00 PM
MERRILL SENEY COMMUNITY ROOM - TOWN HALL

A) Call to Order & Roll Call:

Meeting was called to order by Chair Jarrett Thomas at 7:03 PM.

Roll Call: Commissioner & Chair Jarrett Thomas, Commissioner Charles Obert, Commissioner Diane Chapin, Commissioner Anastasia Kapitulik, Commissioner Victoria Szamocki, Commissioner Jasmin Berti, Wetlands Agent Marla Butts and Recording Secretary Diane Minarik.

Absent: Commissioner & Vice Chair Fran Morano

Others Present:

B) Action on Minutes of Previous Meeting: A copy of the minutes listed below were available for review. Chair Thomas asked if there were any corrections and being none:

a) **Minutes of the 10/10/17 regular meeting was accepted as written.**

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

D) Applications:

a) Old Applications:

- 1) **IWA17033** Charles Wreschner, 29 Totem Pole Dr, Assessor's Map 141, Block 17, Lot 59A, demolish concrete retaining wall & construct rock revetment, received by Wetlands Office 9/18/17, statutory receipt date 10/10/17, revised plans received by Wetlands Office 11/2/17, Ms. Butts explained the project for Mr. Wreschner, some work being done in the water, aquatic species Budding Pondweed was found but is dormant in winter and below 3.5' which is the lowest depth of the water drawdown so there will be no damage to it during this project.

**Motion to approve IWA17033 as read was made by Commissioner Obert.
Seconded by Commissioner Kapitulik. Motion passed unanimously.**

b) New Applications:

- 1) **WAA17035** Lavallee Construction LLC, corner of Indian Inn & Bonnette Ave, Assessor's Map 114, Block 26, Lot 50A, construct septic system in upland review area for new single family home, received by Wetlands Office 10/17/17, approval issued 11/2/17, legal notice to be published 11/10/17, end of appeal period 11/24/17, Ms. Butts explained the project.

c) Applications Received After Agenda was Published: None

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 still has no access to do inspection, the town will cut a link in the chain and install a lock for town access.

- 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 5/8/17 permit needs to be pulled for work in the upland review area next to Quaddick Reservoir, the second 90-day extension expires 11/21/17, Ms. Butts explained her phone conversation with Mr. O'Leary who stated they have been very busy and haven't had much time to address the violation, they need more time to address the situation, the site is in good shape and causing no problems to the reservoir and questioned the need for survey work but agreed to submit a request for an extension, Ms. Butts will do another inspection before the next meeting.
- c) **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, Ms. Butts sent a letter on 10/19/17 stating they need to restore the open swell by 12/3/17.

G) Other Business: None

H) Reports:

- a) Budget & Expenditures: Wetlands Budget for Fiscal Year 2017–2018 (Results of Fiscal Reporting 7/1/17 – 10/31/17) No State or Town Budget yet, Commissioner Obert stated the expenditures is -6,762.30.

- b) Wetlands Agent Report:

Updates:

- **ECCD FY17-18** Contributory Support of \$1,000 will not be processed until there was an approved town budget.

Inspections/Follow-Up Actions:

- **IWA17001**, Madison Avenue Investments, LLC. – Following reports that work had started up again at the Madison Ave. Ms. Butts inspected portions of the subdivision on 10/31/17 with Commissioner Obert and on 11/6/17 with Thompson's ZEO Cynthia Dunne. These inspections revealed that work on the storm drain system along Thompson Rd was near completion although there was still a significant amount of earth removal work needed in the Madison Ave alignment just east of Thompson Rd. Ms. Butts showed the pictures she took on 10/31/17 and David Duquette showed his pictures taken 11/10/17. There was no evidence of significant amounts of sediment leaving the site and entering the wetlands on the west side of Thompson Rd. In October the impounded water in the roadway alignment appeared to have recently overtopped and flowed down the road alignment but eroded sediment settled primarily in the road alignment near Thompson Rd. In November the impounded water in the road alignment was being pumped into the Lot 18 storm drain system which had been completed up to the start of the water quality basin and slightly turbid water was entering the wetlands without significant impact. Excavation for the stone lined water quality basin had not yet begun. A conversation with Mr. Meehan on both occasions revealed that he was going to attempt to complete excavation work and pave the road before winter. Ms. Butts is concerned about the erodibility of exposed slopes over winter and will continue to inspect the site.
- **Permit #10-07-01 & DEC16024**, Tri-State Baptist Church, 386 Quinebaug Rd – Following a complaint that a logging skidder trail was being modified in anticipation of hauling fill from the south end of the property through the woods/wetland/watercourses to the church site. On 10/31/17 Ms. Butts and Commissioner Obert met with Pastor Ronald Berard regarding the church's intentions on modifications to the skidder trail. After discussing the wetland regulatory requirements to make such modifications Pastor Berard decided to abandon upgrading the skidder trail and Ms. Butts sent a letter to Pastor Berard confirming their conversation.

Wetlands Agent Approvals:

- WAA17034 approval issued 9/19/17
- WAA17016, Lavallee Construction, LLC, 22 Indian Inn Rd, construction of a single family home, septic system and driveway located in the 200-foot upland review area for Jerry's Swamp. Jason Lavallee submitted a request to amend approval to eliminate the 12" cross culvert under the driveway and establish a swale parallel to the road now that the driveway grades for Lots 50C and 50D have been established and the underground electrical service junction box constructed between the driveways, it is clear there is insufficient cover for the culvert without creating a deep ditch to accommodate a lowering of the pipe. Ms. Butts approved the request after checking with the First Selectman regarding any concerns he may have.

Building Permits Reviewed: There were 8 building permits reviewed – (1) 49 Quaddick Town Farm Rd (2) 26 Main St. (3) 4 Bonnette Ave (4) 26 South Shore Rd (5) 53 Highland Dr (6) 194 Hagstrom Rd (7) 0 Indian Inn Rd. (subdivision lot 2) (8) 65 Breezy Ln.

Miscellaneous:

- Proposed Timber Harvest at 1075 Thompson Road, On 10/13/17 Ms. Butts inspected the tree cutting operation, especially along the north property boundary with 1081 Thompson Rd and 16 Emil Dr. Ms. Butts found no evidence of a ditch coming from 1081 Thompson Rd., nor evidence of flow or hydrophilic vegetation. On 10/19/17 Ms. Butts spoke with Michael Lamb whose property abuts the subject property to the south. He indicated that there were wetlands on his property and that stumps were being buried on the Austin property just north of this property line. On 10/31/17 Ms. Butts and Commissioner Obert drove by the site and didn't see any wetlands issues but did note that some tree stumps had been piled up near the southern property boundary.
- Records Disposal Request Submitted to Connecticut State Library on 11/2/17. This request was authorized by 1st Selectman Beausoleil. The Wetlands Office is almost out of file storage space and this will help eliminate unnecessary documents. Documents that will be kept are permits, approvals with associated site plans and violation files. Once approval is received the work will be planned for when there is snow cover.

Purchase Requisitions Status: Paid \$58.80 and Encumbered \$30.00 to Stonebridge Press for legal notices.

- I) Correspondence: None
- J) Signing of Mylars: None
- K) Comments by Commissioners: Chair Thomas welcomed the 2 new Commissioners.
- L) Adjournment: **Chair Thomas called to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 PM.**
Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Ober. Seconded by Commissioner Chapin. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Diane Minarik
Recording Secretary
11-14-2017 Minutes IWC Regular Meeting