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MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 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 7:07 PM.

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

Absent: None

Others Present: Judy Rondeau of ECCD

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 8/8/17 regular meeting was accepted as written.**

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

D) Applications:

a) Old Applications: None

b) New Applications:

- 1) **DEC17029** Ronald & Anne Chrzanowski, 49 Mountain Hill Rd, Assessor's Map 42, Block 88, Lot 164, timber harvest, received by Wetlands Office 8/22/17, Ms. Butts explained the project, to be completed by end of September, conversation ensued.

Motion to approve DEC17029 as read was made by Commissioner Morano.

Seconded by Commissioner Obert. Commissioner Obert questioned crossing of wetlands in the project and Ms. Butts explained. **Motion passed unanimously.**

- 2) **DEC17030** Joseph & Patricia Champagne, 0 Mountain Hill Rd, Assessor's Map 40, Block 88, Lot 164A, timber harvest, received by Wetlands Office 8/22/17, Ms. Butts explained the project.

Motion to approve DEC17030 as read was made by Commissioner Obert.

Seconded by Commissioner Chapin. Motion passed unanimously.

- 3) **DEC17031** Scott & Tracy Prouty, 79 Sand Dam Rd, Assessor's Map 114, Block 25, Lot 14C, construct 36'x36' barn style garage with a 12'x36' over hang on a 36'x48' concrete slab in an upland review area, for maintenance and enjoyment of a residential home, received by Wetlands Office 9/8/17, Ms. Butts explained the project.

Motion to approve DEC17031 as read was made by Commissioner Obert.

Seconded by Commissioner Kapitulik. Motion passed unanimously.

c) Applications Received After Agenda was Published:

- 1) **IWA17032** Jason Lavalley, 0 Indian Inn Rd, Assessor's Map 114, Block 26, Lot 50C, fill in Wetlands for the construction of a driveway for a new single family home, stamped received 9/11/17, statutory receipt date 9/12/17, Ms. Butts explained the project and informed applicant to get a letter from the soil scientist before next meeting, wetlands recently flagged.

E) Permit Extensions / Changes:

- a) **WAA17016** Permit transfer request from Michael Sosik to Lavallee Construction, LLC, 0 Indian Inn Rd, Assessor's Map 114, Block 26, Lot 50D, construction of a single family home, issued 5/30/17, transfer request received 8/8/17, Ms. Butts explained the project.

Motion to approve WAA17016 as read was made by Commissioner Obert. Seconded by Commissioner Tillen. Motion passed unanimously.

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 and the 1st Selectman visited the site to check on the lock situation, the town still doesn't have access to this site and Ms. Butts was unable to do inspection.
- 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, 90 day extension requested and approved, extension expires 8/23/17, no application received yet. Ms. Butts advised Mr. Chappell to send a letter stating what they have already done to stabilize the area and to request another 90 day extension.
- 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, status of investigation and response to 8/28/17 letter, Ms. Butts updated the Commission on their conversations and suggested giving a 45 day time frame.

G) Other Business:

- a) Status of Thompson Community Day, Sunday 9/24/17 – Commissioner Obert stated he has the banner and he and Ms. Butts put together some handouts and activities for the kids.
- b) Results of French River water quality investigation, presented by Judy Rondeau of ECCD.
- c) CACIWC FY17-18, membership dues and annual meeting -
Motion to approve encumbering \$60.00 for CACIWC annual membership dues for FY17-18 was made by Commissioner Morano. Seconded by Commissioner Obert. Motion passed unanimously.

H) Reports:

- a) Budget & Expenditures: Wetlands Budget for Fiscal Year 2017–2018 (Results of Fiscal Reporting 7/1/17 – 8/31/17) No State or Town Budget yet, Commissioner Obert stated that the Commission has used 100% of FY16-17 budget and nothing for FY17-18.
- b) Wetlands Agent Report:
Updates:
- **DEEP MS4 General Permit Status** – Renée Rawinski and Leo Adams have resigned from town employment so Ms. Butts will have to coordinate with the Selectman's Office regarding any progress the Public Works makes on Thompsons MS4 Stormwater Management Plan to assist in drafting the required annual report in December.
 - **Status of Court Appeal on Application IWA15029, River Junction Estates** – On 8/11/17 the first set of questions were filed by Attn. St. Onge for response by River Junction Estates, LLC regarding their position on the town's ownership of Starr Rd. Also request were made to reschedule the 11/3/17 trial to a later date.

Inspections/Follow-Up Actions:

- **WAA17015** new single family home on Subdivision Lot # 2 – Ms. Butts was advised on 9/11/17 by David Held of Provost & Provost Inc. that the Zuznecki, the new property owners, have been in contact with his firm to develop a new site plan.
- **Complaint 17-04** - Ms. Butts closed this complaint after her and 1st Selectman Beausoleil's inspection on 8/28/17. There were no recent grading activities observed in wetlands and watercourse.
- **Citizens complaint of Yard flooding at 92 Quinebaug Rd.** – owner Darlene Fream requested the town look into flooding on her property by a beaver dam on neighboring property. Ms. Butts apprised Eric Kapitulik of the statutes regarding obstruction of drainage and emailed him information on beaver management, trapping and installation of beaver deceivers. The Selectman's Office will be providing guidance to Ms. Fream regarding the obstruction of drainage.

Wetlands Agent Approvals: None

Building Permits Reviewed: There were 4 building permits reviewed – (1) 49 Thompson Rd (2) 321 Brandy Hill Rd (3) 51 Passe Rd (4) 16 Elliott Hill Rd.

Miscellaneous:

- Connecticut Conference of Municipalities Program is offering a program entitled "How to run a Legal and Effective Public Meetings" on 9/28/17.
- Wetland/Watercourse Activities at 319 County Home Rd – On 8/7/17 a stockpile of soil was located on this property. On 8/28/17 Ms. Butts received a call from John Carpenter who is in the process of buying this property. On 9/7/17 Ms. Butts found this stockpile leveled. She spoke to Mr. Carpenter again and he said he decided not to pursue any culverting of the watercourse and leveled the stockpile to help support the abutting building foundation and to clean up the site. He agreed to immediately seed and mulch the disturbed soils. Ms. Butts sent him a letter confirming the above and advised him of the regulated activities in and within 100 feet of any wetlands and watercourses on this property. He has appeared to be very cooperative. No further actions are warranted on this matter.
- Proposed Timber Harvest at 1075 Thompson Rd – On 8/7/17 Ms. Butts received an inquiry from forester Christian Kruger regarding a poorly drained area located along the northern boundary of this property. The general soils map didn't identify any wetland soils but the maps in the Town Clerks Office shows they may exist. Ms. Butts sent a letter to the Austins advising them of this condition and spoke to Mr. Austin on 9/11/17 when he assured her any removal of stumps would be to enlarge backyard and he would follow the advice of Mr. Kruger and stay well away from any poorly drained areas.
- Timber Harvest at 81 Mountain Hill Rd – On 8/22/17 Ms. Butts received an email from Michael Bartlett of Hull Forest Products requesting approval for timber harvest as a use permitted as of right. After reviewing the timber harvest requests of the abutting properties (DEC17029 & DEC17030) she determined there are no regulated activities proposed on this property and sent an email back stating no wetlands approval was required for the timber harvest.

Purchase Requisitions Status: Encumbered \$30.00 Stonebridge Press for legal notices.

- I) Correspondence:
 - a) How To Run Effective Meetings Workshop on 9/28/17
- J) Signing of Mylars: None
- K) Comments by Commissioners: Commissioner Morano addressed Commissioner Tillen's resignation and thanked him for all of his service.
- L) Adjournment: **Chair Thomas called to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 PM.**
Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Tillen. Seconded by Commissioner Kapitulik. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Diane Minarik", with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Diane Minarik
Recording Secretary
09-12-2017 Minutes IWC Regular Meeting