

**Town of Thompson
Inland Wetlands Commission**

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MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
TUESDAY, AUGUST 08, 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 Ron Tillen, Commissioner Charles Obert, Commissioner Diane Chapin, Commissioner Anastasia Kapitulik, Wetlands Agent Maria Butts and Recording Secretary Diane Minarik.

Absent: Commissioner & Vice Chair Fran Morano

Others Present: None

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 7/11/17 regular meeting was accepted as read.**

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

D) Applications:

a) Old Applications: None

b) New Applications:

- 1) **WAA17023** Town of Thompson, 934 Riverside Dr. (Town Library), Assessor's Map 169, Block 90 & 88, Lots 1,2,3 & 1,2,3,4,4a, installation of stormwater management practices including 2 rain gardens, up to 2 tree filter units, up to 5 storm drain filters and up to 4 downspout planters, received by Wetlands Office 7/20/17, approval issued 7/20/17, legal notice published 7/28/17, appeal period ends 8/11/17, Ms. Butts explained the project and a short discussion ensued.
- 2) **WAA17024** David & Judy Mossy, 0 Lowell Davis Rd, Assessor's Map 99, Block 29, Lot 25c, construct single family home and septic system in the upland review area, received by Wetlands Office 7/20/17, approval issued 7/31/17, legal notice published 8/4/17, appeal period ends 8/18/17, Ms. Butts explained the project and a short discussion ensued.
- 3) **WAA17025** Ryan M. Lajoie, 0 West Thompson Rd, Assessor's Map 48, Block 104, Lot 6, construct single family home and septic system, portions of which are located within the 100-foot upland review area, received by Wetlands Office 7/27/17, approval issued 7/31/17, legal notice published 8/4/17, appeal period ends 8/18/17, Ms. Butts explained the project and a short discussion ensued.
- 4) **WAA17026** Bernie Jalbert, 420 Pompeo Rd, Assessor's Map 77, Block 62, Lot 54, construct single family home, septic system and driveway within the 100-foot upland review area, received by Wetlands Office 7/27/17, approval issued 7/31/17, legal notice published 8/4/17, appeal period ends 8/18/17, Ms. Butts explained the project and a short discussion ensued.

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 Rd., Assessor's Map 95, Block 27, Lot 17, excavating/gravel mining in upland review area, received 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 will send a letter, the gate is still locked, 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.

G) Other Business:

- a) Commissioner Obert and Ms. Butts' report on status of Thompson Community Day, Sunday 9/24/17 – 2 draft copies of a 2'x6' banner was reviewed and decision made on which banner to get, a canopy and table has been purchased.

H) Reports:

- a) Budget & Expenditures: Wetlands Budget for Fiscal Year 2017–2018 (Results of Fiscal Reporting 7/1/17 – 7/27/17) No State or Town Budget yet.

- b) Wetlands Agent Report:

Updates:

- **DEEP MS4 General Permit Status** – Renée Rawinski resigned from town employment so currently there is no one identified to keep track of the MS4 requirements so Ms. Butts offered to develop a draft of the annual report in December but once the budget issues are resolved the Selectman's Office will need to develop a plan to handle the MS4 requirements.
- **Status of Court Appeal on Application IWA15029, River Junction Estates -** According to the Ct. Judicial Branch website a pre-trial conference is scheduled for September 27, 2017 and trial scheduled for November 3, 2017.

Inspections/Follow-Up Actions:

- **WAA17022**, septic system repair - On 7/20/17 following a complaint by a citizen Ms. Butts stopped to check on conditions and found the concrete septic tank had been placed in the ground and a hole for the leaching field excavated, no silt fence installed as shown on the plans but any runoff would enter and remain in the hole for the leaching field and there was a thick grass cover between the excavation area and the reservoir. 2 photos were taken and placed in the approval file for future reference. On 8/7/17 Ms. Butts drove by the site and found the work completed and the site stable with grass beginning to grow.
- **WAA17015**, new single family home on Subdivision Lot # 2 – On 7/31/17 following an inquiry by the Selectman's Office regarding a new driveway permit application and grading work occurring off Indian Inn Rd, Ms. Butts conducted an inspection and found grading work had occurred on property that was the subject of Approval WAA17015. This grading work was not as authorized by the Approval and had resulted in fill being placed almost to the edge of pavement for Indian Inn Rd. A check of land records revealed the property was sold to Grzegorz & Anna Zuznecki of Webster, MA a day after the Approval was issued and the permit was not transferred to the new owners. Ms. Butts met with the new owners on 8/1/17 and they were unaware of the Approval or its requirements. They agreed to remove fill placed on town property, install sediment controls and seek a new approval rather than a transfer because they wanted a different layout for the house, well and septic system and they will contact the engineering firm that Mr. Sosik used to work out the site plan changes. Ms. Butts sent a

letter on 8/1/17 giving them 30 days (September 1st) to either submit a new wetlands agent approval or notify the office in writing as to their intention regarding lot development. On 8/7/17 Ms. Butts re-inspected the site and found much of the fill placed on Town property removed but no sediment control installed. She will be in contact with the Zuzneckis again regarding the remaining regrading work needed to restore the Town's property.

- **Complaint #16-04**, drainage problems related to activities at 533 Brandy Hill Rd. – Ms. Butts conducted a search of property records and wetlands office files and determined that the ditch that drained the wetlands located in 543 Brandy Hill Rd property should have been located on 5 properties (525, 527, 533, & 543 Brandy Hill Rd. and 396 Quaddick Town Farm Road). On 8/7/17 Commissioner Morano and Ms. Butts re-inspected the area and spoke to neighbor Susanne Breen of 529 Brandy Hill Rd. Based on Ms. Breen's statements regarding her property boundary it appeared that a small black pipe (like that used for curtain drains) had been placed in the ditch at the southwestern property boundary for 533 Brandy Hill Rd owned by Urgel & Melissa Lapierre. This pipe was attached to a yard drain inlet and the ditch more or less filled in with yard waste on the Lapierre property and possibly the 543 Brandy Hill Rd property. No outlet for this pipe was found. Ms. Breen was unclear about how the ditch functioned, when it flowed or overtopped but she agreed to keep an eye on it. It is clear from Permit 07-05-04 issued to Mr. Lapierre for the construction of his home and septic system, that an 8" deep ditch 6' wide was to be kept along the south side of the property. That ditch is now nonexistent. Ms. Butts will send a letter to the Lapierrés requesting they come to the next IWC meeting.

Wetlands Agent Approvals: 4 previously reported under meeting agenda Item D.b.

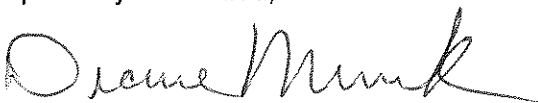
Building Permits Reviewed: There were 13 building permits reviewed – (1) 98 Porter Plain Rd (2) 2 Marcy Ln (3) 17 Valley Rd (4) O'Leary Rd (5) 470 West Thompson Rd (6) 501 Quaddick Rd (7) 13 Porter Plain Rd (8) 3 Logee Rd (9) 143 Quaddick Town Farm Rd (10) 216 Hagstrom Rd (11) 194 Hagstrom Rd (12) West Thompson Rd (13) 15 Ryler Court.

Miscellaneous: None

Purchase Requisitions Status: FY16-17 Paid \$213.67 to Stonebridge Press for legal notices and supplies for Community Day. FY17-18 Paid \$51.75 & Encumbered \$60.00 to Stonebridge Press for legal notices.

- I) Correspondence:
 - a) Connecticut Wildlife May/June 2017
- J) Signing of Mylars: None
- K) Comments by Commissioners: Welcome aboard to new Commissioner Anastasia Kapitulik.
- L) Adjournment: **Chair Thomas called to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 PM.**
Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Obert. Seconded by Commissioner Tillen. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Diane Minarik

Recording Secretary

08-08-2017 Minutes IWC Regular Meeting