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**Inland Wetlands Commission**

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**MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING**  
**INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION**  
**TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 2017 7:00 PM**  
**MERRILL SENEY COMMUNITY ROOM - TOWN HALL**

A) Call to Order & Roll Call:

**Meeting was called to order by Acting Chair Obert at 7:10 PM.**

**Roll Call:** Commissioner Ron Tillen, Commissioner Charles Obert, Commissioner Jarrett Thomas, Commissioner Diane Chapin, Wetlands Agent Marla Butts and Recording Secretary Diane Minarik.

**Absent:** Commissioner & Chair Fran Morano

**Others Present:** None

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

a) **Notes of 4/8/17 Site Walk was accepted as presented.**

*Meeting recessed at 7:12 for retrieval of copies of the 5/9/17 Minutes.*

*Meeting restarted at 7:15.*

b) **Minutes of the 5/9/17 regular meeting was approved as presented.**

**Motion to skip to agenda item H) b) was made by Commissioner Tillen. Seconded by Commissioner Thomas. Motions passed unanimously.**

H) Reports

b) Wetlands Agent Report:

Updates:

- **IWA17016 4 Greene Lane, Customized Concrete LLC** – Steve White verbally withdrew his application in a phone conversation with Ms. Butts on 5/10/17. On 5/15/17 the property owner, René Comtois, stop by the office with pictures of completed work and to discuss plans for landscaping the yard between his house and Quaddick Reservoir. When he had some large trees removed it disturbed the ground so he was in the process of hiring Sunset Nurseries to re-stabilize the ground and do the landscaping. On 5/23/17 Ms. Butts sent him a letter advising him to proceed with the stabilization work and a copy was sent to Steve White. The file has been closed.
- **DEEP MS4 General Permit Status** – In accordance with the SMP, BMP 4-1 & BMP 4-5 Ms. Butts must complete her review of the IWC regulations and guidance documents by 7/1/17 to ensure there's sufficient authority and guidance, respectively, compel regulated entities compliance with the 2002 Ct Guidelines for Soil Erosion and Sediment Control, the 2004 Ct Stormwater Quality Manual and stormwater permits issued by DEEP. Ms. Butts will make recommendations to the Board for their consideration of any revisions to the IWC regulations and guidance documents that she finds that may be deficient to meet either BMP. Ms. Butts is continuing to working with Renée on the SMP requirements and will be helping the Selectman's Office on the storm drain system mapping and the development of a written illicit discharge detection & elimination program. Commissioner Obert asked and Ms. Butts stated she will send the Commission any information needed for revisions to them at least a week in advance for their review.

- **DEEP Industrial General Permits & Public Works Garage** – On 6/8/17 Ms. Butts filed a report to the First Selectman, and emailed a copy to Dennis Blanchette, documenting the sheet flow conditions at the Public Works Garage and made suggestions for minor modifications to ensure that runoff from the site remains in as sheet flow.
- **Status of Court Appeal on Application IWA15029, River Junction Estates** – According to the Ct. Judicial Branch website the court has scheduled a status conference for 6/20/17 at 2:00 pm.

7:30 Chair Fran Morano entered the meeting.

Inspections/Follow-Up Actions:

- IWA16018, Vincent Fallovallita, 170 Wilsonville Rd – On Monday 6/12/17 Ms. Butts visited 170 Wilsonville Rd at the request of Mr. Fallovallita to check on conditions. He had pulled back most of the fill located in the flagged wetlands and had started to construct a stone wall to limit any future intrusion into the wetlands. He also said that he was going to spray paint the rebar containing the wetlands flags because over time he felt the flags would disintegrate. He asked if he could plant blue berry bushes in the upland near the wetlands edge and Ms. Butts told him he could do that without further approvals.

Wetlands Agent Approvals: WAA17018 approval issued 5/9/17.

Building Permits Reviewed: There were 5 building permits reviewed – (1) 32 Greene Ln (2) 196 Fabyan Rd (3) 90 Blain Rd (4) 124 Rich Road Ext (5) 93 Labby Rd.

Miscellaneous:

- Updated Member Listing – The IWC member listing has been updated to include Diane Chapin, who was sworn in on May 15, 2017.
- Webpage Updates & Revised Wetland Applications Information Sheet - Ms. Butts replaced the revised application form for "Uses Permitted as of Right and Non-Regulated Uses" on the website and linked it to the Commission's webpage. Ms. Butts also updated the "Wetlands Applications – Information Sheet" that is kept outside the Wetlands Office. FYI: on webpage under Documents & Forms there are links to new documents including (1) a scan of the Northeast Regional Planning Agency's 1980 report on Thompson's Inland Wetlands Inventory that identifies the significant wetlands that now have an upland review area of 200 feet, (2) a PDF map produced by Carolyn Werge from existing GIS data of showing the general location of wetlands including the 10 significant wetlands from the 1980 report, (3) a PDF map produced by Carolyn from existing GIS data showing the USGS Quadrangles and sub-regional basins numbered and color coded for use by applicants for the DEEP reporting form and the new application form for Uses Permitted as of Right and Non-Regulated Uses, and (4) the current DEEP list on potentially contaminated sites in Thompson.
- Fracking Ordinance Update – As of 5/22/17 the Board of Selectmen moved this matter forward to the Planning & Zoning Commission for their input and have sent it to the Ordinance Committee. Meanwhile, the Connecticut House of Representatives approved H.B. #6329 and it is now in the Senate for consideration.
- IWC Amended Authorizing Ordinance No. 10-011-B adopted 2/13/2017 – The ordinance language with associated town meeting minutes are now posted on the Towns webpage under the IWC's Documents & Forms, Rules & Regulations.

Purchase Requisitions Status: Paid \$128.94 to Stonebridge Press for legal notices and reimbursement; encumbered \$233.21 to Stonebridge Press for legal notices and W.B. Mason.

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

## D) Applications:

## a) Old Applications:

- 1) **WAA17015** Matthew Sosik, 0 Indian Inn Rd, Assessor's Map 114, Block 26, Lot 50J, construct portion of single family home in upland review area, received by Wetlands Office 5/2/17, Ms. Butts explained the project, approval issued 5/30/17, legal noticed published 6/9/17 and appeal period ends 6/23/17.
- 2) **WAA17016** Matthew Sosik, 0 Indian Inn Rd, Assessor's Map 114, Block 26, Lot 50D, construct portion of single family home in upland review area, received by Wetlands Office 5/2/17, Ms. Butts explained the project, approval issued 5/30/17, legal noticed published 6/9/17 and appeal period ends 6/23/17.

## b) New Applications:

- 1) **WAA17019** Richard Desrochers, 280 Linehouse Rd, Assessor's Map 55, Block 70, Lot 71, extend house perimeter drain & parking area, construct gravel drive, Ms. Butts explained the project, approval issued 5/18/17, legal noticed published 5/26/17 and appeal period ended 6/9/17.
- 2) **WAA17020** Lynne Glode, 29 Blackmer Downs Rd, Assessor's Map 19, Block 85, Lot 1D, construct 32'x16' inground swimming pool in upland review area, received by Wetlands Office 5/25/17, approval issued 5/30/17, legal noticed published 6/9/17 and appeal period ends 6/23/17.

## c) Applications Received After Agenda was Published:

- 1) **WAA17021** River Valley Construction & Landscaping, LLC, 47 Seastrand Rd, Assessor's Map 65, Block 100, Lot 11A, construct 8' x 19' sunroom in upland review area, under review

## E) Permit Extensions / Changes: None

## F) Active Violations &amp; Pending Enforcement Actions:

- 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 stated she gained access to the site for an overdue inspection via a neighbor's lawn, she explained her findings for the work on this violation and the gravel mining work permitted under **IWA14019**. Ms. Butts read a letter she wrote for the Commissioners approval stating the work was completed as required in the violation and therefore closed. However, under **IWA14019**, Ms. Butts found inadequate sediment controls and grading activity in the upland review area beyond what is shown on the approved plan. Please take steps to have adequate erosion and sediment controls installed to prevent siltation of the wetlands and watercourses and insure the operator of the gravel mine is familiar with the approved plans and return the unapproved grading areas back to the approved grades.

**Motion to sign the letter read by Ms. Butts was made by Commissioner Morano. Seconded by Commissioner Tillen.** Commissioner Obert's concern is the new operator isn't familiar with the approved grading area and therefore has created a situation they specified they didn't want. A conversation ensued. **Motion passed unanimously.**

- b) **VIOL17017** issued 5/8/17 to Linden O'Leary, President of Quaddick Mountain Road Properties, Assessor's Map 143, Block 16, Lots 17, 17AK, 17AL, 17AM & 17AN, Ms. Butts visited the property on 5/5/17, violation issued on 5/8/17, Ms. Butts received a letter from Mr. O'Leary on 5/25/17 stating he received the violation letter and will install adequate siltation controls as requested and will stabilize disturbed soils and requested a 30 extension to submit an application for the work permits, Ms. Butts will grant the requested 30 day extension.

G) Other Business:

a) Election of Officers.

**Motion to elect Commissioner Thomas as Chairman was made by Commissioner Morano. Seconded by Commissioner Obert.**

**Motion to elect Commissioner Morano as Vice Chairman was made by Commissioner Thomas. Seconded by Commissioner Obert.**

**Motion to elect Commissioner Obert as Treasurer was made by Commissioner Morano. Seconded by Commissioner Thomas.**

**Motion to close the nominations was made by Commissioner Tillen. Seconded by Commissioner Morano.**

**Motion to approve the Slate of Officers was made by Commissioner Morano. Seconded by Commissioner Thomas. Motion passed unanimously.**

- b) Complaint **17-02**, 56 Church Street, Assessor's Map 67, Block 103, Lot 8K, letter sent to property owner Kerry Belanger on 6/5/17 regarding paved driveway relocation and sub-surface drainage system. Kerry Belanger left a voicemail on 6/9/17 stating she is unable to attend this meeting, Ms. Butts returned her call on 6/12/17 and explained the complaint she received, Ms. Butts explained the situation to the Commission, stated the driveway was moved sometime between 2013 – 2015 which was within the regulated area and she will do a site visit next week.

c) Thompson Community Day, Sunday 9/24/17 – after a discussion

**Motion to .....was made by Commissioner . Seconded by Commissioner . Motion passed unanimously.**

H) Reports:

- a) Budget & Expenditures: Wetlands Budget for Fiscal Year 2016–2017 (Results of Fiscal Reporting 7/1/16 – 5/25/17) Commissioner Obert stated that the Commission has used 85.3% overall of its budget.

I) Correspondence:

- a) CT Wildlife.

J) Signing of Mylars: None

K) Comments by Commissioners: Commissioner Morano inquired about the expiration date of the permit for 354 Wilsonville Rd for a gas station and convenience store.

L) Adjournment: **Acting Chair Obert called to adjourn the meeting at 8:49 PM.**

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

Respectfully Submitted,



Diane Minarik  
Recording Secretary  
06-13-2017 Minutes IWC Regular Meeting