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MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2019 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 7:10 PM.

Roll Call: Commissioner & Chair Jarrett Thomas, Commissioner & Vice Chair Fran Morano, Commissioner Charles Obert, Commissioner George O'Neil, Wetlands Agent Marla Butts and Recording Secretary Diane Minarik.

Absent: Commissioner Diane Chapin and Commissioner Victoria Szamocki

Others Present: Dave Duquette,

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

a) **Minutes of the 12/11/18 regular meeting was accepted as written.**

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

D) Applications:

a) Old Applications:

1) **WAA18015** Michael Ryley, 461 East Thompson Rd, Assessor's Map , Block , Lot , construction of a 26' X 34' in-law apartment addition and a 10' X 24' carport in upland review area, stamped received 7/3/18, received drawing showing existing wetlands & septic system, on hold waiting NDDH approval of plans.

2) **IWA18034** Wayne Witherell, 291 Buckley Hill Rd, Assessor's Map 83, Block 49, Lot 7G, construct driveway across wetland for new single family home, well & septic system located in 100 foot upland review area, received by Wetlands Office 11/13/18, statutory receipt date 12/11/18, site has previous CL&P Easement and NDDH & IWC approvals, Ms. Butts updated the Commission on the issues with the CL&P/Eversource easement, NDDH denied use of Mantis Septic System because of location in easement, Mr. Blanchette is attempting to communicate with Eversource,

Motion to send letter to applicant advising him a Public Hearing will be held on 2/5/19 unless he either: 1. withdraws application IWA18034 in writing by 1/17/19 in which a new application fee will be waived or 2. grant a 30-day extension in writing, to the Commission for application IWA18034 by 1/17/19, was made by Commissioner Obert. Seconded by Commissioner Morano. Motion passed unanimously.

b) New Applications:

1) **WAA18037** David Wiley, 0 & 68 Jerzierski Lane, Assessor's Map 116, Block X, Lot N-Z & M-Z, clear cut and grub within 100' upland review area for Little Pond, stamped received 12/20/18, issued 12/20/18, legal notice to be published 12/28/18, Ms. Butts explained the project.

c) Applications Received After Agenda was Published: None

E) Permit Extensions / Changes:

- a) **IWA13018** Town of Thompson, Assessor's (no Lot #) Map 105, Block 38, requested 2-year extension to January 12, 2021 for alterations associated with the construction of a sewer extension from Marianapolis Preparatory School to the Town owned sewer on Riverside Drive near the intersection of Riverside Drive and the I-395 ramps, and to modify authorized work to allow for temporary alterations associated with the drilling of 6 test bores (1 in wetland and 5 in the upland review area) located between I-395 and the Airline Trail in an effort to complete the sewer extension authorized on January 14, 2014, stamped received 1/4/19, letter from First Selectman Beauso was read into the record,

Motion to grant extension on IWA13018 as read, for feasibility study was made by Commissioner Obert. Seconded by Commissioner Morano. Motion passed unanimously

Motion to approve modification of plan 12-13-18 for Marianapolis Preparatory School was made by Commissioner Morano. Seconded by Commissioner O'Neil. Motion passed unanimously

F) Active Violations & Pending Enforcement Actions:

- a) **VIOL17017** Linden O'Leary, President of Quaddick Mountain Resorts Inc., Assessor's Map 143, Block 16, Lots 17, 17AK, 17AL, 17AM & 17AN, violation issued on 5/8/17, the second 90-day extension expired 11/21/17, waiting on septic system approval from DEEP, Killingly Engineering Assoc. submitting preliminary plans, Ms. Butts had no update. - No action taken.
- b) **VIOL17036** (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, open swell to be restored by 12/3/17, sent NOV letter dated 9/11/18, remove material for water to flow without obstruction and to avoid further enforcement action remove debris in drainage way by 10/8/18, Ms. Butts will be sending a follow up letter, No action taken.
- c) **VIOL18008** remains open with IWA18034 - Stephanie Simas & Wayne Witherell, 291 Buckley Hill Rd, Assessor's Map 83, Block 49, Lot 7G, placing various materials and structures in wetlands and grading in upland review area without authorization, NOV issued 5/21/18, plans submitted on 11/13/18, violation on hold pending application IWA18034 process. - No action taken
- d) **2nd NOV on permit IWA17001** Madison Avenue Investments, LLC, 0 Madison Ave and Thompson Rd (a.k.a. Route 193), Assessor's Map 103, Block 31, Lot 6R, failure to install and maintain adequate erosion and sediment controls, 2nd notice of violation sent 7/31/18, Ms. Butts gave the Commission an update and showed recent photos of the site conditions with lack of erosion and sediment controls and slumping, concerns of worse conditions come spring thaw, Ms. Butts has been visiting the site weekly and some progress has been made, PZC has accepted the road w/condition they post a bond for unfinished requirements, 25% contingency was added to original Bond amount.

G) Other Business:

- a) Discussion of Economic Development Commission's request for representation at 2/6/19 meeting on Branding Plan objectives, Commissioner O'Neil will attend.
- b) Discussion of Budget Request for FY19-20

Motion to increase FY 2020 Recording Secretary line item, by not less than the cost of living increase, was made by Commissioner Obert. Seconded by Commissioner Morano. Motion passed unanimously.

H) Reports:

- a) Budget & Expenditures: Wetlands Budget for Fiscal Year 2017–2018 (Results of Fiscal Reporting 7/1/17 – 12/27/18) Commissioner Obert reported the Commission has used 40.1% overall of its budget year-to-date.

b) Wetlands Agent Report:

UPDATES:

- Status of Court Appeal on Application IWA15029, River Junction Estates, LLC – A fifth 30-day extension of time was granted, the deadline for the decision is now set for January 28, 2019. Stay tuned.
- MS4 Annual Report & Follow Up Actions – Ms. Butts is still working with Kelly Genest of Public Works on the MS4 annual report for 2018. A draft is planned to be completed before the end of the month.
- Pre-1990 File Destruction Plan – No progress since last report.

INSPECTIONS/FOLLOWUP ACTIONS

Complaint 18-07, 0 Quaddick Road – NDDH forwarded the approved PDF copy of the plan containing soil test data. Test pits #1 & #2 had mottles at 18" and test pits #3, #5 & #6 had mottles at 26", 24" and 25", respectively. There was no test pit #4 identified. There is insufficient evidence to prove the existence of inland wetlands or watercourses on the property at this time.

BUILDING PERMITS REVIEWED: There were 2 building permits reviewed –
(1) 49 Quaddick Town Farm Road, (2) 953 Quaddick Town Farm Road

MISCELLANEOUS –

- Mary Ann Chinatti officially resigned as town planner in the beginning of December.
- New Thompson Webpage was launched on 1/4/19. Prior to launch Ms. Butts reviewed the IWC portions and links of the webpage and in the next several weeks will make some document linkage and language changes to the pages. Please contact her with any additions or corrections you think are needed.
- CT Bar Association Seminar for Municipal Land Use Agencies – There is sufficient unexpended funds in the current budget to reimburse the \$55 registration fee and mileage for any commissioner wishing to attend the CT Bar Association's 3/23/19 Saturday event. If you plan to attend and wish to be reimbursed please advise Ms. Butts, in advance, so funds can be encumbered.
- North Grosvenordale Pond Dam – Windham North Properties, LLC, owners of the dam, have been notified by DEEP of the dam inspection report by Lenard Engineering. The dam is reported to be in poor condition. To avoid a formal enforcement action the owner has been given 30 days to (1) submit an emergency operations plan, (2) hiring an engineer to perform additional investigations, (3) conduct repairs, (4) perform maintenance work, (5) submit a dam registration to DEEP and (6) record a notice of a high or significant hazard of the dam in the Thompson land records as required by state law.
- Approval WAA18025, Northeast Sand & Stone, Inc – Several issues have been raised regarding the activities that were authorize under WAA18025 involving the upgrading of the access drive, and the installation of a temporary trailer and weight scale. A portion of the weight scale is located on Town property and the temporary trailer was connected to the town's sanitary sewer, both without approval by Thompson Water Pollution Control Authority, who control the sewer. Donna Hall has been attempting to set up a meeting between the parties to discuss resolution of the outstanding issues. Given a wetland agent approval is also involved I will be coordinating with her regarding any assistance I can give to help resolve the outstanding issues.

PURCHASE REQUISITIONS STATUS: Paid \$80.85 and Encumbered \$50.49 for Stonebridge Press for legal notices and Paid \$1,000.00 ECCD

- I) Correspondence:
 - a) ECCD FY17-18 Annual Report
- J) Signing of Mylars: None
- K) Comments by Commissioners: None
- L) Adjournment: **Chair Jarrett Thomas called to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 PM.**
Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Morano. Seconded by Commissioner O'Neil. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Diane Minarik", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Diane Minarik
Recording Secretary
01-08-19 Minutes IWC Regular Meeting