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MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2019 7:00 PM
MERRILL SENEY COMMUNITY ROOM - TOWN HALL

A) Call to Order & Roll Call:

Meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Fran Morano at 7:16 PM.

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

Absent: Commissioner & Chair Jarrett Thomas and Commissioner Victoria Szamock

Others Present: Daniel Blanchette, J&D Civil Eng. and Wayne Witherell

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

a) **Minutes of the 1/8/19 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 135, Block 7, Lot 5A, 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, no response from NDDH. – No action taken.

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 (now Eversource) Easement and NDDH & IWC approvals; previous plans rejected by NDDH because no Eversource approval. Mr. Witherell granted 30-day extension; Ms. Butts walked the site in January; Mr. Blanchette submitted revised plans 2/5/19, looking for conditional approval from Commission before submitting to Eversource (3-4 month processing time-line) and NDDH; Eversource does not allow earth work or structures, above or below ground, in their easements; revised plans include page 2 for Eversource requirements and moves septic system downhill closer to wetlands, Ms. Butts stated, due to the other constraints on this site this alternative is the most minimal impact to wetlands system.

Motion to approve IWA18034 as read, on the condition no activities authorized by this permit be initiated until such time as the Commission receives in writing from Eversource permission to do the work identified on the plan and notification from NDDH of septic design approval was made by Commissioner Obert. Seconded by Commissioner O'Neil. Motion passed unanimously.

b) New Applications:

1) **DEC19001** Castle Hill Management Inc., 75 Lakeview Street, Assessor's Map 116, Block 5, Lot 11, construct 8' X 12' deck on single family home in 100 foot upland review area, stamped received 1/28/19.

Motion to approve DEC19001, as read, for maintenance and enjoyment of a residential home was made by Commissioner Obert. Seconded by Commissioner O'Neil. Motion passed unanimously.

- c) Applications Received After Agenda was Published: None
- E) Permit Extensions / Changes: None
- 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 Eng. 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, follow up letter to be sent, Ms. Butts had no update. - 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 11/13/18. **Application IWA18034 approved 2/5/19** (see above).
 - a) **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 NOV sent 7/31/18, PZC accepted road w/conditions, Ms. Butts received a report of a lot of water running into the street after a heavy rain fall, she will do an inspection. - No action taken.
- G) Other Business: None
- H) Reports:
- a) Budget & Expenditures: Wetlands Budget for Fiscal Year 2017–2018 (Results of Fiscal Reporting 7/1/17 – 1/31/19) Commissioner Obert reported the Commission has used 56.5% overall of its budget year-to-date.
 - b) Wetlands Agent Report:
UPDATES:
 - Status of Court Appeal on Application IWA15029, River Junction Estates, LLC – On 1/11/19 Judge Leeland J. Cole-Chu issued an order stating he found for “for the plaintiffs, and for the Town of Thompson, and against the defendant River Junction Estates as to Starr Road, so-called, being a public highway: the court finds that River Junction Estates failed to show sufficient facts to show said road is a public highway. The court will issue a memorandum of decision soon and the time to appeal will begin when that memorandum has been filed.”
 - MS4 Annual Report & Follow Up Actions – Ms. Butts is still working with Kelly Genest on the MS4 annual report for 2018 and working with the Selectman's Office & J&D Civil Engineers to develop a new contract for FY18-19 funds and develop an estimate for FY19-20 MS4 funding needs.
 - Pre-1990 File Destruction Plan – Still no progress since her last report.
 - FY19-20 Budget Request – On 2/4/19 Commissioner Obert and Ms. Butts met with the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Director. The only change identified from the proposed budget was a reduction of travel funds from \$100 to \$50 (i.e. about 100 miles). An increase in funding for staff was discussed and a 2% increase for the recording secretary was supported by both Commissioner Obert and herself. Commissioner Obert will work with her to develop performance standards for the recording secretary position.

INSPECTIONS/FOLLOWUP ACTIONS:

- WAA180037, David Wiley, 0 & 68 Jezierski Lane (116/X/N-Z & M-Z) – clearcutting & grubbing in upland review area, issued 12/20/18, legal notice published 12/28/18, became final 1/11/19 without appeal.

BUILDING PERMITS REVIEWED: – None.

- FYI part-time Building Inspector Terry Bellman has been out on medical leave and is expected to be out for an extended period of time. In the meantime, coverage for building inspections is being provided by a building inspector from Killingly.

MISCELLANEOUS:

- 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.
- Approval WAA18025, Northeast Sand & Stone, Inc. – Ms. Butts, Donna Hall and Cynthia Dunne, ZEO, met with John Mercier and Kevin Curtis, representatives of Northeast Sand & Stone, Inc. and inform them to contact their lawyer regarding the ownership of Lot 15J; get a letter from Paul Laroche granting permission to connect to the sewer on his property and submit it to the Thompson WPCA along with a letter clarifying what a “temporary hookup” means; and, if necessary, submit a letter of permission from 650 Associates Inc. granting town officials access through their property.
- Need New IWC Commissioners – In an effort to find new IWC members Ms. Butts drafted a letter template for mailing to prospective residents that may be interested in serving on the IWC and asked Commissioners to forward names of anyone they think would make a good Commissioner. Suggestions to put fillable applications on the website.

PURCHASE REQUISITIONS STATUS: Paid \$58.80 and Encumbered \$60.00 for Stonebridge Press for legal notices and Paid \$29.40 to WB Mason.

I) Correspondence: None

J) Signing of Mylars:

- a) SUB18033 Conner Land Trust LLC, 223 Stawicki Rd, Assessor's Map 97, Block 43, Lot 1, 3-lot subdivision conceptual approval.
- b) IWA18027 Strategic Commercial Realty Inc., 0 Quaddick Town Farm Rd., Assessor's Map 145, Block 14, Lot 14, excavation of sand and gravel to create a 6+/- acre pond, a portion of which is located within the upland review area, approved 12/11/18

K) Comments by Commissioners: None

L) Adjournment: **Vice-Chair Fran Morano called to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 PM.**

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Obert. Seconded by Commissioner Chapin. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane Minarik

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Recording Secretary

02-05-19 Minutes IWC Regular Meeting