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

Roll Call: Commissioner & Chair Jarrett Thomas, 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: None

Others Present: Janet Blanchette, J&D Civil Eng. and David Held Provost & Rovero

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

a) **Minutes of the 2/5/19 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, NDDH approval received 2/18/19, WA approval issued 2/21/19, legal notice published 3/1/19, end of appeal period 3/15/19.

b) New Applications:

1) **IWA19002** Town of Thompson, Sand Dam Rd, Assessor's Map 114, Block 24, Lot N/A, replace bridge with pipe arch culvert over Five Mile River, received by Town Clerk 2/22/19, statutory receipt date 3/12/19, Janet Blanchette was present to explain the project, bigger culvert to detour beaver dams, will go out to bid in couple months, road closed for couple weeks, will submit dewatering plans

2) **WAA19003** Jeffery J. Stefanik, 15 Jensen Dr, Assessor's Map 143, Block 16, Lot 7M, construct new single family home & septic system in upland review area, received 2/27/19, received NDDH approval 3/12/19, added FEMA Flood Plain to plans, approval will be grated

c) Applications Received After Agenda was Published:

1) **IWA19004** Strategic Commercial Realty, Inc, 363 Quaddick Town Farm Rd, Assessor's Map 156, Block 8, Lot 7, gravel mining in 100 foot upland review area, stamped received by Wetlands Office 3/11/19, David Held, representing applicant, was present to explained the project, need soil scientist to address southeast corner; schedule Site Walk on 4/6/19 at 9:00am at site.

2) **DEC19005** Teresa Nanni, 58 Messier Rd, Assessor's Map 48, Block 104, Lot 50, timber harvest, stamped received by Wetlands Office 3/11/19, Brett Mann was present to explain project, has seasonal stream, using existing skid roads, previously harvested approx. 25 years ago.

Motion to approve DEC19005 as read, for use permitted as of right, was made by Commissioner Obert. Seconded by Commissioner Morano. Motion passed unanimously.

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 spoke to Linden O'Leary who is still working on getting General Permit for septic systems. - 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 gave update, hasn't seen any overtopping, sent letter to Days explaining requirements for ditch. - No action taken.
- c) **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, On 2/12/19 Ms. Butts did a site walk and took photos which were shown and explained, sent letter today to put temp slope protection down because work has stopped for more than 30 days, discussion on possible next step.

G) Other Business: None

H) Reports:

- a) Budget & Expenditures: Wetlands Budget for Fiscal Year 2017–2018 (Results of Fiscal Reporting 7/1/17 – 2/28/19) Commissioner Obert reported the Commission has used 63.9% overall of its budget year-to-date.

b) Wetlands Agent Report:

UPDATES:

- Status of Court Appeal on Application IWA15029, River Junction Estates, LLC – on February 6, 2019, Judge Leeland J. Cole-Chu issued his Memorandum of Decision on "Contested Amended Complaint as to Count Two", which complaint questioned the status of Starr Road. Judge Cole-Chu stated "the ownership of the road bed is uncertain – and not in issue here."
- MS4 Annual Report & Follow Up Actions – Ms. Butts is *still* working with Kelly Genest of Public Works on the MS4 annual report for 2018. Contracts for FY18-19 funds with J&D Civil Engineers, LLC and the Eastern Connecticut Conservation District have been entered into. An estimate for FY19-20 MS4 funding has been developed and will be included in the Board of Selectmen's budget.
- Pre-1990 File Destruction Plan – *Still* no progress since her last report.
- FY19-20 Budget Request – 1st Selectman Beausoleil has advised Ms. Butts that the Board of Selectmen is passing through the IWC's budget without changes to the request submitted.
- Addressing IWC Membership – On March 1st Ms. Butts sent two letters of invitation seeking volunteers for membership on the IWC. No response yet. In the absence of getting any new member she suggested the IWC consider requesting the ordinance be changed from a membership of seven (7) to a membership of five (5) with two (2) alternates. In this way a quorum could be reached with just three (3) members instead of five (5).

Motion to have Ms. Butts investigate changing the number of members from 7 to 5 with 2 Alternates, was made by Commissioner Obert. Seconded by Commissioner O'Neil. Motion passed unanimously.

INSPECTIONS/FOLLOWUP ACTIONS:

- IWA17001, Madison Avenue Subdivision – Inspected on February 12, 2019. Discussed under Item F of this month's IWC agenda.
- Public Works Garage Salt Storage Facility – On February 12, 2019 at the request of Public Works Director Richard Benoit, Ms. Butts inspected property owned by the Town of Thompson to give him input on the possibility of constructing a new salt storage facility immediately south of the existing facility. This property receives water flows from the Witherell property located south of this property. Runoff either seeps into the ground or flows off into Stoud Brook through the Public Works property. Lower in the Stoud Brook watershed are Connecticut Water Company public water supply well(s). The current salt storage facility is in need of replacement as it does not appear to adequately prevent the migration of salt into pervious surfaces. Ms. Butts verbally advised Director Benoit to have the property surveyed so that the potential location of a new salt storage facility can be determined given the property is bisected by the same CL&P easement that is on the Witherell property. Also flows from the Witherell property need to be kept segregated from any storm water generated at the Public Works facility. It will be necessary for an engineer to design any culverts or open channel through the property.

BUILDING PERMITS REVIEWED: There were 4 building permits reviewed –

1) 8 Lillian Ave, 2) 342 Lowell Davis Rd, 3) 179 Quinebaug Rd, 4) 48 Buckley Hill Rd

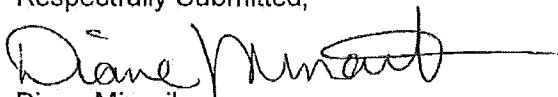
MISCELLANEOUS:

- Modification of WAA18023, Seth Davis, 105 & 155 Quaddick Town Farm Rd – On February 13, 2018 Ms. Butts received from Seth Davis a request to modify Wetlands Agent Approval WAA18023 so that the proposed well could be moved 10 feet west-southwest from its approved location. She approved the request on the conditions that no drilling begin until NDDH authorizes/approves the relocation and that E&S controls be modified to protect the Five Mile River and associated wetlands be protected from unnecessary sedimentation/pollution.
- Quinnatisset Brook / Airline Trail blockage (IWC File Complaint 13-07) – On March 1st Ms. Butts received an email indicating that DEEP is looking at an Emergency Declaration for the blockage of Quinnatisset Brook under the Airline Trail that has been causing the upstream flooding of Ballard Road. She contacted DEEP engineer Eric Ott, and provided him with information she had regarding her concerns about the Trail's embankment acting as a dam and seepage observed coming from several locations at the toe of slope along Route 12 after heavy rains. Stay tuned.

PURCHASE REQUISITIONS STATUS: Paid \$95.55 and Encumbered \$60.00 for Stonebridge Press for legal notices.

- I) Correspondence: Commissioner Morano's reinstatement letter
- J) Signing of Mylars: None
- K) Comments by Commissioners: Branding Committee update – need to communicate better between departments – Thompson a Green and Growing Community.
- L) Adjournment: **Chair Jarrett Thomas called to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 PM.**
Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Obert. Seconded by Commissioner Chapin. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Diane Minarik

Recording Secretary

03-12-19 Minutes IWC Regular Meeting