



**Town of Thompson
Inland Wetlands Commission**

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MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
TUESDAY, APRIL 09, 2019, 7:00 PM
MERRILL SENEY COMMUNITY ROOM - TOWN HALL

A) Call to Order & Roll Call:

Meeting was called to order by Acting-Chair Fran Morano at 7:04 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: None

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

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

- a) **Minutes of the 03/12/19 regular meeting was accepted as presented**
- b) **Notes of 04/06/19 Site Walk – only 1 Commissioner attended so no meeting.**

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

D) Applications:

a) Old Applications:

- 1) **IWA19002** Town of Thompson, Sand Dam Rd, Assessor's Map 114, Block 24, Lot N/A, replace bridge with steel 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; enlarging culvert to 6'w x 4'h w/large flared section at inlet with grate to detour beaver damming; road widen by 2' & raised up about 1.5'; proposing 250 square feet of wetlands disturbance; temporary culvert during construction for continuous flow of river; road closure only allowed for up to 2 week; dewatering notes on detail sheets; the 4"x4" wire fabric trash rack on inlet side will be raised up higher than proposed, a pre-construction meeting with Ms. Butts, DPW Director, contractor & engineer re: handling of water during construction in case of large storm and water handling details while installing/removing temporary and permanent pipes as requested by Ms. Butts; hoping to do work in August 2019.

Motion to approve IWA19002 as read was made by Commissioner Obert.

Seconded by Commissioner O'Neil. Motion passed unanimously.

- 2) **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 provided revised plans, was present to explain the project and answer questions, completed new borings for ground water elevations and revised grading elevations in areas to prevent intercepting ground water; PZC Public Hearing on 4/22/19; projected start date of end of spring; Commissioner Obert and Ms. Butts walked the site with Mr. Held.

Motion to approve IWA19004, as read, was made by Commissioner Obert.

Seconded by Commissioner O'Neil. Motion passed unanimously.

b) New Applications:

- 1) **IWA14019** Patricia Rudzinski, 0 Labby Rd, Assessor's Map 95, Block 27, Lot 17, requesting 5 year extension of gravel removal permit to expire 10/14/24, received by Wetlands Office 3/19/19, Ms. Butts read permit extension letter; looking to sell property;

no outstanding violation, site visit last month showed no evidence of recent gravel mining, found sediment moving into wetlands, evidence of beavers flooding area where gravel mining drains into, no road flooding. Ms. Butts will look into possible actions if property changes owners.

- 2) **DEC19006** Daniel Shannon, 22 Island View Drive, Assessor's Map 143, Block 16, Lot 42, construct 10' X 20' covered deck in upland review area under maintenance and enjoyment of residential home, Ms. Butts explain the project, no grading using auger to dig post holes,

Motion to approve DEC19006 as use permitted as of right under maintenance and enjoyment of residential home was made by Commissioner Chapin. Seconded by Commissioner Obert. Motion passed unanimously.

- a) 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 Engineering Assoc. submitting preliminary plans, Ms. Butts spoke to Norman Thibeault who stated they are starting the survey work.
- b) **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; sent letter on 3-12-19 instructing them to put temporary slope protection down, Ms. Butts showed photos taken by Mr. Duquette on 1/24/19 showing flooding and erosion on Rte. 193; DOT said to call them for flooding and other issues; Mr. Meehan said he did some work on the site, Ms. Butts showed photos taken on 4/8/19 after said work, she then called Mr. Thibeault to warn him of pending issues

G) Other Business:

- a) Discussion on changes to Ordinance No. 10-011B re: changing the number of members to 5 with 2 alternate members.
- b) Election of Officers:
- Commissioner Morano nominated George O'Neil for Chairman. Seconded by Commissioner Chapin.
 - Commissioner Morano nominated Charles Obert for Vice-Chairman. Seconded by Commissioner Chapin.
 - Commissioner Morano nominated Diane Chapin for Treasurer. Seconded by Commissioner O'Neil.

Motion to close nominations and vote on whole slate was made by Commissioner Obert. Seconded by Commissioner O'Neil. Motion passed unanimously.

H) Reports:

- a) Budget & Expenditures: Wetlands Budget for Fiscal Year 2018–2019 (Results of Fiscal Reporting 7/1/18 – 3/28/19) Commissioner Obert reported the Commission has used 69.3% overall of its budget year-to-date.
- b) Wetlands Agent Report:
- UPDATES**
- Status of Court Appeal on Application IWA15029, River Junction Estates, LLC – No news on the 2/27/19 appeal.
 - MS4 Annual Report & Follow Up Actions – Ms. Butts is *still* working with Kelly from Public Works on the MS4 annual report for 2018.
 - Pre-1990 File Destruction Plan – *Still* no progress since last report.

INSPECTIONS/FOLLOWUP ACTIONS

- IWA17001, Madison Avenue Subdivision – Inspected on 2/12/19 & discussed under Item F of above.
- Public Works Garage Salt Storage Facility – Ms. Butts was advised by Public Works Director Richard Benoit that he is moving forward to replacing the salt storage facility. She is working with him on developing a proposal that minimizes impacts to wetlands and watercourses in light of the drainage issues and CL&P right of way restrictions.

BUILDING PERMITS REVIEWED: There were 9 building permits reviewed –

1) 313 Quinebaug Rd, 2) 516 Quaddick Rd, 3) 43 Line House Rd, 4) 150 Thompson Hill Rd, 5) 8 Hill Rd, 6) Logan's Lane, 7) 850 Thompson Rd, 8) Lillian Avenue, 9) 3 Rachel Dr.

MISCELLANEOUS

- Proposed Modification of Inland Wetlands Commission Authorizing Ordinance - following last month's meeting Ms. Butts spoke with first Selectman Beausoleil and he forwarded a request to the town's attorney, resulting in proposed language for changing the inland wetlands commission's membership from 7 members to 5 members and two alternate members. He expects the proposed ordinance modification to be brought before a town meeting to be held on May 6, 2019.
- Selectman's Update Article -the Selectman's office asked Ms. Butts for a draft Article for the next Selectman's Update soliciting volunteers for membership on the Inland Wetlands Commission. Draft attached to her report.
- Inland Wetlands Annual Report FY 17-18 - Ms. Butts drafted a FY17-18 annual report at the request of the BOF Secretary, which contains updated numbers and activities for the past fiscal year and the projected goals for FY18-19. Draft attached to her report.
- Standardization of Town Stationary/Envelopes/Staff Business Cards - A committee has formed to standardize town documents. Ms. Butts provided copies of various documents used by the Wetlands Office to the Selectman's office.
- Advisory Letters Sent – (1) letter was sent to David Hancock, new owner of the Unistar Subdivision properties, advising him of the IWC jurisdiction in light of his filing for a Home Occupation (PZC application #19-05) for Logging & Tree Work/Wood Products (ex: furniture), "Hancock Forest Products". (2) Letter sent to Michael Bartlett of Hull Forest Products, returning a request for a timber harvest form for #77 & 0 Watson Rd, no wetlands or watercourses or upland review areas appear to exist on the properties.
- Quinnatisset Brook/Airline Trail blockage (IWC Complaint 13-07) – No new information.

PURCHASE REQUESTS STATUS

Paid \$102.90 & encumbered \$65.00 to Stonebridge Press for legal notices.

- I) Correspondence: None
- J) Signing of Mylars: None
- K) Comments by Commissioners:
- L) Adjournment: **Acting-Chair Fran Morano called to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 PM. Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Obert. Seconded by Commissioner O'Neil. Motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane Minarik

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Recording Secretary
04-09-19 Minutes IWC Regular Meeting