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MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
TUESDAY, MAY 14 2019, 7:00 PM
MERRILL SENEY COMMUNITY ROOM - TOWN HALL

A) Call to Order & Roll Call:

Meeting was called to order by Chair George O'Neil at 7:17 PM.

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

Absent: Commissioner & Vice Chair Charles Obert

Others Present: Janet Blanchette, J&D Civil Eng., Philip Thomas, Justin Yong, Mirash Isufi & Lary Pincince.

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

7:19 Commissioner Obert entered the meeting.

- C) Action on Minutes of Previous Meetings: Copies of the minutes listed below were available for review. Chair George O'Neil asked if there were any corrections – Yes,
item D) b) 1) page 2 - *site visit last month showed no evidence of recent gravel mining or found sediment moving into wetlands, but found evidence of beavers flooding an area where gravel mining drains into,*

a) **Minutes of the 04/09/19 regular meeting was accepted as amended.**

D) Applications:

a) Old Applications: None

b) New Applications:

- 1) **WAA19007** Vision Properties NECT, LLC, 46 Wrightson Dr, Assessor's Map 143, Block 17, Lot 19, septic system repair in 100 foot upland review area for Quaddick Reservoir, received by Wetlands Office 4/16/19, approval issued 4/18/19, legal notice published 4/26/19, appeal period ended May 10, 2019, Ms. Butts explained the project.
- 2) **IWA19008** Philip D. Thomas, 759 Quinebaug Rd, Assessor's Map 3, Block 78, Lot 5, piping of watercourse, stamped received 5/6/19, statutory receipt date 5/14/19, Ms. Butts gave a brief overview, Janet Blanchette, J&D Civil Eng. was present, representing applicant; 620 feet of 24" pipe runs from pond on one side of building, through property, under building w/concrete cinderblock box culvert, across the road and into Quinebaug River; this property was a nursery, the 12 foot open channel of pipe on side of building was a feature of the nursery with plants and flowers around it; now it's an open trench w/sediment, weeds and sticks; Phase 1 proposal is to replace the 12' open section with a 20"x30" open-grate flat top catch basin w/24" pipe. Phase 2, in approx. 5 yrs, proposal to re-direct pipe around building before paving parking lot; in 1989 drainage calculations were submitted to DOT and the 24" pipe size was found to be adequate. Discussion on possible flooding event and relief point; size of watershed flowing through pipe, according to 1989 drainage calculations is 7.2 acres, Janet will verify where ponds drain and report back before June meeting; catch basins will be connected into this 24" pipe during phase 2.

c) Applications Received After Agenda was Published:

- 1) **DEC10010** Justin & Eryn Young, 12 Fairway Drive, Assessor's Map 77, Block 62, Lot 57G, work along driveway for maintenance & enjoyment of residential home, stamped received 5/13/19, Ms. Butts explained Mr. Yong had concerns of run-off coming down off the hill from his neighbor's house foundation drain across his driveway causing icing problems, he put in 2 yard drains to direct that water into the wetlands in the 100' upland review area and cut some trees a little to try to stop driveway icing; building dept. unable to find driveway permits for either home and it looks like a common driveway which the town does not authorize; official survey being done tomorrow, 5/15/19, but looks like most of driveway pavement is on his property and neighbor has only 7 feet; Mr. Yong was present to explain project and answer questions; proposing to saw-cut driveway and put in 2-rail fence and $\frac{3}{4}$ inch stone and perforated pipe along driveway, unknown if additional fill will be needed; proposed work will improve property and safety on driveway; no impairment to wetlands; potential fill in wetlands where eroded.

Motion to approve DEC10010, as read, to work on own property as use permitted as of right for maintenance & enjoyment of residential home as requested, was made by Commissioner Obert. Seconded by Commissioner Chapin. Motion passed unanimously.

- 2) **DEC19011** Mirash & Alketa Isufi, 4 Fairway Drive, Assessor's Map 77, Block 62, Lot 57I, construct fence in upland review area for maintenance & enjoyment of residential home. Couple sections of privacy fence between houses then the rest of fence will be 4 feet high and fence will be 2 feet from property line.

Motion to approve DEC19011, as read, to work on own property as use permitted as of right for maintenance & enjoyment of residential home, was made by Commissioner Obert. Seconded by Commissioner Chapin. Motion passed unanimously.

E) Permit Extensions / Changes:

- a) **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, the Commission gave Ms. Butts permission to sign the letter dated 5/14/19, to Mrs. Rudzinski stating the Commission will consider approving a 2 year extension of permit IWA14019 provided she submit in writing, 14 days prior to the start of work, the name and contact info of the operator(s) she gives permission to mine materials from her property. Near the end of the 2 years, she can request up to 3 more years. If the property is sold the Commission may not grant a transfer of this permit to any new owner depending on environmental conditions.

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. starting the survey work, status update. No update.
- 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, Ms. Butts gave an update; PZC voted at their 4/22/19 meeting to change the Cash Bond to Surety Bond; showed photos taken on 4/29/19; system seems to be working properly w/most water going to Lot 18; no change in sediment in cross culvert to Mr. Duquette's property; grass starting to grow; DPW Director needs to view storm drains after they are cleaned out; unsure if permit was filed w/DEEP will try to do site visit but short staffed; Mr. Meehan is aware every lot w/wetlands must come to IWC to see if an approval is required.

- c) **VIOL17036** Urgel Lapierre, 0 Brandy Hill Rd, Assessor's Map 143, Block 17, Lot 7-7, sent letter dated 4/16/19 stating must do more corrective work to clear drainage-way within 30 days; rec'd letter from Mr. Pincince on 4/29/19 regarding a sink hole on his property from Mr. Lapierre. Ms. Butts gave an update, showed photos of drainage-way and sitting water on Pincince property taken on 4/15/19 & 4/29/19; Mr. & Mrs. Pincince were present to express their concerns; Ms. Butts will inspect property on 5/16/19 and will advise Commission if a Show Cause Hearing will be held at their 6/11/19 Meeting.
- d) **VIOL19009** Scott C. Pidgeon, 523 Thompson Rd, Assessor's Map 103, Block 31, Lot 15C, blocking of culvert flooding wetlands/watercourse, issued 5/6/19 major blockage gone, Ms. Butts gave an update, on 5/13/19 she inspected the site and found the plywood gone, the stone on side and sandbag remnants in culvert area. She will send a letter stating she has observed the plywood has been removed but must make sure any obstructions like stone or sandbags be removed from the culvert entrance to allow for free flowing water. Then file will be closed.

G) Other Business: None

H) Reports:

- a) Budget & Expenditures: Wetlands Budget for Fiscal Year 2018–2019 (Results of Fiscal Reporting 7/1/18 – 4/25/19) Commissioner Chapin reported the Commission has used 78.4% 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 – The draft report for public comment was posted in Thompson's Public Works webpage under "Stormwater Management".
- Pre-1990 File Destruction Plan – Still no progress since her last report.
- Modification of Inland Wetlands Commission's Authorizing Ordinance - At the annual town meeting held on 5/6/19 the town voted to modify the Inland Wetlands Commission's authorizing ordinance, 10-011 B entitled "Inland Wetlands Commission" decreasing the number of members from 7 to 5 and added 2 alternate members to the Commission. According to an email received from the town's legal counsel the ordinance becomes effective 15 days after the date of publication.

INSPECTIONS/FOLLOWUP ACTIONS

- Permit #11-09-02, Strategic Commercial Realty, Inc. – Ms. Butts is in the process of investigating conditions associated with impacts to a possible vernal pool located on Lots 5 & 6 from the gravel mining application that was authorized by Wetlands Permit #11-09-02. It was reported that a silt fence was down on the east side of the wetlands and had allowed for fine sediment to wash towards the delineated wetlands. She will update Commissioners at next meeting.

BUILDING PERMITS REVIEWED - There were 10 building permits reviewed –

- 1) 22 Island View Dr. 2) 490 Fabyan Rd. 3) 79 Sand Dam Rd. 4) Fort Hill Farms, LLC, 5) 157 O'Leary Road 6) 5 Beattie Ave 7) 359 East Thompson Rd 8) 67 Breezy Ln. 9) 1166 Thompson Rd. 10) 253 Quinebaug Rd.

MISCELLANEOUS

- Quinnetis Brook / Airline Trail blockage (IWC File Complaint 13-07) – DEEP has declared an emergency regarding the blockage of the Airline Trail but unclear what actions they will take to remove blockage causing flooding all the way up past Ballard Road. Stay tuned.

PURCHASE REQUESTS STATUS

Paid \$58.80 & encumbered \$120.00 to Stonebridge Press for legal notices.

- I) Correspondence:
 - a) Invite from EDC & BOS for a special evening of civic-minded game play and light supper as a follow up to the Feb. 2019 meeting.
- J) Signing of Mylars: None
- K) Comments by Commissioners:
 - Nice job to George O'Neil on first meeting as Chairman.
- L) Adjournment: **Chair George O'Neil called to adjourn the meeting at 9:20pm PM.**
Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Obert. Seconded by Commissioner Morano. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Diane Minarik
Recording Secretary
05-14-19 Minutes IWC Regular Meeting