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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 7:08 PM.

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

Absent: Commissioner & Vice-Chair Charles Obert

Seating of Alternates: B. Roach for C. Obert

Others Present: Philip Thomas, David Duquette and Nadine Williams-Edwards.

B) Citizen's Comments Pertaining to Agenda Items:

- a) Nadine Edwards, 131 Spicer Rd, asked how to get an item on the agenda for discussion, Ms. Butts explained the different possible ways depending on reasons.

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 and being none:

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

D) Applications:

a) Old Applications:

- 1) **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, 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 and 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 foot open section with a 20"x30" open-grate flat top catch basin w/24" pipe. Phase 2 proposal, in approx. 5 years is 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. Ms. Butts reviewed proposal and gave update, water does come from another pond further upstream. Improvement of current situation.

Motion to approve IWA19008, as read, with the condition to limit all work to occur during low flow in the months of July, August & September and to remove accumulated material from any portion of the on-site drainage system to remain in place immediately following culverting of the open channel was made by Commissioner Morano. Seconded by Commissioner Chapin. Motion passed unanimously.

b) New Applications: None

c) Applications Received After Agenda was Published: None

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. Ms. Butts sent approved letter dated 5/14/19; received signed letter back from Mrs. Rudzinski on 5/29/19.

Motion to approve a 2 year extension for IWA14019, as read, with the conditions stated in the letter signed by Mrs. Rudzinski, was made by Commissioner Chapin. Seconded by Commissioner Morano. 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 and certified designs for the over 6' high retaining walls and previously installed drainage pipes located in the 100' upland review area, from Killingly Engineering Assoc. Ms. Butts updated the Commission that the Engineer is unable to reach Mr. Chappell, who built the retaining walls, so they will continue without him; there is no environmental harm at this time.
- 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 read an email received from Engineer Norman Thibeault, dated 5-16-19, he will give an update on a weekly basis until all concerns have been met but no further update received to date; Ms. Butts spoke with Mr. Thibeault today regarding the DEEP Storm Water General Permit; She will inspect settling impact basins when water table drops more; Mr. Meehan is aware every lot with wetlands must come to IWC to see if an approval is required and Ms. Butts will send a letter stating all erosion sediment controls issues must be resolved before she will sign off on any building permits.
- 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; 6/10/19 Ms. Butts found the property was foreclosed upon, no work has been done, Ms. Butts read her letter sent to new owner re: condition and violation; discussion on next steps.

G) Other Business: None

H) Reports:

- a) Budget & Expenditures: Wetlands Budget for Fiscal Year 2018–2019 (Results of Fiscal Reporting 7/1/18 – 5/30/19) Commissioner Chapin reported the Commission has used 84.5% 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 – No comments have been received on the draft 2018 MS4 Stormwater Management Report. Have been reviewing data received on the mapping of the stormwater system in the urbanized areas and impaired watersheds. Once the Town approves a budget for FY19-20, Ms. Butts will assist Public Works staff on developing the next round of contracts with J&D Engineers LLC and Eastern Connecticut Conservation District.
- Pre-1990 File Destruction Plan – Still no progress since her last report.
- Modification of Inland Wetlands Commission's Authorizing Ordinance – In accordance with § 7-157 of the Connecticut General Statutes the ordinance, which was passed at a town meeting on 5/6/19 became effective 6/1/19, 15 days from the May 17th date of legal notice publication in the Thompson Villager. For the next meeting a modification of the Commission's by-laws needs to be considered. Attached to this report is a draft language change to the bylaws to accommodate such change.

INSPECTIONS/FOLLOWUP ACTIONS

- Permit #11-09-02, Strategic Commercial Realty, Inc. – On 5/9/19 Ms. Butts inspected the portion of the site that surrounds a wetlands area identified as a suspected vernal pool. It had been reported to her that a silt fence had failed allowing fine sediment to be deposited in the upland review area and into an area where water was pooled. The record rainfall in April had likely caused water to be pooled beyond the delineated wetlands and into the upland review area. The inspection was conducted in the presence of Bob Newth, Rawson Materials (a.k.a. Strategic Commercial Realty, Inc, the inland wetlands permittee). The silt fence had been repaired. Some sediment had entered the protected area. Upon reviewing this portion of the approved site plan Mr. Newth informed me that the plans he was using were not the same as the approved permit plan (copy I had with me). He had no knowledge of a berm that was to be built in the upland review area around delineated wetlands. He reported the plans he had did not show a berm and that the berm would interfere with the driveways to lots 6 & 7. Ms. Butts

told him if changes were to be proposed, then this would need to be designed by an engineer and presented to the Commission for consideration. Failing to receive any communication from Strategic Commercial Realty, Inc on 5/31/19 she contacted Madelyn Smith, Attorney for Strategic Commercial Realty, Inc. and inquired about the matter. She informed Ms. Butts that their engineer had been contacted, had visited the site and is working on a plan to address the problem. In the meantime, until the mining operation is complete Ms. Butts will periodically visit the site to check on site conditions as they relate to wetlands and watercourses.

BUILDING PERMITS REVIEWED There were 4 building permits reviewed –

1) 1158 Riverside Dr. 2) 170 Wilsonville Rd. 3) 420 Pompeo Rd. 4) 21 Fairway Dr.

MISCELLANEOUS

- Quinattisset Brook / Airline Trail blockage (IWC File Complaint 13-07) – Ms. Butts has no news on this except that Ballard Road and downstream wetlands are no longer flooded with standing water.
- North Grosvenordale Pond Dam – At the end of May DEEP dam engineers visited the site with her to review conditions and Ms. Butts has been contacted by an engineer from Leonard Engineering to provide information regarding flow conditions at the dam. Conditions at the dam appear to be a little bit worse than several years ago and she has spoken to Steve Benoit, Thompson's Emergency Manager. He is aware of the situation and has considered what actions might be needed should the dam appear to be failing.

PURCHASE REQUISITIONS STATUS -

Paid \$44.10 to Stonebridge Press for legal notices.

- I) Correspondence:
 - a) Solitude Lake Management re: Aquatic Pesticide Permit Application
 - b) Thompson Community Day 10/5/19 – discussion on what to do
 - c) 6/14/19 Letter appointing Barbara Roach as an alternate.
 - d) 2 emails received 6/11/19 re: Questions Regarding "Notice of Applicable Property Owners"
- J) Signing of Mylars: None
- K) Comments by Commissioners: EDC brain storming event was fantastic & engaging, there were 60-70 people, game of things of importance to help grow Thompson.
- L) Adjournment: **Chair George O'Neil called to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 PM.**

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

Respectfully Submitted,



Diane Minarik
Recording Secretary
06-11-19 Minutes IWC Regular Meeting