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MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
TUESDAY, JULY 9 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 7:03 PM.

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

Absent: Commissioner Fran Morano

Others Present: David Duquette

Motion to add to Agenda Item G.b. the modification of the by-laws to accommodate the change in Ordinance 10-011B reducing the membership of the Commission from 7 to 5 and providing for 2 alternates was made by Commissioner Obert. Seconded by Commissioner Chapin.

Motion passed unanimously.

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

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 06-11-19 regular meeting was accepted as written.** However the date in the heading, **May 14, is incorrect should be June 11, 2019.**

D) Applications:

- a) Old Applications: None

b) New Applications:

- a) **WAA19012** Lee Blanchette, 41 Murolo Rd, Assessor's Map 83, Block 49, Lot 1, repair septic system and construction of 30' X 30' detached garage in 100-foot upland review area, received 6/20/19, issued 6/25/19, legal notice publish 7/5/19, end of appeal period 7/19/19, Ms. Butts explained the project.

- b) **IWA19013** David Gagnon, 25 Lakeview St, Assessor's Map 116, Block X, Lot AB, construct new single family home and septic system, stamped received 7/1/19, statutory receipt date 7/9/19, Ms. Butts gave a brief overview, applicant and J&D Engineers will be present at next meeting to explain project, replacing cottage with new home.

c) Applications Received After Agenda was Published:

- a) **WAA17026**, town allows 2 homes on 1 parcel, plans were to build a 2nd home for mother, couldn't get mortgage without sub-dividing the lot, re-subdivision work proposed is exactly the same as in the approved WAA17026 application.

Motion made to have Ms. Butts send a memo to the Planning and Zoning Commission stating the work proposed in this re-subdivision has previously been approved under permit WAA17026 and the Inland/Wetlands Commission has no further comments on the re-subdivision of this property, was made by Commissioner Obert. Seconded by Commissioner Chapin.

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 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, she spoke with Mr. Chappell who has the right to but cannot build his cottage until Mr. O'Leary gets the septic systems approved through DEEP.
- 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, Ms. Butts showed photos and videos and gave an update; she spoke with Mr. Thibeault who has told Mr. Meehan he needs to get Lots 1, 2 & 3 driveways in, Ms. Butts will send letter.
- 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; on 6/18/19 Ms. Butts sent letter to new owner Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. and heard back from Nicole Garbutt of Weichert Realtors who will seek bids for the work, Ms. Butts asked for the contractor to contact her for an inspection. Discussion on next steps if no work is done.

G) Other Business:

- a) Thompson Community Day 10/5/19 – continued discussion on what to do for event.
- b) Modification of by-laws –
Motion to accept the By-Laws dated July 9, 2019 as amended, was made by Commissioner Obert. Seconded by Commissioner Chapin.
Motion passed unanimously.

Seating of Alternates: Barbara Roach was seated for Fran Morano

H) Reports:

- a) Budget & Expenditures: Wetlands Budget for Fiscal Year 2018–2019 (Results of Fiscal Reporting 7/1/18 – 5/30/19) None
- b) Wetlands Agent Report:

UPDATES

- Status of Court Appeal on Application IWA15029, River Junction Estates, LLC – Still no news on the 2/27/19 appeal.
- MS4 Annual Report & Follow Up Actions – The 2018 MS4 Stormwater Management Report has been finalized. On 6/18/19 Ms. Butts assisted in a training session for Public Works staff on discharge detection and elimination. When Thompson establishes a budget Ms. Butts will assist Public Works staff in 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 last report.

INSPECTIONS/FOLLOWUP ACTIONS

- Permit #11-09-02, Strategic Commercial Realty, Inc. – On 6/24/19 Ms. Butts inspected the portion of the site that surrounds a wetlands area identified as a suspected vernal pool. The silt fence was repaired and functional. Given the past spring was unusually wet she was surprised to see the pool completely dry, leading her to believe that it is not a functional vernal pool. There was no evidence of any man made alterations that could have caused the pool to dry out so quickly. There was evidence of a thin layer of fine sediment deposited across the entire bottom with deeper amounts located at the east end of the

wetlands closest to the past silt fence failure. On 6/27/19 she was informed by Madlyn Smith, Attorney for Strategic Commercial Realty, Inc. that the survey work around the wetlands to develop plan revisions for Lots 6 & 7 driveways has been completed and draft plans were to be developed shortly. Ms. Butts will continue to periodically visit the site to check on site conditions as they relate to wetlands and watercourses. Nadine L. Williams-Edwards, a concerned citizen, has requested via email that she be given the ability/opportunity to ask questions until the plan is submitted and reviewed by the IWC. Ms. Butts replied that it is currently referenced in her agent report (not an agenda item) and that she expects to continue to report on the status of the matter until the matter is resolved. Ms. Butts also suggested she contact her with any questions she has in the interim.

BUILDING PERMITS REVIEWED There were 5 building permits reviewed –

1) 330 East Thompson Rd. 2) 8 Lakeside Dr. 3) 41 Murolo Rd. 4) 409 Sand Dam Rd. 5) 8 Lillian Ave.

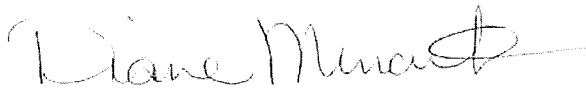
MISCELLANEOUS

- FOIA Request for Recording of IWC Meeting of 6/11/19 - On 6/21/19 the Selectman's Office received a request from Gail Arsenault for a copy of the audio recording of the Inland Wetlands Commission meeting of 6/11/19. A flash drive of the recording was made available to Ms. Arsenault on 6/25/19.
- Tree cutting at 47 Gaumond Road - Jason Lebeau of 47 Gaumond Rd. stopped by the Wetlands Office to inquire about the cutting of some trees that would shade solar panels that he intended to have installed on the roof of his home. He was advised that the cutting of trees within the hundred foot upland review area is okay as long as he was not clearcutting and he indicated that he did not wish to cut all the trees only the ones that shaded the roof. He was advised that such activity is not regulated by the inland wetlands commission and could proceed as stated.
- DEEP's Proposed 2018 Integrated Water Quality Report – On 5/24/19 Ms. Butts was informed that DEEP had made available the draft 2018 IWQR for public review and comment (Public Notice) from 5/24/19 to 6/26/19. The IWQR is a report produced by DEEP and after public comment is finalized and sent to US EPA under the provision of the Federal Clean Water Act. This is the document that identifies what waters will be designated as impaired for at least the next 2 years. Waters that are designated as impaired require the town to perform additional water sampling under its MS4 permit registration. These impairments are based on high E. coli counts over several sampling days. The 2014 IWQR identified Long Branch Brook as impaired. Ms. Butts believes this impairment was due to wildlife activity in the Knowlton Brook watershed, which is tributary to Long Branch Brook. The 2016 IWQR identified Wheatons Brook as impaired and delisted Long Branch Brook. Wheatons Brook in Thompson is mostly undeveloped. The water sampling of Wheatons Brook was done in Putnam near its confluence with the Little River. Because of these two facts, she believes if Wheatons Brook is impaired in Thompson it is the result of wildlife activity on Bull Hill and not human activities. Now the proposed 2018 IWQR is proposing to list Backwater Brook as impaired along with keeping Wheatons Brook as impaired. Because waterfowl and wildlife activities can cause high coliform counts, both Judy Rondeau from the Eastern Connecticut Conservation District and Ms. Butts provided documentation to DEEP during the comment period that Backwater Brook should not be listed because the high coliform counts were most likely caused by wildlife using Phelps Pond encouraged by human activities. These activities have since ceased and subsequent water sampling by ECCD for Thompson found coliform counts well below threshold levels. DEEP is considering our comments.
- Request to Review draft revisions to P&Z Regulations – Ms. Butts has been asked to review draft revisions to the Planning and Zoning Commission regulations as they relate to erosion and sediment controls. Additionally, she will be looking to see if the MS4 Permit requirements relating to low impact development and directly connected impervious area (DCIA) requirement are included.

PURCHASE REQUISITIONS STATUS – Reimbursed Ms. Butts \$200.98 for new camera and 32GB card; Paid \$12.56 W.B. Mason; Encumbered \$60.00 to Stonebridge Press for legal notices.

- I) Correspondence:
 - a) Solitude Lake Management re: Aquatic Pesticide Permit Application – Quaddick Reservoir
 - b) The Habitat – Winter / Spring 2019
- J) Signing of Mylars: None
- K) Comments by Commissioners: Discussion on Sand Dam Rd project.
- L) Adjournment: **Chair George O’Neil called to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 PM.**
Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Obert. Seconded by Commissioner Chapin. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Diane Minarik", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Diane Minarik
Recording Secretary
07-09-19 Minutes IWC Regular Meeting