



Town of Thompson
Inland Wetlands Commission
815 Riverside Drive
North Grosvenordale, CT 06255
860-923-1852 (Office) 860-923-9897 (Fax)

RECEIVED
TOWN OF THOMPSON, CT.

2019 NOV 13 P 1:45
Emilia Kelly
TOWN CLERK

MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 08, 2019, 7:00 PM
MERRILL SENEY COMMUNITY ROOM - TOWN HALL

- A) Call to Order & Roll Call:
Meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Charles Obert at 7:05 PM.
Roll Call: Commissioner & Vice-Chair Charles Obert, Commissioner Fran Morano, Commissioner Diane Chapin, Commissioner Barbara Roach, Wetlands Agent Marla Butts and Recording Secretary Diane Minarik.
Absent: Commissioner & Chair George O'Neil
Others Present: John Dalton & David Duquette
- B) Appointment of Alternates: **Barbara Roach was seated for George O'Neil**
- C) Action on Minutes of Previous Meeting: A copy of the minutes listed below were available for review. Vice-Chair Charles Obert asked if there were any corrections: on page 2. b). 1). need to remove WAA19016.
a) **Minutes of the 09-10-19 regular meeting was accepted as corrected.**
- D) Citizen's Comments Pertaining to Agenda Items: John Dalton thanked the Commission for doing a good job and wants them to do a Great Job; in regards to 363 QTFR gravel mining his problem with Ms. Butts was that he was upset with the limited site walk and feels the Commission has great power and the buck stops with them. Discussion ensued regarding site walk and Commissions jurisdiction, email clarification and helpful tips for future reporting issues.
- E) Applications:
a) Old Applications:
1) **WAA19016** Jacques Lemoine, 38 Breaults Landing Road, Assessor's Map 141, Block 17, Lot 193, construct new single family home in 100 foot upland review area for Quaddick Reservoir, stamped received 8/12/19; issued 9/19/19, legal notice published 9/21/19, end of appeal period 10/11/19. Ms. Butts explained the project, topography is steep embankment, highly eroded w/delta in lake, wants to build retaining wall, cottage, septic system, fill eroded gully(not his property) w/stone for drilling rig for well, has NDDH approval. Mr. Lemoine has filed another application to upgrade neighboring property but no site plans or check yet and Ms. Butts needs signature of abutting property owner. Wetlands Agent Approval was given on application WAA19016 with this condition "No work on or alterations to 40 Breaults Landing Road is authorized under this approval"
- 2) **WAA19019** Saywatt Hydroelectric LLC, 12 Old Route 12, Assessor's Map 67, Block 102, Lot 26, construct 220 KW PV solar array in upland review area, looking to add more solar arrays to the north on existing foundation and to the south on property which is above FEMA 100 year flood plain and will have a haybale check dam around it for erosion control, not proposing to change grades, stamped received 9/9/19, issued approval and published legal notice.

b) New Applications:

- 1) **WAA19020** Craig Lamica, 72 Green Acres Lane #2, Assessor's Map 15, Block 71, Lot DD, construct 10' X 25' shed on concrete pad in upland review area, received 9/19/19, issued 9/19/19, legal notice published 9/27/19, end of appeal period 10/11/19, Ms. Butts explained rec'd approval in past, house built and wetlands delineated; now wants to add shed to garage, in upland review area with grass in between, no need for additional controls.

c) Applications Received After Agenda was Published:

- 1) **DEC19021** David Santerre, (buyer of) 0 Thompson Rd, Assessor's Map 87, Block 37, Lot 2B, 1-lot subdivision, received 10/8/19, 4.882 acres, rec'd letter from soil scientist stating no wetlands or watercourses were found on parcel B, some soils were documented on adjacent lot more than 100 feet from proposed work; all required information has been submitted, applicant must go to Planning & Zoning Commission,

Motion to approve DEC19021 for a single family home as a non-regulated use, with the condition the letter from Soil Scientist accompany the documentation to the Planning and Zoning Commission, was made by Commissioner Morano. Seconded by Commissioner Chapin.

The Motion passed unanimously.

- 2) **WAA19022** Richard Lafazia, 5 Wrightson Dr., Assessor's Map 143, Block 17, Lot 9, demolish and rebuild house with new septic in 100 foot upland review area for Quaddick Reservoir, stamped received 10/7/19, after looking into application Ms. Butts found an existing retaining wall that is not shown on the plans, was not there before the owner purchased this property and has not been authorized by this Commission so she left a VM for Daniel Blanchette that the existing retaining wall will need to be added to this application and be verified by an engineer it was built in a sound way that it will not fall into the water, which will then turn this WAA application into an IWC permit. WAA19022 is pending until retaining wall issue is resolved.
- 3) **WAA19023** James Jasmine 518 Brandy Hill Rd, Assessor's Map 143, Block 16, Lot 37, replace well & septic system to existing home in 100-foot uplands review area for Quaddick Reservoir, received 9/11/19, notified J&D the application needs to be signed and a check is required to move forward; received notice of exception from the State Department of Health, not removing house; received check and application signed on 10/8/19, pending approval, Ms. Butts will look at it on Thursday.
- 4) **DEC19024** Christine Lorkiewicz, 193 Linehouse Rd, Assessor's Map 36, Block 69A, Lot 2B, install subsurface drain on south side of house with 6 foot deep dry well and yard drain, for runoff from driveway, in 100 foot upland review area, stamped received 10/8/19; previous drainage ditch through property before house built; when using machine to dig ditch they found crushed pipe, if dry well isn't sufficient water will run out and across her property, permission given to enter onto her property. A long discussion ensued regarding the where the water on property comes from and goes, if dry well isn't big enough, how far into project before pulling permit; having Ms. Butts photo document conditions asap, decision options,

Motion to approve DEC19024, as read, for use permitted as of right for maintenance and enjoyment of residential home under the condition Ms. Butt photo documents site as soon as possible was made by Commissioner Roach. Seconded by Commissioner Chapin. A vote was taken

B. Roach – Yes; D. Chapin – Yes; F. Morano - No.

The Motion passed 2 – 1.

F) Permit Extensions / Changes: None

G) Active Violations & Pending Enforcement Actions:

- a) Cease & Restore Order VIOL19018 Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, 0 & 533 Brandy Hill Rd, Assessor's Map 143, Block 17, Lot 7-7, legal notice posted, final order sent certified, ditch was cleared, needs to confirm seeded and mulch and grass is growing before removing Cease & Restore Order.
- b) Complaint 19-03, 484 Quaddick Town Farm Road, Richard Desrochers, Assessor's Map 158, Block 20, Lot 8J, reported grading in and round wetlands; rec'd another call from neighbor; stabilized with woodchips where grading in upland review area; has not received NOV yet, but was sent an advisory letter to come to IWC before doing any more work, he now has done more work so he will be receiving a Notice of Violation.
- c) 637 East Thompson Road, Scott Josey, Assessor's Map 154, Block 5, Lot 14 – filling of wetland in old road bed, no application rec'd for driveway permit on New Rd yet, no driveway permit for entrance on New Rd yet; will send NOV and ask him to come to the next meeting or supply an application by the next meeting or seek authorization for work already completed. Needs site plans because wetlands on both sides of old road.

H) Other Business:

- a) Thompson Community Day 10/5/19 – Commissioner Roach & Obert attended event, not many adults but many kids were interested in games, great event; unable to play DVD; estimated 1,000 people attended the event.
- b) CACIWC Annual Conference on Saturday 11/23/19 in Cromwell; Ms. Butts is planning on going, Commissioners Obert & Morano are interested; Ms. Butts will send out info electronically.

I) Reports:

- a) Budget & Expenditures: Wetlands Budget for Fiscal Year 2019–2020 (Results of Fiscal Reporting 7/1/18 – 9/26/19) Commissioner Chapin reported the Commission has a budget of \$25,787.
- b) Wetlands Agent Report:

UPDATES

- Status of Court Appeal on Application IWA15029, River Junction Estates, LLC – Recapping: the Superior Court decision was appealed to the Appellate Court on 2/27/19 and assigned docket # A.C. 42644. River Junction Estates filed it's brief on 9/12/19. Appellees were granted an extension to 11/12/19 to file briefs. Stay tuned.
- MS4 Annual Report & Follow Up Actions – Ms. Butts will be working with Kelley Genest on new contacts for further mapping & sampling of discharges for MS4 Permit now that the budget has passed.
- Pre-1990 File Destruction Plan – *Still* no progress since her last report

INSPECTIONS/FOLLOWUP ACTIONS

- IWA18011 Benjamin Nichols, Quaddick Town Farm Rd – Mr. Nichols emailed photos of the completed pond excavation work on his property, apparently as authorized.
- IWA19004 Strategic Commercial Reality, Inc. 363 QTFR – Ms. Butts expects to continue periodic inspections of the site as the work progresses.
- IWA19014 Gray 131 New Rd (sub lot 11) – Ms. Butts will be inspecting this site shortly.
- 637 East Thompson Rd Investigation of Wetlands Filling – Ms. Butts will continue to monitor site conditions as time allows to see if further unauthorized work occurs while enforcement actions are pending.

BUILDING PERMITS REVIEWED: There were 8 building permits reviewed: 1) 18 Indian Rd 2) 26 Buckley Hill Rd 3) 350 Brandy Hill Rd 4) 182 Thompson Rd 5) 21 Meadow Dr 6) 15 East Thompson Rd 7) 4 Fairway Dr 8) 4 Line House Rd.

MISCELLANEOUS: CT Water Co. has a well field off Rt. 200 and will be building a brand new pump station within upland review area and want to claim a use permitted as of right for a water company; they will be doing some filling; above 100 year flood plain.

PURCHASE REQUISITIONS STATUS – Paid \$60.00 CACIWC Membership & Encumbered \$120.00 for Stonebridge Press for legal notices. Ms. Butts will email the Commissioners a draft of the proposed changes to the IWC Regulations, discussion to follow in a couple months.

J) Correspondence: None

K) Signing of Mylars: None

L) Comments by Commissioners: None

M) Adjournment: **Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Morano. Seconded by Commissioner Chapin.
Seeing no objection, Vice-Chair Charles Obert adjourn the meeting at 9:19 PM.**

Respectfully Submitted,



Recording Secretary
10-8-19 Minutes IWC Regular Meeting