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MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2019
2nd FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM

A) Call to Order & Roll Call- Call to order was by Chair George O'Neil at 7:00pm.

Present: Commissioner and Chair George O'Neil, Commissioner and Vice-Chair Charles Obert, Commissioner and Treasurer Diane Chapin, Alternate Commissioner Barbara Roach, Commissioner Fran Morano, Recording Secretary Ashley Pomes

Others Present: Mark Labonte

Absent: Wetlands Agent Marla Butts

B) Appointment of Alternates- **Motion by C. Obert seconded by Chair O'Neil to appoint the alternate Barbara Roach as a voting member for tonight's meeting, carried unanimously.**

C) Action on Minutes of Previous Meeting

- a) Minutes of October 8, 2019- Discussion held on need for recording secretary standard operating procedures. **Motion by C. Obert seconded by F. Morano to approve the minutes of October 8, 2019 as written, carried unanimously.**

D) Citizens Comments on Agenda Items- none

E) Applications

a) Old Applications

- i) **WAA19019** Saywatt Hydroelectric LLC, 12 Old Route 12, Assessor's Map 67, Block 201, Lot 26, construct 220 KW PV solar array in upland review area (to expand existing array), above 100-year storm flood elevation, stamped received 9/9/19. – A note from Wetlands Agent Butts states the October 8, 2019 meeting minutes report wetlands agent approval and legal notice were issued but no support documents were found in the file. She will research this when she returns to the office in a couple of weeks.
- ii) **WAA19022** Richard Lafazia, 5 Wrightson Drive, Assessor's Map 143, Block 17, Lot 9, demolish and rebuild house with new septic system in 100-foot upland review area for Quaddick Reservoir, stamped received 10/7/19, revised plans received 10/22/19 to include after-the-fact approval for a rebuilt retaining wall abutting Quaddick Reservoir.-A note from Wetlands Agent Butts requests the Commission move to convert wetlands agent approval application to individual permit application given the retaining wall was constructed without prior approval and that additional details on the wall's construction have been requested from

engineer Daniel Blanchette of J & D Engineering, Chair O'Neil has received an email from Mr. Blanchette confirming an intent to supply additional information for next meeting and the granting of an extension request. **Motion by C. Obert seconded by F. Morano to convert wetland agent application WAA19022 to application IWA19022, carried unanimously.** IWA19022 to be considered at January meeting.

b) New Applications

- i) **IWA19025** Mark Labonte, 0 Thompson Rd (Rt. 193), Assessor's Map 103, Block 31, Lot 5A, construct new single family home, stamped received by the Thompson Town Clerk 11/18/2019, statutory receipt date: 12/10/2019.- Mark Labonte is present at meeting and explains the application. Application is discussed and Mr. Labonte is requested to provide the signature from the soil scientist that delineated the wetlands or consult wetlands agent regarding the need for such signature. Application is accepted, awaiting Wetlands Agent M. Butts return.
- ii) **IWA19026** Madison Avenue Investments, LLC, 0 Madison Avenue (subdivision lot #10), Assessor's Map 103, Block 31, Lot 6J, construct portion of septic system in the upland review area associated with the construction of a new home, stamped received by the Thompson Town Clerk 12/2/2019, statutory receipt date: 12/10/2019.- Accepted as received.
- iii) **IWA19027** Madison Avenue Investments, LLC, 0 Madison Avenue (subdivision lot #15), Assessor's Map 103, Block 31, Lot 6O, construction and discharge of a footing drain in the upland review area the Thompson Town Clerk 12/2/2019, statutory receipt date: 12/10/2019.- A note from Wetlands Agent Butts indicates revised plans are to be submitted to include the missing 100-foot upland review area for delineated wetland on subdivision lot 18 and questioned the Northeast District Department of Health's status for the septic design. Accepted as received.

c) Applications Received After Agenda was Published- None

F) Permit Extensions / Changes

- a) Permit 05-11-01 Peter Vanghel, Rawson Avenue, Assessor's Map 61, Block 58, Lot 46, request to extend expiration date of 1/20/20 received by Town Clerk on 11/18/19. Note: Permit 05-11-01 was issued on 1/10/06, current expiration date of 1/20/20 is the statutory maximum of 14 years pursuant to Public Act 11-05.- **Motion by C. Obert seconded by Chair O'Neil to deny extension carried unanimously.** A new application must be completed.
- b) Permit 07-08-03 Peter Vanghel, Buckley Hill Road & Riverside Drive, Assessor's Map 59, Block 61, Lot 62, request to extend expiration date of 1/6/20 received by Town Clerk on 11/18/19. Note: Permit 05-11-01 was issued on 9/11/07, current expiration date of 9/11/21 is the statutory maximum of 14 years pursuant to Public Act 11-05.- **Motion by C. Obert seconded by F. Morano to deny extension carried unanimously.**

G) Active Violations & Pending Enforcement Actions

- a) Cease & Restore Order VIOL19018, Federal Home Loan Corporation, 0 & 533 Brandy Hill Road, Assessor's Map 143, Block 17, Lot 7-7: action on hold pending return of Wetlands Agent.
- b) Complaint 19-03, Richard Desrochers, 484 Quaddick Town Farm Road, Assessor's Map 158, Block 20, Lot J: action on hold pending return of Wetlands Agent.
- c) 637 East Thompson Road, Scott Josey, Assessor's Map 154, Block 5, Lot 14: action on hold pending return of Wetlands Agent.

H) Other Business

- a) Approval of Eastern Connecticut Conservation District FY2019-2020 Contributory Support.- **Motion by C. Obert seconded by F. Morano to offer annual contribution to the Eastern Connecticut Conservation District of \$1,000 carried unanimously.** C. Obert notes they have been working with us on where all the storm drains spill out so that we meet requirements and they also do water testing for us. They provide lots of good information and services to the town.

I) Reports

- a) Budget & Expenditures- \$19,000 grand total, currently at \$19,123.67, expended 25.8% of budget so far with an encumbrance of \$30.
- b) Wetlands Agent Report - None

J) Correspondence

- a) Copy of DEEP renewal of water diversion permit to Raceway Golf Club and Restaurant for 18-hole golf course stamped received 10/31/19.- They will be taking the water out of Stump Pond, Janson Brook and an unnamed pond to water the greens.
- b) Copy of letter from Building Inspector Terry Bellman to Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Koshiba for the construction of a cabin at 494 Quinebaug Road without a building permit. - Letter states address as 495 Quinebaug Road, question if the correct address is 494 or 495, also question spelling on last name as Koshiba or Kosiba. Further action waits to see if they are compliant.

K) Signing of Mylars – None

L) Comments by Commissioners- Commissioner Barbara Roach will be away until the May 2020 meeting.

M) Adjournment- **Motion by C. Obert seconded by F. Morano to adjourn at 7:53pm carried unanimously.**

Submitted by
Ashley Pomes, Recording Secretary