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INLAND WETLANDS WATERCOURSES COMMISSION CONSERVATION COMMISSION & AQUIFER PROTECTION AGENCY REGULAR MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, APRIL 15, 2021 AT 7:30 P.M. GRISWOLD MIDDLE SCHOOL GYMNASIUM, 221 SLATER AVENUE, GRISWOLD, CT

I. REGULAR MEETING (7:33 P.M.)

1. Call to Order

Chairman Kinnie called the regular meeting of the Griswold Commission (IWWCC) to order at 7:36 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: Chm. Courtland Kinnie, Pete Merrill, Rob Parrette, Kevin Franklin, Town Planner Mario J. Tristany Jr.

Absent: Pavlos Karakasantis, Larry Laidley, Gary Serdechny, Martin McKinney

Chairman Kinnie noted that these minutes were approved at the March 18, 2021 meeting. The March 18, 2021 Meeting Minutes and the April 15, 2021 Meeting Minutes will be added to the May 20, 2021 agenda.

Chairman Kinnie asked Town Planner Mario Tristany if there were any written complaints. Mario stated no.

3. Approval of the March 18, 2021 Meeting Minutes

- It was noted that some members did not receive the March 18, 2021 Meeting Minutes.
- The approval of the minutes was carried over to the May 20, 2021 meeting agenda.

4. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- Chairman
- Vice-Chairman
- Secretary

Chairman Kinnie stated that he would prefer to table the Election of Officers to the May 20, 2021 Meeting when there are more members present.

- Commissioner Rob Parrette made a motion to table the Election of Officers to the May 20, 2021 regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pete Merrill. The Commission unanimously voted to table the election of officers to the May 20, 2021 meeting.

5. Applications

A. Application CC #10-21 Maro P. Flagg & James E. Simpson, 509 Preston Road Proposed 6 Lot Subdivision.

Chairman Kinnie asked if there was anyone present to represent this application.

- Attorney William McCoy from the firm of Heller, Heller and McCoy stated that he was present to represent the applicant.
- Atty. McCoy stated that Attorney Heller made a detailed presentation to the Commission at the March 18, 2021 meeting.
- Atty. McCoy noted that the only activity in Griswold is on lot #6 which has a portion of the proposed home that is within the 75 ft. Upland Review Area.
- Atty. McCoy stated that the property has historically been used as agricultural farmland.
- Commissioner K. Franklin asked what the source was for the topography.
- J. Faulise, Land Surveyor stated that the topography was based on lidar and field topography was used where there are wetland crossings proposed in Preston.
- Chairman Kinnie asked if any other members had any additional questions. There being none, Chairman Kinnie asked for a motion.
- Commissioner R. Parrette made a motion to approve CC 10-2021 Maro P. Flagg and James E. Simpson, for property located at 509 Preston Road as presented with the condition that all Sediment and Erosion Controls are properly installed prior to the start of construction. Commissioner P. Merrill seconded the motion and the Commission unanimously voted to approve the application.

B. Application CC #11-21 Bradley Stone, 206 Kenwood Estates, Construct a single-family home, garage, and septic system. Temporary disturbance of 7,500 sq. ft. of land within the 75 ft. Upland Review Area and place 130 cu. Yds. Of fill in the Upland Review Area.

Chairman Kinnie asked if there was anyone present to represent the application.

- J. Faulise stated that he was present to represent to represent the applicant.
- J. Faulise stated that the house, detached garage, inground pool and the septic system were staked out on the property for the benefit of Commission members that decided to visit the property.
- J. Faulise noted that there is a temporary disturbance of 7,500 sq. ft. within the Upland Review Area, and 130 cu. Yds. of fill are required.
- J. Faulise referred to the existing drainage right-of-way in favor of the Town of Griswold to access a catch basin that hasn't been maintained in years due to the overgrowth of vegetation on the property.
- J. Faulise stated that there is no work proposed within the wetland areas and no direct impact to the wetland areas. He also noted that no dock or beach construction is being planned at this time. A new application to the Commission will be required for a dock and beach improvement.
- Commissioner P. Merrill had a question regarding site grading.
- J. Faulise referred to the site plan in front of Commissioner Merrill and explained the site grading.
- Commissioner Kinnie asked if the cut material will be used to fill the lower areas on the lot.
- J. Faulise replied yes.
- Commissioner Kinnie asked if there were any additional questions regarding the application.
- Commissioner R. Parrette made a motion to approve application CC 11-2012 Bradley Stone, 206 Kenwood Estates as presented with the condition that all Sediment and Erosion Controls are put in place prior to the start of construction. The motion was seconded by Commissioner P. Merrill and the Commission unanimously voted to approve the application.
- A short discussion took place regarding the proposed Pachaug Pond Dam repair. It was noted that the Pond could be lowered as much as 4 to 5 feet which would expose the beach areas of the properties on the pond and would entice property owners to remove material and repair any walls that need repair.
- It was noted that any work below the high-water mark and elevation 159.52 would require approval from DEEP.

- Chairman Kinnie asked Town Planner M. Tristany to contact Tom Giard so that he could inform his pond group about this.

6. Reports from the Enforcement Officer

- Town Planner M. Tristany stated that there were no enforcement issues to date.

7. New Business - None

8. Old Business - None

9. Reports from Commission Members

- Commissioner P. Merrill asked about the solar farm construction and the spreading of topsoil and noted that the topsoil was very susceptible to erosion.
- Town Planner M. Tristany stated that he would inspect the property on Monday.

10. Conservation Commission Matters

11. Adjournment

- Commissioner Parrette made a motion to adjourn at 8:34 p.m., The motion was seconded by Commissioner Merrill and the Commission unanimously voted to adjourn.

12. AQUIFER PROTECTION AGENCY - This Meeting Is Cancelled Due To Lack of Applications.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mario J. Tristany, Jr.

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Town Planner and Wetland Enforcement Officer