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**INLAND WETLANDS WATERCOURSES COMMISSION CONSERVATION COMMISSION & AQUIFER PROTECTION AGENCY REGULAR MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, November 18, 2021, AT 7:30 P.M. GRISWOLD TOWN HALL FIRST FLOOR MEETING ROOM, JEWETT CITY, CT**

## **REGULAR MEETING (7:33 P.M.)**

### **1. Call to Order**

Chairman C. Kinnie called the regular meeting of the Griswold Commission (IWWCC) to order at 7:30 p.m.

### **2. Roll Call**

**Present:** Chm. Courtland Kinnie, Rob Parrette, Pete Merrill, Kevin Franklin, Gary Serdechny, Larry Laidley Town Planner Mario J. Tristany Jr.,

**Absent:** Glenn Norman, Martin McKinney, Kevin Franklin

### **3. Approval of Minutes**

**A. November 18, 2021, Minutes** (Present: Kinnie, Merrill, Parrette, Serdechny, Laidley)

### **4. Old Business**

**A. CC 13-2021 Duane A. Button, 471 Shetucket Turnpike. Applicant desires to construct a driveway to access property off Glasgo Road (Route 201).**

- Commissioner C. Kinnie read the application into the record and asked if there was anyone present to represent the application
- Sue Mattern, L.S., from DGT Associates stated that she was present to represent Duane Buttons
- S. Mattern passed our 24" x 36" copies of the site plan to the Commission along with copies of the Engineer's Report and referenced a letter from the project Soil Scientist
- S. Mattern noted that Old Glasgo Road abandoned by the Town isn't sufficient for farm equipment and the driveway is on Glasgo Road, south of Jarvis Road
- S. Mattern noted that Rich Snarski is the Soil Scientist for the project and that a temporary berm will be installed upgradient of the proposed driveway to direct all storm water flow to the existing catch basin
- S. Mattern stated that the revised application has been submitted to the District II ConnDOT Office but has not received any written comments to date

- S. Mattern addressed the Commission's comments that she received following the initial submission and review of the application by the Commission:
  - Comment #1 – The slope and Pitch of the proposed driveway have been addressed by the site engineer Bob Schuck and noted that the 50 f.t entrance will be paved at a slope of 7.5 percent
  - Comment #2 – There will be a 2 percent cross pitch of the driveway crown to each side of the driveway and stormwater sheet flow off the driveway will go to the southeast to a swale.
  - Comment #3 – was answered by the engineer's detailed Drainage Report
  - Comment #4 – S. Mattern noted that the driveway is at a higher elevation and will drain to the existing catch basin via a vegetative strip
  - Comment #5 – Driveway is designed with a 2 percent cross pitch so that it the driveway will drain to each side
  - Comment #6 – Spot elevations were added to the plan
  - Comment #7 – A rip-rap channel was added to the plan design
  - Comment #8 – S. Mattern added that the slope of the entire driveway will be 3 percent of the first 50 feet and 7.5 percent for the balance of the driveway
- S. Mattern commented that District II requested a better sight line and to accomplish this, tall grass will be removed to gain a 350 ft. sightline towards Jarvis Road
- The Commission reviewed the Robert Schuch drainage report
- Chairman C. Kinnie commented that according tot the drainage report narrative, storm water will not reach the swale and anything within the triangle will drain towards the road. He further noted that the alternative to use Jarvis Road won't work because it has a bad angle onto Glasgo Road
- Commissioner L. Laidley commented that the area must remain free of vegetation and he would like this to be part of the official record
- Chairman C. Kinnie asked about the comments from Carlos Wimberly from the ConnDOT District II office
- S. Mattern gave Chairman C. Kinnie a copy of the Wimberly report to review
- Chairman C. Kinnie asked the Commission if they had any additional questions or comments. There being none, Chairman C. Kinnie asked for a motion
- Commissioner L. Laidley made a motion to approve application CC – 13-2021 with the condition that ConnDOT approves the application prior to the sign off by the Commission and that the stone swale and sightline be maintained and the erosion and sediment controls be installed prior to the start of construction
- The motion was seconded by Commissioner Parrette and the Commission unanimously voted to approve the application as presented with the conditions noted

**B. CC 14-2021 JF Holdings, LLC Robert E. Rose, 1462 Voluntown Road, improvements within the Upland Review Area consisting of single-family home, driveway, drilled well, and associated grading.**

- Chairman C. Kinnie read CC 14-2021 into the record and asked if there was anyone present to represent the applicant
  - Commissioner C. Kinnie read the application into the record and asked if there was anyone present to represent the application
  - John Faulise from Boundaries, LLC stated that he was present to represent the application

- J. Faulise noted that the property is located west of the Voluntown Town line and corrected the application by noting that Section 11 should read four (4) bedrooms and not three (3) bedrooms
- J. Faulise submitted a corrected application for the record and initialed it
- J. Faulise stated that the lot contained 5.3 acres resulting from a 1984 free split and noted that 2.3 acres are wetlands and the remaining 3 acres are upland area
- J. Faulise presented the site plan in detail and referenced the existing cart path that runs to the back of the property. He further noted that the gravel pathways through the wetlands and they are not planning to be used
- J. Faulise noted that a small triangular piece of property was purchased from Mr. Rose for access and sheet #2 shows the actual development plan at a 20 scale
- J. Faulise stated that development is planned along the westerly side of the property. The septic is designed to be along the westerly side and outside of the wetland limits
- J. Faulise commented that the driveway and house are within the 75 ft. Upland Review Area and the Driveway entrance has a steep grade and to lessen the grade, fill will be added
- J. Faulise said that approximately 60 feet of 18-inch pipe is proposed for underneath the driveway and he explained the existing drainage path and outlets that are on the easterly side of the driveway
- J. Faulise stated that areas where the slope exceeds 15 percent will be paved
- J. Faulise noted that he has an application pending with District II and they are awaiting local Town approval
- J. Faulise referenced sheet #4 which shows a sight line drawing for the driveway and referenced the Geometric Septic Design for the 4-bedroom house and said that the leaching field is outside of the Upland Regulated Area and further noted that mottling ranged between 37 inches and 45 inches
- J. Faulise continued referencing sheet #3 of the plan set that contained details for the project
- J. Faulise presented a copy of the Uncas Health approval of the septic design
- for the 4-bedroom design
- Commissioner L. Laidley asked about the maintenance on the septic system
- J. Faulise explained in detail how the Geometric system works and noted that it requires a smaller area than a conventional septic system
- Commissioner M. McKinney asked about the driveway access from the road
- J. Faulise outlined the area that he is purchasing on a site plan in front of the Commission
- Commissioner R. Parrette commented that they need to stay out of the wetland
- J. Faulise stated that he will install wetland placards along the limits of the wetlands
- Commissioner R. Parrette stated that the placards should be shown on the site plan
- Chairman C. Kinnie asked if Commissioners had any additional questions, there being none he stated that we must table this application to next month
- Commissioner R. Parrette made a motion to accept CC 14 2021 JF Holdings, LLC Robert E. Rose, 1462 Voluntown Road as presented to the November meeting
- J. Faulise stated that Wetland Identification plaques will be added to identify the wetland area and they will be placed where wetland delineation flags are approximately 30 to 40 feet apart
- J. Faulise further noted that ConnDOT wants the apron to be increased from 14 ft. to 18 ft.
- J. Faulise referred to an existing alternate access to the Rose property on plan sheet #4
- Chairman C. Kinnie asked if any of the Commissioners had any questions or comments
- Commissioner R. Parrette made a motion to approve Cc 14-2021 plan dated 11-16-2021 as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner L. Laidley and the Commission unanimously voted to approve Cc 14-2021

## **5. New Business**

### **A. CC 15-2021 Jim Wray, 83 Burdick Lane, applicant desires to install a 25 ft. x 50 ft. inground pool within the Upland Review Area**

- Commissioner C. Kinnie read the application into the record and asked if there was anyone present to represent the application
- As there was no one present to represent the application, Commissioner L. Laidley made a motion to accept and table Cc 15-2021 to the December meeting
- The motion was seconded by Commissioner R. Parrette and the motion was unanimously approved

### **B. CC 16-2021 Christopher Manning, 141 Latham Drive, Applicant desires to repair failing wall and replace with natural field stone.**

- Commissioner C. Kinnie read the application into the record and asked if there was anyone present to represent the application
- Chris Manning was present to represent the applicant
- C. Manning noted that the existing retaining wall is coming apart and the owner would like to replace it with a natural field stone wall. He also presented a letter from CT DEEP and from one neighbor
- Pepin from Pepin Stone Masonry was present as the contractor.
- Chairman Kinnie asked if the proposed wall would affect the neighbor's property
- Contractor Pepin stated that the wall will be constructed in the same footprint as the existing wall and he will stop short of the neighbor's wall by about one foot
- A section of the existing concrete wall will remain in place and the only work will be attaching to the Manning property
- Commissioner R. Parrette asked about the beach
- Contractor Pepin stated that he preferred to work from the lakebed and if this is not possible, he could still work from the lawn area
- Commissioner C. Kinnie asked about proposed wall and if it would be impacted from ice
- Contractor Pepin stated that he has built several walls on the pond and they are still in place and have not been impacted from winter storms and ice
- Contractor Pepin stated that the top stones will be laid in concrete to lock them into the cap stones
- The base stones will have filter fabric to prevent erosion
- A mini excavator will be used to remove the debris from the falling wall
- Commissioner R. Parrette asked about access
- Contractor Pepin stated that he will access the work area from the property
- A mini excavator will be on site for approximately 6 weeks and it will be removed from the construction site and the end of each workday
- Chairman C. Kinnie asked if the Commission had any additional questions or concerns
- Commissioner L. Laidley asked where the concrete rubble from the wall will be stored
- Contractor Pepin stated that the concrete will be reused and any material not used will be stored on site on the driveway above the 75 ft. Upland Review Area
- Commissioner L. Laidley made a motion to accept and table CC 16-2021 to the Commission's December meeting
- The motion was seconded by Commissioner R. Parrette and the Commission unanimously voted to table the application

### **C. CC 17-2021 Susan and Mark Anderson, 128 Kenwood, Applicants, desire to construct an 8 ft. x 15 ft. Plastic Shed within the 75 ft. Upland Review Area.**

- Commissioner C. Kinnie read the application into the record and asked if there was anyone present to represent the application

- Mark Anderson was present and stated that he was the property owner
- M. Anderson stated that the property is located on lot #37, Parcel B which is 1.63 acres in area and further stated that they also own the adjoining lot #128 Kenwood which as a house and septic system on it
- M. Anderson stated that the shed is going on a vacant parcel #128 Kenwood
- M. Anderson referenced a letter from Boundaries, LLC stating that there are no regulated hydric soils on the property. He further stated that the proposed shed will be approximately 40 feet off the water within the 75 ft. Upland Review Area and the sauna that is on the property has been there for 50 years
- M. Andersson stated that the shed will be used to store kayaks and canoes
- Commissioner R. Parrette asked if the area was going to be excavated to create the area for the shed
- M. Anderson stated that he was only bringing in ¾ inch stone for the base for the shed
- M. Anderson stated that the area would be excavated 2 to 3 feet in depth
- Chairman C. Kinnie commented that any impact will be minimal
- G. Serdechny asked about the missing information on the application specifically #11 and missing language
- M. Anderson stated that he will correct the application
- Chairman C. Kinnie asked the Commission if there were any additional questions or concerns. There being none, he asked for a motion
- Commissioner L. Laidley made a motion to accept and table CC 17-2021 to the Commission's December meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner R. Parrette and the Commission unanimously voted to table the application

**D. CC 18-2021 Gail M. Adamuska, 18 Beach Drive, Applicant desires to replace existing wall at the Pond's edge.**

- Commissioner C. Kinnie read the application into the record and asked if there was anyone present to represent the application
- J. Fraser, Stone Wall Mason stated that he was present to represent the applicant
- J. Fraser stated that the proposed wall will be constructed in two phases. Phase I will consist of concrete block footings on 1 ft. deep of crushed stone as a base
- J. Fraser noted that all work will be done on the property owners' side of the property
- Phase II will consist of bringing in additional stone and type 2 cement with filter fabric to control erosion
- J. Fraser noted that the proposed wall will be battered into the slope and after the wall is completed, topsoil will be placed and hay will be used to stabilize the topsoil
- Commissioner L. Laidley stated that the proposed wall is 60 ft with a total height of 64 inches
- J. Fraser noted that for every foot of wall rise, it will pitch back one inch
- J. Fraser stated that there is an existing wall
- Commissioner L. Laidley asked if the new wall is in the same footprint as the existing wall
- J. Fraser answered yes
- Commissioner L. Laidley asked for photos of the area of the existing wall
- There were several conversations going on – recording is not clear
- Commissioner L. Laidley commented that silt fence needs to be added and then made a motion to accept and table application Cc-18-2021 to the December meeting
- The motion was seconded by Commissioner P. Merrill and the commission unanimously voted to table the application

6. **Reports from the Enforcement Officer**

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

7. **Reports from Commission Members**

- None

8. **Conservation Commission Matters**

- None

9. **Adjournment**

- Commissioner R. Parrette made a motion to adjourn at 9:00 p.m., The motion was seconded by Commissioner L. Laidley and the Commission unanimously voted to adjourn.

10. **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