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INLAND WETLANDS WATERCOURSES COMMISSION CONSERVATION COMMISSION & AQUIFER  
PROTECTION AGENCY REGULAR MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, July 15, 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 Kinnie called the regular meeting of the Griswold Commission (IWWCC) to order at 7:50 p.m.

### 2. Roll Call

**Present:** Chm. Courtland Kinnie, Gary Serdechny, Pete Merrill, Larry Laidley, Town Planner Mario J. Tristany Jr., Martin McKinney arrived at 7:55 p.m.

Chairman C. Kinney sat Commissioner M. McKinney for regular member R. Parrette.

**Absent:** Pavlos Karakasantis, Rob Parrette, Kevin Franklin

### 3. Approval of the March 18, 2021, Minutes

Chairman C. Kinney asked for a motion to approve the March 18, 2021, meeting minutes. It was noted that there was not a quorum of the members that were present at the March 18, 2021, here tonight to approve the March 18, 2021, meeting.

Following a brief discussion, Commissioner L. Laidley made a motion to table action on the March 18, 2021, meeting minutes to the August 19, 2021, regular meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner G. Serdechny and the Commission unanimously voted to table action on the March 18, 2021, minutes.

### 4. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- Chairman
- Vice-Chairman
- Secretary

Chairman Kinnie stated that he would prefer to table the Election of Officers to the August 19, 2021, Meeting when there are more members present.

- Chairman C. Kinnie commented that the election of officers has been put off due to the lack of member attendance.
- Chairman C. Kinnie asked the Commission what they wanted to do.
- Commissioner G. Serdechny made a motion to table the Election of Officers to the next regularly scheduled meeting

- The motion was seconded by Commissioner L. Laidley and the Commission unanimously voted to table the Election of Officers to the August 19, 2021, regular meeting

## 5. Applications

### **Application CC #12-21 Drew Perry, for property at 36 Osga Lane, Griswold, CT to install a 30 ft. x 4 ft. Dock Structure within Pachaug Pond.**

- Chairman C. Kinnie read the application and asked if there was anyone present to represent the application
- The applicant Drew Perry was present and stated that he had purchased 36 Osga Lane and Pepin Lane and further stated that at the end of Pepin Lane he was water access to Pachaug Pond
- D. Perry noted that he has a beach area that is approximately 25 ft. x 30 ft.
- D. Perry stated that he would like to install a seasonal dock with mud pads
- Chairman C. Kinnie commented that the proposed dock conforms to the Inland Wetlands and Water Courses regulations
- Chairman C. Kinnie reviewed the plan submitted and asked if his dock would interfere with the neighboring boat access
- D. Perry stated that he has the dock on shore and is awaiting the Wetland Commission review prior to installing it
- Chairman C. Kinnie noted that by State Statute there is a fifteen (15) day waiting period once an application is received before the Commission can act on the application
- A general discussion ensued regarding the fifteen (15) day period.
- A general discussion also ensued regarding the applicant's property and map presented.
- D. Perry described the water depths at the property
- Chairman C. Kinnie noted that Commissioner Martin McKinney had arrived at 7:55 p.m., and sat Commissioner M. McKinney for regular member R. Parrette
- Commissioner M. McKinney asked if the applicant could repeat his presentation
- Commissioner M. McKinney asked if the dock was seasonal
- D. Perry stated yes
- Commissioner L. Laidley stated that the abutting property owners and dock locations should be shown on the plan
- D. Perry noted that the existing docks are now parallel and his dock would also be parallel to the existing docks
- Chairman C. Kinnie asked Town Planner M. Tristany that since this is the first time, we have seen the application on our agenda, we still have the fifteen (15) day review period
- Town planner M. Tristany referenced the State Statutes and the fifteen (15) day waiting period
- A discussion ensued regarding the fifteen (15) day period
- Commissioner L. Laidley made a motion to approve application CC 12-21 as presented pending any dispute of the application within the fifteen (15) day period
- The motion was seconded by Commissioner M. McKinney and the Commission unanimously voted to approve application Cc 12-2021
  
- Town Planner M. Tristany noted that since we now have five members present do, we want to revisit the Election of Officers
  
- A discussion ensued regarding the election of officers
- Commissioner M. McKinney made a motion to put the March 18, 2021, meeting minutes back on the agenda
- Commissioner C. Kinnie asked for a motion to place the March 18, 2021 meeting minutes back on the agenda

- Commissioner G. Serdechny made a motion to place the March 18, 2021 minutes back on the agenda
- The motion was seconded by Commissioner L. Laidley
- Commissioner P. Merrill made a motion to approve the March 18, 2021, minutes, seconded by Commissioner M. McKinney
- The motion to approve the minutes was approved unanimously
- Commissioner M. McKinney suggested placing the Election of Officers back on the agenda
- Chairman C. Kinnie stated that he needed a motion to place the Election of Officers back on the agenda
- Commissioner L. Laidley made to place the Election of Officers back on the agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner M. Mckinney
- The Commission unanimously voted to approve the motion
- Commissioner L. Laidley made a motion to elect C. Kinnie as Chairman
- The motion was seconded by Commissioner G. Serdechny and the Commission unanimously voted to approve the motion
- Commissioner L. Laidley made a motion to elect R. Parrette as Vice-Chairman
- The motion was seconded by Commissioner G. Serdechny and the Commission unanimously voted to approve the motion
- Commissioner G. Serdechny made a motion to appoint L. Laidley as Secretary
- The motion was seconded by Commissioner M. McKinney and the Commission unanimously voted to approve the motion

#### 6. Reports from the Enforcement Officer

- Town Planner M. Tristany stated that there were no enforcement issues to date.
- Commissioner M. McKinney asked if there was any consideration in making the Wetland Membership smaller to solve the quorum issue
- Chairman C. Kinnie was not in favor of reducing the Wetland Membership numbers
- A general discussion ensued regarding the Wetland Commission membership matters i.e., members, missing meetings, etc.
- Chairman C. Kinnie asked Town Planner M. Tristany if he wanted to comment about the Pachaug Dam project
- Town Planner M. Tristany stated that he had attended a meeting held by DEEP at the Griswold High School a couple of weeks ago
- Town planner M. Tristany stated that he had spoken with Charles lee regarding Pond property owners and their desire to remove weeds, rocks and tree stumps in their respective beach areas and asked if the DEEP would be the approving agency or the town
- C. Lee stated that he was not sure and that it could be a combination of the two
- C. Lee said that he would follow up on the matter and get back to Town planner M. Tristany.
- A lengthy discussion ensued regarding potential work by pond property owners
- Town Planner M. Tristany stated that he would contact C. Lee to ascertain if he or his designee could attend a Wetlands Meeting to discuss work within the Pachaug pond
- Town planner M. Tristany further stated that he would also contact Tom Giard, Chairman of the Pachaug Pond Weed group to see if he could attend our next meeting

#### 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 M. McKinney made a motion to adjourn at 8:55 p.m., The motion was seconded by Commissioner Laidley 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