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GRISWOLD INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES
CONSERVATION COMMISSION & AQUIFER PROTECTION AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING
GRISWOLD TOWN HALL

APPROVED MINUTES

AUGUST 18, 2016

I. **Regular Meeting (7:30 P.M.)**

1. **Call to Order**

Vice Chairman Robert Parrett called this regular meeting of the Griswold Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Conservation Commission to order on August 18, 2016 at 7:36 p.m.

2. **Roll Call & Determination of Quorum**

Present: Robert Parrette, Clarence (Pete) Merrill, Gary Serdechny, Lauren Churchill, Alex Grzelak, Town Planner Mario Tristany, WEO Peter Zvingilas, Recording Secretary Donna Szall

Absent: Courtland Kinnie, Lawrence Laidley, Glen Norman, Edward (Jay) Waitte, Alternate Kevin Franklin,

R. Parrette appointed L. Churchill to sit for J. Waitte and A. Grzelak to sit for C. Kinnie. There was a quorum for this regular meeting.

3. **Written Comments**

There were no written comments. R. Parrette asked if the comment from last month was resolved regarding tree cutting close to the wetlands on Lily Pond Road. P. Zvingilas stated that the wetlands are across the road about 300 feet and he stated they are excavating the hillside to make the lot area larger. There was discussion of this matter.

4. **Approval of the Minutes**

A. Approval of Minutes for the July 21, 2016 meeting.

R. Parrette asked for a motion on the minutes. There were not enough members who were present at the July to act on the minutes. R. Parrette asked for a motion to table the minutes to next month's meeting.

MOTION: P. Merrill moved to table the minutes to the next regular meeting in September. G. Serdechny seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

5. **Matter Presented for Consideration**

There were no applications.

6. **Additional Business (New Applications)**

7. **CC 01-17 DAN MACKIN, 5 CHINAGO ROAD, GRISWOLD, CT.** Applicant desires to replace an existing wooden bridge with a Steel Frame Flat Bed with a Wooden Deck on large concrete blocks, install conduits for water line and electrical line, install rip-rap and filter fabric for erosion control.

R. Parrette stated that there is no audience tonight so this is an internal discussion. L. Churchill asked where the name was on the application. There was discussion of this matter.

R. Parrette stated that he was concerned about the drawings that there will be a precedent going forward. He stated that we don't want deter people to bring in drawings like this. M. Tristany stated that they were aware of the meeting and assumed that he would be here. G. Serdechny asked what more we needed for the drawings. R. Parrette stated that the drawings should be drawn to scale. G. Serdechny stated that there is no scale on his drawing. P. Zvingilas stated that this is a good size property and that you should have a detail on the proposed bridge crossing; the rest of it is a field and pond area. M. Tristany stated that he is a responsible contractor. P. Merrill asked if this was the old pond. P. Zvingilas stated yes.

L. Churchill stated that there is no measurement from B to the pond and that she did not understand the other drawing at all. G. Serdechny stated that if we take the existing septic location at 150 to repair

Dan Mackin arrived at the meeting. R. Parrette asked if there was anyone to represent the applicant. Dan Mackin, 5 Chinigo Road, Griswold presented his application. R. Parrette stated that the application does not have your name on it. D. Mackin added his name and address to the application. R. Parrette stated that the drawings need to be better and we need measurements from the bridge to the pond. D. Mackin stated that it is about 20 feet. G. Serdechny stated that we need those dimensions on the drawings.

L. Churchill asked about the Jolly blocks and what it meant. D. Mackin stated that it is looking straight in front of you at it so you are locking underneath and the riprap with the blocks on either side. R. Parrette stated that it looked like you were putting the bridge on the boulders. D. Mackin stated no; the boulders are on either side of it. There was discussion of this matter including that the new deck will be eight feet wide to replace the current crossing made of 6 x 6 boards which is 5 feet wide.

R. Parrette asked for other comments from the commission and staff.

M. Tristany stated that the third drawing looks like a cross section showing the water flow coming out from under. D. Mackin explained that he would put down filter paper with riprap on top of it. P. Zvingilas asked if the brook was about four feet wide. D. Mackin stated that it is closer to five feet wide there and right now it is bone dry; when it runs the water can run heavy. M. Tristany asked if the existing bridge was ever impacted by the flow or has rotted out. D. Mackin stated that there is only dirt under there the water picks up and the soil has eroded there over time.

P. Merrill asked what the clearance was for the bridge. D. Mackin stated that it was about 37 inches from the top down; the bridge is 13 inches deep and that the flat bed is about 18,000 pounds and the frame is in good shape. He explained how he would imbed in into the soil.

R. Parrette asked about the conduit. D. Mackin stated that he has to dig a trench from his house all the way down to the well for the well line and the electrical line to the well. R. Parrette suggested that it go along the bottom of the bridge. D. Mackin stated that he wanted it to be low maintenance for the lines. P. Zvingilas stated that it should go down about 3 feet or so. There was discussion of this matter.

R. Parrette stated that with everything runs smoothly we are looking at the October Meeting. M. Tristany stated no; there is the September meeting. D. Mackin stated that he is not in a real rush but that his power line from the well has been above ground for three years; there hasn't been a problem but it is go to be done. R. Parrette stated that right now it is dry and would be a good time to do this. M. Tristany asked if this is dug well or a drilled well. D. Mackin stated that the well has a deep well pump but he has no information on the well. He stated that he dropped a line and it stopped at 12 feet which may have it baffle in the pipe; and the pump runs fine. There was discussion of this matter.

R. Parrette stated that he wants to see the trench you will cut in and where it will die out. D. Mackin stated that he want to do everything at the same time. G. Serdechny stated that draw the plan and put in the area where you want it to end up and you've got five years to do it. L. Churchill asked for all exact measurements. R. Parrette wanted to see the property lines. M. Tristany asked if the commission wanted a site walk. R. Parrette stated that he didn't think it was necessary.

R. Parrette asked for a motion to table the application.

MOTION: P. Merrill moved to accept and table CC 01-17 this application to September 16, 2016. G. Serdechny seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

7. Reports from the Enforcement Officer

P. Zvingilas stated that M. Tristany and he went out to Glasgo Pond and vegetation had taken over the pond. There doesn't seem to be a problem for the residents who want to remove the sandy areas. M. Tristany stated that one resident will being work tomorrow with a dozer. There was discussion of the matter including that there were no historical items at risk.

8. Old Business

There was no old business.

9. New Business

There was no new business.

10. Communications

There were no communications.

11. Reports from Members

There were no reports from members.

12. Conservation Commission Matters

G. Serdechny stated that there was talk about a seconded clean up day on August 20. L. Churchill stated that it is this Sunday. A. Grezlak stated that the pond is all over grown and you would not even notice that it was a pond.

M. Tristany showed photographs of the pond where it looks like a field. P. Merrill asked if it was doo weedy to find any debris. M. Tristany stated that he didn't see much debris. There was discussion of this matter.

There was consensus by the commission that there was no interest for another clean up at Glasgo Pond.

13. Adjournment

R. Parrette asked for a motion to adjourn.

MOTION: G. Serdechny moved to adjourn. P. Merrill seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

III. Aquifer Protection Agency

This meeting was cancelled for lack of business.

Respectfully submitted,

Mario Tristany, Jr.
Town Planner