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GRISWOLD INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES CONSERVATION COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 15, 2009

GRISWOLD TOWN HALL

I. Special Meeting (7:00 P.M.)

1. Call to Order

Vice Chairman Robert Parrette called this special meeting of the Griswold Inland Wetlands Commission to order on January 15, 2009 at 7:05 p.m.

2. Roll Call & Determination of Quorum

Present: Vice Chair Robert Parrette, Secretary Stacie Stadnicki, Member Edward (Jay) Waitte, Dean Rubino, Alternate, Lawrence Laidley, WEO, Peter Zvingilas, Town Planner Carl Fontneau, Recording Secretary Donna Szall

Absent: Chair Courtland Kinnie Glen Norman, Chris Gagne, Alternate Cathy Matthews

R. Parrette appointed L. Laidley to sit for G. Norman. It was determined that a quorum was present for this meeting.

3. Matter Presented for Consideration:

A. Presentation by Holly Drinkuth, Land Conservation Coordinator for the Green Valley Institute of the Quinebaug-Shetucket National Heritage Corridor.

Holly Drinkuth, Green Valley Institute and Michael Altshul, GIS Specialist gave a presentation to the commission on ways to establish conservation in Griswold using information, education and community outreach and how municipalities can do a community resource inventory.

S. Stadnicki made a motion to adjourn. L. Laidley seconded the motion. All were in favor the special meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

II. Regular Meeting (7:30 P.M.)

1. Call to Order

Vice Chairman Robert Parrette called this regular meeting of the Griswold Inland Wetlands Commission to order on January 15, 2009 at 7:37 p.m.

2. Roll Call & Determination of Quorum

Present: Chair Courtland Kinnie, Vice Chair Robert Parrette, Secretary Stacie Stadnicki, Member Edward (Jay) Waitte, Glen Norman, Dean Rubino, Alternate, Lawrence Laidley, WEO, Peter Zvingilas, Recording Secretary Donna Szall

Absent: Chris Gagne, Alternate Cathy Matthews

R. Parrette appointed L. Laidley to sit for G. Norman. It was determined that a quorum was present for this meeting.

3. Applications

A. CC 11-09 Griswold School Building Committee & Town of Griswold, 28 Main Street, Jewett City, CT. Property location: 303 Slater Avenue, Griswold. Applicants request approval of commercial activity within a regulated area in order to demolish existing elementary school building and construction of a new facility in the same location. The property is in the R-20 zone.

Jim Sperry, Kaestle Boos, presented the application. He explained the updates to the Commission. He showed where the 150 ft. regulated area was located and explained that the new school will be completely out of the regulated area. He explained that the CLA engineering letter was reviewed and that there is no activity in the wetlands but only within the regulated area. He explained the new location of the entrance and parent drop off area and he explained where the new bus drop-off was located.

J. Sperry explained the drainage changes for the site and CLA engineering's recommendations for the drainage. He explained where the roof-run off would go on the site and that the characteristics of the drainage will not change.

R. Parrette asked if there were any questions. S. Stadnicki stated that the CLA letter was dated yesterday. G. Norman arrived a 7:50 p.m. and L. Laidley was appointed to sit for C. Gagne.

P. Zvingilas asked about the details of the grass and the fire pond and what would keep the construction from leaching into the brook. J. Sperry stated that the proper erosion and sedimentation control measures would be in use to lessen the impact on the fire pond and wetlands. There was discussion of this matter.

R. Parrette asked if there would be an irrigation system. J. Sperry stated no.

C. Kinnie arrived at 7:55 p.m. and presided over the rest of the meeting.

C. Kinnie asked J. Sperry about item 11 of the CLA letter and read it for the record regarding the double dashed line. J. Sperry explained that it was the overflow location for the stormwater. C. Kinnie asked the elevation of the drainage. J. Sperry stated that it is extremely shallow and that there is elevation clearance for the drainage. He stated that the proposed roof runoff will be less than the current roof-runoff.

R. Parrette asked about the Vortechnic units. J. Sperry stated that there will be two Vortechnic units and that check dams will be added and the riprap will be repaired at the channel from the Middle School.

C. Kinnie asked about the nature trail. J. Sperry stated that the nature trail will still be across the street and that the sign will be relocated. C. Kinnie asked for other questions.

S. Stadnicki asked about the trees in CLA letter Item 16. J. Sperry explained where it was located that the agreed with CLA's comment. C. Kinnie stated that there are a lot of questions in the CLA letter. J. Sperry stated that the impact to the wetlands is not there. He stated that the design is not

changing for the site and that the flow and drainage channels will not have an impact and will be in compliance with the 2004 Stormwater Quality Manual.

C. Kinnie asked for other questions. L. Laidley asked if the silt fence would be installed. J. Sperry stated that it will be installed to the proper erosion and sedimentation control measures. C. Kinnie asked what would be used to control the dust during demolition. J. Sperry stated that water will be used for dust control during Phase I and Phase II of the construction.

P. Zvingilas asked when the project would start. J. Sperry stated that it would start in June 2009. There was discussion of this matter.

C. Kinnie stated that many of the concerns in the CLA letter will be addressed during the planning and zoning commission review. There was discussion of this matter. C. Fontneau suggested that a letter from the engineer be sent to the Wetland Commission that all the recommendations had been met.

R. Parrette asked if the staging area is out of the buffer zone. J. Sperry stated yes.

C. Kinnie asked what the commission would like to do in this matter.

J. Waitte made a motion to approve the application with a final review letter by Bob DeLuca of CLA Engineering to the Inland Wetlands Commission that no modifications would be required and that the proper erosion and sedimentation control measure shall be in place. R. Parrette seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

4. Additional Business (New Applications)

CC 12-09, June I. Decker, 22 Mallard Point, Griswold.

R. Parrette made a motion to put CC 12-09, June I. Decker on the agenda. J. Waitte seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

C. Kinnie asked if there was someone to represent the application. Demian Sorrentino, Boundaries, LLC presented the application to the commission. He explained that the property was located at 22 Mallard point and that the septic system has failed.

D. Sorrentino submitted the street card for the record and explained the location of the existing septic system in front yard and that the applicant must drain the septic system regularly. He submitted a copy of the current deed and quit claim deed of June Decker from Anthony H. Brewer that granted an easement to his property that is now owned by Kenneth Fitzgerald for the record.

D. Sorrentino explained that the Sanitarian has stated that the proposed septic system was approved in a letter dated 1/13/09 and he read and submitted it for the record. He stated that the new septic system will use a green leaching system. He explained the inland wetlands regulated area to the commission. There was discussion of this matter.

D. Sorrentino asked that the commission give P. Zvingilas, wetlands enforcement officer, the authority to grant an administrative approval so the work can be done quickly to repair the septic system.

C. Kinnie asked if there was much vegetation. D. Sorrentino stated that there is vegetation and he explained the limits of the clearing and grading. He stated that this is an exception by the State to allow the septic system on an adjacent property based on the easement. There was discussion of this matter.

C. Kinnie asked the commission for a motion. G. Norman asked if P. Zvingilas was all set with this request. P. Zvingilas stated yes. R. Parrette made a motion to accept this application and to grant

Peter Zvingilas the authority to approve this application administratively. L. Laidley seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

CC 13-09, Jewett City Water Company, South Main St., K of C Drive, P & W Grade Crossing & Route 12.

R. Parrette made a motion to put CC 13-09 on the agenda. L. Laidley seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

Sara Weier, Weston and Sampson, was there to present the application. She explained that the Jewett City water main project will include a 12" water main installed starting at the cemetery and working down S. Main to K of C Drive and across the river using the P & W crossing. She explained that they would use the best erosion and sedimentation control measures. J. Waitte asked if this was to upgrade the line. J. Weier stated that it was to replace the existing pipe and that the old pipe will be abandoned in place. There was lengthy discussion of this matter of what was needed on the plan.

L. Laidley made a motion to accept the application and table it to the next regular meeting in February. R. Parrette seconded the motion.

P. Zvingilas stated that they should submit a complete application because much of the required of information missing. C. Kinnie stated that the requirements are listed on the application. There was discussion of this matter. L. Laidley rescinded his motion. R. Parrette rescinded his second.

R. Parrette made a motion to reject the application as incomplete. L. Laidley seconded the motion. C. Kinnie asked there should be letters granting permission from the State, from the Town and from the P & W Railroad as well as the names of abutting property owners, letters from the JCDDPU, AT & T etc. C. Kinnie asked for the vote. All were in favor. The motion to reject was carried.

5. Reports from the Enforcement Officer

There was no report given.

6. Old Business

C. Kinnie asked if there was any old business.

C. Fontneau stated that the site walk for Myrtle Road and Jennifer Lane was rescheduled to February 8, 2009 at 2 p.m. due to a snow storm. There was discussion of this matter. D. Rubino will make arrangement to go on the site with P. Zvingilas as he cannot attend the scheduled site walk.

7. New Business

C. Kinnie asked if there was any new business. C. Fontneau explained that the MS4 report was expected from Paul Burgess and that a public hearing should be set. There was discussion of this matter.

J. Waitte made a motion to set a public hearing for acceptance of the MS4 report for 6:50 p.m. on February 19, 2009. L. Laidley seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

P. Zvingilas stated that there should be election of officers. There was discussion of this matter.

S. Stadnicki made a motion to nominate C. Kinnie as chair. G. Norman seconded the motion. J. Waitte asked if we could accept the same slate of officer as last year. There was discussion of this matter. S. Stadnicki and G. Norman rescinded their motion. J. Waitte made a motion to elect the same slate of officers as in 2008. L. Laidley seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

8. Approval of Minutes

- A. Approval of Minutes of the Public Hearing, Show Cause Hearing and Regular Meeting of December 18, 2008

R. Parrette made a motion to approve the minutes of 12/18/08. L. Laidley seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

8. Communications

- A. The Habitat Newsletter, Fall, 2008, Volume 20, Number 4, Connecticut Association of Conservation and Inland Wetlands Commission, Inc.

- B. CFL News Newsletter, Volume 13, Issue 3, December 2008, Connecticut Federation of Lakes, Inc.

- C. Avalonia Trails Newsletter, Winter 2008-2009, Avalonia Land Conservancy, Inc.

9. Reports from Members

C. Kinnie asked if there were reports from members. R. Parrette asked if there is no sediment running into the pond on the site walk, can we go further. C. Kinnie stated that the decision must be based on the evidence presented at the hearing. There was discussion of this matter. C. Kinnie asked that Attorney Mark Branse attend the next meeting.

10. Conservation Commission Matters

C. Kinnie stated that the commission should identify a subcommittee to work on the do a community natural resource inventory. There was discussion of this matter. R. Parrette made a motion to create a subcommittee for the Natural resource inventory. L. L. seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

D. Rubino, C. Kinnie, L. Laidley and R. Parrette as an alternate. D. Szall will be in touch with Holly Drinkuth to meet with the subcommittee as soon as possible in February but not on the night of the regular meeting.

11. Adjournment

C. Kinnie asked if there was any other business. S. Stadnicki made a motion to adjourn. J. Waitte seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna M. Szall
Recording Secretary