



# Town of Griswold



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

**APPROVED MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 18, 2016**

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

**1. Call to Order**

Vice Chairman Robert Parrette called this regular meeting of the Griswold Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Conservation Commission to order on February 18, 2016 at 7:35 p.m.

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

**Present:** Robert Parrette, Lawrence Laidley, Gary Serdechny, Glen Norman. Alternates, Lauren Churchill, Alex Grzelak, Town Planner Mario Tristany, WEO Peter Zvingilas, Recording Secretary Donna Szall

**Absent:** Courtland Kinnie, Clarence (Pete) Merrill, Edward (Jay) Waitte, Alternate Kevin Franklin

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

**3. Written Comments**

There were no written complaints.

**4. Approval of the Minutes**

**A. Approval of Minutes for the January 21, 2016 meeting.**

R. Parrette asked for approval of the minutes. R. Parrette stated to let the record show that L. Laidley arrived at 7:38 p.m.

L. Churchill noted a number of typos on page 2 which she read for the record. D. Szall will review the minutes and make the necessary corrections.

**MOTION:** L. Laidley moved to approve the minutes as amended. G. Serdechny seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

**5. Matter Presented for Consideration**

**A. CC 05-16 JEWETT CITY DEPT. PUBLIC UTILITIES, PROPERTY AT 31 SCHOOL STREET, JEWETT CITY, CT. Requesting approval of an application for commercial/industrial activity within a regulated area in order to refurbish the Water Street Substation. Work will include a 110 linear foot underground trench to an existing attachment point. Four PVC pipes containing 4 conduits for low voltage cable to be encased in concrete within the trench. A new 10 MVA transformer will be installed in the substation to produced increased reliability and environmental benefits.**

R. Parrette asked if there was any one here to represent the applicant. Ken Sullivan, Director of Utilities for Jewett City DPU, explained that they came to take the recommendations of the Commission for erosion measures that included the hay bales, silt fence and a silt sock. He stated that when they are ready to do this work, they will lay out everything and have P. Zvingilas or M. Tristany look at the layout for proper installation. P. Zvingilas stated that you will follow the recommendations that the Commission had last month. K. Sullivan stated yes.

R. Parrette stated that he did not remember a lot of discussion of the execution of the effort. K. Sullivan stated that the silt fence, hay bales, and silt sock were recommended to be used and M. Tristany or P. Zvingilas will look at it before the work begins. R. Parrette asked if the work would start in warm weather. K. Sullivan stated yes and they do not see the work starting before for March or April.

**MOTION:** L. Laidley moved to approve CC 05-16 with the proper erosion and sedimentation measures in place and the applicant will contact the Wetlands Enforcement Officer for guidance with they are ready to do the work. L. Churchill seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

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

- A. CC 06-16 ROCHETTE, JENNIFER, PROPERTY AT 52 MYRTLE ROAD, GRISWOLD, CT. Requesting approval of an application for residential activity within a watercourse in order to install two Jet Ski molded plastic floating docks 58 inches (4.8 ft.) by 128 inches (10.6 ft.) to an existing EZ dock. Property is zoned R -60.**

R. Parrette stated that this application has been withdrawn. He read the letter for the record. L. Churchill commented that this was the lot that blocked the access. M. Tristany stated that there is a pending law suit.

**MOTION:** L. Laidley moved to accept the formal withdrawal of application CC-06-16. G. Serdechny seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

## **7. Reports from the Enforcement Officer**

P. Zvingilas stated that he looked at American Industries; the hay bales and silt fences are up and there are three levels of them on both sides of the road and they were functioning properly. He stated that the burlap was placed on the berms with the steeper slopes from the top to the bottom. He stated that the rain on Saturday did not cause any problems. He stated that two-thirds of the roadway going down has been paved with crushed stone. He stated that it looked pretty good.

R. Parrette asked if he looked at the boom. P. Zvingilas stated that he did not get a chance to look at it. R. Parrette stated that Mr. Camputaro agreed to run the pump in reverse into the settling pond during a rain event. P. Zvingilas stated that we did not get as much rain as they said we would, it was mostly windy; he stated that he did not see the pump operating. He stated that when the cove gets muddy, someone usually come in with a complaint after a rain; he has not received any complaints from the neighbors.

P. Zvingilas stated that he spoke to the people at 47 Myrtle Road where there was construction for an addition to the house; there was silt going into the catch basin; he advised them to put hay bales and silt fence to stop the silt or they may be billed for the town to clean the catch basin of the silt.

P. Zvingilas stated that someone wanted to do clear cutting off of Woodcrest Drive on 1.5 acres to removed very large pines for a hazard of them collapsing on his house which near a wetlands area. P. Zvingilas stated that he has decided to wait until spring to do this.

## **8. Old Business**

There was no old business.

## **9. New Business**

There was no new business.

## **10. Communications**

- A.** Letter dated January 15, 2016 from Catherine Labadia, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer regarding Earth Day Cleanup at Glasgo Pond, Griswold, Connecticut.

There was discussion of this matter that as long as no artifacts were disturbed it was okay to do the clean up at the pond.

- B.** Connecticut Federation of Planning and Zoning Agencies Quarterly Newsletter, Winter 2016, Volume XX, Issue 1

C. Announcement from Last Green Valley regarding April/May series of Walks and Talks regarding land trusts and municipal conservation properties.

D. Announcement from Connecticut and Conservation Council "Save the Date" 2016 Connecticut Land Conservation Conference, Saturday March 19, 2016 at Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT

L. Churchill stated that this conference costs \$65. She stated that it is similar to CAICWAC but this conference has more workshops and that it was overwhelming to her. There was discussion of this matter that the town can pay for this conference if she wanted to go to it.

R. Parrette stated for the record that G. Norman arrived at 7:51 p.m.

### 11. Reports from Members

There were no reports from members.

### 12. Conservation Commission Matters

A. Discussion and updates for Earth Day Celebration four weekends in April. Earth Day is Friday, April 22, 2015.

#### Available Dates

	Saturday	Sunday
April	02	03
April	09	10
April	16	17
April	23	24
April	30	01 MAY

R. Parrette asked members to pick a primary and rain date. He stated that a Saturday is good for him. L. Churchill suggested May Day, the first of May. L. Laidley suggested that May 1 be the rain date. G. Serdechny suggested a Sunday. There was discussion of this matter. R. Parrette stated that we are looking at April 10 for the primary date and suggested 10 am and May 1 at 10 am for the rain date. He asked for a motion.

**MOTION:** L. Laidley moved to hold the Earth Day Clean Up for Sunday, April 10 at 10 am and a rain date of May 1 at 10 am and to request that Todd Babbitt to have a dumpster put out there in advance before the date.. G. Serdechny seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was carried. L. Laidley stated that you wear boots and long pants.

P. Zvingilas asked what the state's comments were. L. Laidley stated that we don't touch anything of historic value but any trash can be removed. There was discussion of this matter including that you can see the old keystone bridge underneath the Sheldon Road Bridge.

### 13. Adjournment

R. Parrette asked for a motion to adjourn. L. Laidley moved to adjourn. L. Churchill seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

### III. Aquifer Protection Agency

#### 1. Call to Order

Vice Chairman Robert Parrette called this regular meeting of the Aquifer Protection Agency to order on February 18, 2016 at 8:00 p.m.

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

**Present:** Robert Parrette, Glen Norman, Lawrence Laidley, Gary Serdechny, Alternates, Lauren Churchill, Alex Grzelak, Town Planner Mario Tristany, WEO Peter Zvingilas, Recording Secretary Donna Szall

**Absent:** Courtland Kinnie, Clarence (Pete) Merrill, Edward (Jay) Waitte, Alternate Kevin Franklin

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

**3. Approval of the Minutes**

**A.** Approval of Minutes for APA meeting the January 21, 2016 meeting.

R. Parrette ask for a motion for the minutes

**MOTION:** L. Churchill moved to approve the minutes as is. L. Laidley seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

**4. Matters Presented for Discussion**

**A. APA 01-15 Pasquale Computaro/American Industries, Inc., 630 Plainfield Road, Griswold** Municipal Registration for Regulated Activities in Aquifer Protection Areas..

D. Szall stated that she sent a letter by certified mail, return receipt; the green card was received this week which to her seemed a long time. R. Parrette asked when the letter was sent. D. Szall stated that she sent the letter out soon after the meeting. L. Laidley stated that if we don't hear from them we should send it to the state. There was discussion of this matter. R. Parrette suggested giving Mr. Computaro a courtesy phone call to get the application in to us.

**5. Adjournment**

R. Parrette asked for a motion to adjourn. L. Laidley moved to adjourn. G. Serdechny seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna M. Szall  
Recording Secretary