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GRISWOLD INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES CONSERVATION COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 18, 2010

GRISWOLD TOWN HALL

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

1. Call to Order

Chairman Courtland Kinnie called this regular meeting of the Griswold Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Conservation Commission to order on June 19, 2009 at 7:55 p.m.

2. Roll Call & Determination of Quorum

Present: Chair Courtland Kinnie, Member Edward (Jay) Waitte, Lawrence Laidley, Alternate Gary Serdechny, WEO, Peter Zvingilas, Town Planner C. Fontneau, Recording Secretary Donna Szall

Absent: Vice Chair Robert Parrette, Secretary Stacie Stadnicki, Glen Norman, Dean Rubino

C. Kinnie appointed G. S to sit for R. Parrette. It was determined that a quorum was present for this meeting.

3. Applications

A. CC 11-10 Griswold, Town of, 28 Main Street, Jewett City, CT 06351. Property location: Bitgood Road Bridge Replacement, Griswold. Applicant requests approval of commercial/industrial activity within a wetland/watercourse and regulated area in order to replace the Bitgood Road Bridge and to improve the hydraulic capacity by widening the span to accommodate the increased flow with associated placement of cofferdams, demolition of existing structure and construction of new abutments along with some permanent disturbance to adjacent wetland area. The property is zoned R-80.

C. Kinnie stated that this was presented last month. Roy Joy and Scott Medeiros were present from McFarland Johnson to represent the applicant. R. Joy stated that new plans signed and sealed by the Soil Scientist and the professional engineer were submitted to the file. He explained that there are three series of impact to the open water, the wetlands and to the regulate area of the roadway. He stated that the impacts are lest than and tenth of an acre. He stated that erosion control plan will be submitted by the contractor when work begins. He explained the new drainage the commission. J. Waitte asked how will be before bridge open. R. Joy stated that once it is approved, it will be a five to six month construction period where the structures will be installed, the span will be widened and the bridge will be raised to accommodate a 100 year storm.

C. Kinnie asked if there were any changes or modifications made to the plan from last month other than the signatures of soil scientist. R. Joy stated no. C. Kinnie asked for questions to come before the commission for his erosion control plan. R. Joy stated that it will be submitted to the engineer. We can add a condition that it be submitted to the commission for review. There was discussion of this matter.

C. Kinnie asked P. Zvingilas to keep the commission informed. P. Zvingilas stated that he will bring it to the commission next month J. Waitte asked about the size of the bridge that there will be permanent changes to the roadway. R. Joy stated that we will be making the bridge higher and wider. C. Kinnie asked how the slopes will be stabilized. R. Joy stated that it will be stabilized with rip rap. There was discussion of this matter including looking into the cost feasibility to have half the bridge open for traffic flow.

L. Laidley made a motion to approve CC 11-10 with the property erosion and sedimentation control measures in place, any other engineer and Wetlands Enforcement Officer requirements and regular reporting by the Wetlands Enforcement Officer to the Commission as needed. G. Serdechny seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

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

C. Kinnie asked for a motion to place CC 13-10 A. Dawley on the agenda. L. Laidley made a motion to put CC 13-10 Al Dawley on the agenda G. Serdechny seconded the motion. All were in favor. C. Kinnie read the application for the record.

CC 13-10 A. Dawley, 178 Banjo Sullivan Road, Griswold. Clean out ponds #1 and #2. Both ponds are filled in with leaves and silt and have become very shallow. Areas disturbed will have silt fence and seeded with grass when completed. The property is zoned R-80

C. Kinnie asked if there was anyone to present this application. Al Dawley explained that he was going to clean out the two existing ponds ponds. He stated the one pond is one acre pond and the other is ¼ acre pond. He stated that the fish die because the ponds are too shallow and overheat in the summer. He stated that there are wetlands between the ponds because of the water that runs from the larger pond to the smaller pond. He stated that there are pipes that run between the ponds. Frank Davis, president Pachaug Outdoor Club stated that there are springs that feed into the ponds. J. Waitte asked if the ponds were man made. A. Dawley stated yes both ponds are man made.

C. Kinnie asked if the ponds can be drawn down. A. Dawley stated that the pipe will be cleaned out from the larger pond so the water will drain down to the smaller pond. J. Waitte asked if it would take two years. A. Dawley stated that he didn't know how long because the weather could be rainy. There was discussion of this matter.

J. Waitte asked how deep the ponds were. A. Dawley stated that it was 2 feet deep. He stated that the smaller pond would be cleaned out first so the larger pond can drain into the smaller pond. P. Zvingilas stated to put something up at the edge of the pond so it won't go to the adjoining property. A. Dawley asked what he would suggest. P. Zvingilas stated that there should be a series of hay bales.

C. Kinnie asked the square footage of the ponds and where would the material go that is removed from the ponds. A. Dawley stated that one is about an acre and one is about a quarter acre and that the material would go behind the larger pond where the land raises higher up. C. Kinnie asked

if the area behind the small pond was wetlands. A. Dawley stated yes but there is a higher point behind the ponds where there material can go. There was discussion of this matter.

A. Dawley stated that he has a topo map and he submitted it to the file. C. Kinnie asked what the green contour line was on the map. C. Fontneau stated that the green contour line is wetlands by soil type. There was discussion of this matter including that the material from the small pond can be trucked to the other side of the pond.

Phil Yurechko stated that they used the pond to put out fish at one time. F. Davis stated that there will put a dry hydrant at the large pond. L. Laidley stated that that needs to be added to the pond

C. Kinnie stated that for next month the commission needs additional information; the material from small pond move to the dry east side of the large pond, the proper erosion and sedimentation measures in place to stabilize the piles of fill until it is grassed in and to add the dry hydrant to the application including the location if the fire company needs a gravel pad and the name of Pachaug Outdoor Club at the property owner. A. Dawley stated that there will be small trees and brush removed. There was discussion of this matter.

C. Kinnie asked for a motion. J. Waitte made a motion to accept the application and to table it to the next regular meeting on April 15, 2010 to show the proper name of the owner; to show the location of the sediment from the small pond to the larger pond, to show the proper erosion and sedimentation control measures in place and the location of the Griswold fired department dry hydrant. L. Laidley seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

5. **Reports from the Enforcement Officer**

P. Zvingilas stated that he looked at Myrtle Road and Jennifer Lane and the Laser lot. It was wet but there was nothing running down to the Johansson property.

P. Zvingilas stated that the big breakout at the school project where the berm gave out around the geothermal wells during the rain storm this past weekend it went to the road and the culverts. P. Zvingilas stated that the retention pond was flooded by the Quinebaug River and so couldn't see any erosion because of the water.

6. **Old Business**

7. **New Business**

8. **Approval of Minutes**

A. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting January 21, 2010

C. Kinnie asked for approval of the minutes. L. Laidley made a motion to approve the minutes. G. Serdechny seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

B. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting February 18, 2010

C. Kinnie asked for approval of the minutes. L. Laidley made a motion to approve the minutes. G. Serdechny seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

9. **Communications**

A. 2010 Municipal Inland Wetland Commissioners Training Program

C. Kinnie asked if any commissioners would be going to the training program. There was discussion of this matter. G. Serdechny will be attending the two training sessions this spring. He will get the voucher from D. Szall at

B. Eastern Connecticut Conservation District Newsletter, Winter 2009-2010 Edition

C. Kinnie asked about the donation to the ECCD. There was discussion of this matter.

10. Reports from Members

11. Conservation Commission Matters

C. Kinnie asked D. Szall to make copies of the article where the President will be cutting funds for conservation programs. She will send copies to members.

C. Fontneau explained that there were changes in legislation to wetlands regulations at the state level and that he will be working to adopt the state model regulations to be particular to Griswold. There was discussion of this matter.

C. Fontneau explained that that he received a letter from a William Stachnick, a Sheldon Circle resident who is complaining about his neighbor's noise by a water circulator used to suppress pond surface ice formation with photographs C. Fontneau explained that he spoke with DEP regarding this issue and was told that they don't handle the private land underneath Glasgo Pond. He suggested that P. Zvingilas look at the property to see if sediment is being moved around and the dock is on private property. P. Zvingilas will look at it next week. There was discussion of this matter.

12. Adjournment

C. Kinnie asked for a motion to adjourn. J. Waitte made a motion to adjourn. L. Laidley seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna M. Szall
Recording Secretary