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GRISWOLD INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES CONSERVATION COMMISSION & AQUIFER PROTECTION AGENCY

PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 21, 2013

GRISWOLD TOWN HALL

I. REGULAR MEETING (7:30 P.M.)

1. Call to Order

Chairman C. Kinnie called this regular meeting of the Griswold Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Conservation Commission to order on March 21, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.

2. Roll Call & Determination of a Quorum

Present: Courtland Kinnie, Edward (Jay) Waitte, Lawrence Laidley, Glen Norman, Stacie Stadnicki, Alternates Lauren Churchill, Clarence (Pete) Merrill, Town Planner Mario Tristany, WEO Peter Zvingilas, Recording Secretary Donna Szall

Absent: Robert Parrette, Dean Rubino, Alternate Gary Serdechny,

C. Kinnie appointed L. Churchill to sit for D. Rubino and P. Merrill to sit for R. Parrette. There was a quorum for this regular meeting.

3. Written Complaints

There were no written complaints.

4. Applications

- A. **CC 12-13 COLEMAN, ROBERT S. & JEANNE M. PROPERTY AT 1466 HOPEVILLE, ROAD, GRISWOLD, CT.** Request approval of commercial/industrial activity within 150 foot regulated area for the construction of a 4800 S.F. garage with associated access and parking area improvements. Activities within the regulated area include a portion of the proposed building construction and associated site grading, remediation of the former access drive, reconfiguration of the gravel parking area, and construction of a roof leader drain outlet. There is no proposed filling alteration of inland wetlands or watercourses associated with this proposal. Property is zoned C-2

C. Kinnie asked if there was someone to present the application. Demian Sorrentino, Boundaries, LLC explained that Mr. Coleman of Coleman Drilling and Blasting on 4 acres with an existing house and existing garage for maintenance of the vehicles, and he proposes to build a 4800 S.F. 60 ft. by 80 ft. garage for housing his company vehicles to be located behind the existing garage against a ledge face in line with the existing garage and it will be a gated area between the exiting building and the ledge face. He stated that he has an explosive storage magazine to hold explosives are in a hole surrounded by large concrete blocks will be in the far corner. He stated that there will be other improvements relating to the relocation of the existing driveway to increase the sight line to 500 feet to the north and will remove ledge, re-grade and add vegetation and will have a width of 24 feet, installing a stop bar and stop sign. He stated that the abandonment of the existing gravel drive is part of the regulated area as well as existing ponds within the 150 regulated area. He explained that a watercourse runs through the ponds to a culvert under Hopeville Road.

D. Sorrentino explained that remediation of the old driveway will be re-loamed and seeded to reclaim it as lawn area; and there will be a proper radius to the existing driveway with a parking area for vehicles that do not fit in the garage which will have roof leader drains to a riprap apron and a foundation drain and showed the locations on the site plan westerly of the explosive storage magazine and a 10 ft. vegetative buffer. He stated that there will be sediment fence installed and it will be extended along the reclaimed driveway area to eliminate any runoff in the town swale which he will change for CTDOT.

D. Sorrentino stated the closest grading activity is 58 feet from the tip of the wetland when completed. L. Churchill asked the explosive storage area will be waterproof voicing her concerns for flooding from a 100 year storm. D. Sorrentino stated that they are sealed, steel boxes and the watercourse is on the adjacent property. C. Kinnie stated that it is outside our purview. There was discussion of this matter.

J. Waitte asked what the wetland was. D. Sorrentino stated that it was a watercourse that comes from the wetland on Route 138 through the swimming ponds on the Coleman property across the yard over a stone dam and crosses Hopeville Road across to Chinigo Road. There was discussion of this matter.

C. Kinnie asked if there were sanitary facilities being proposed for the garage? D. Sorrentino stated no, but that there is a septic system for the existing house, no water or sanitary services is being proposed for the garage. There was discussion of this matter including that there are port-a-potties on site.

S. Stadnicki asked about the explosives in the garage. D. Sorrentino stated that no explosives are stored only in the explosive box. M. Tristany stated that there are strict state and federal guidelines. L. Laidley asked about proposed plantings behind the garage. D. Sorrentino stated that those are existing plants. S. Stadnicki asked about the nearest property owners on the top. D. Sorrentino explained where the abutters were and that it was all wooded.

C. Kinnie asked for any other questions. D. Sorrentino stated that he has a letter from Uncas Health District dated February 26, 2013 permitting the proposed garage which he read for the record.

C. Kinnie asked for other questions; hearing non he asked for a motion.

MOTION: L. Laidley moved to approve CC 12-13 with the proper erosion and sedimentation controls as modified to extend the silt fence along the remediated existing driveway. L. Churchill seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

5. Additional Business (New Applications)

- A. CC 13-13 GRISWOLD, TOWN OF, 28 MAIN STREET, JEWETT CITY, PROPERTY: BITGOOD ROAD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT.** Request approval of commercial/industrial activity within a wetlands/watercourse and within 150 foot regulated area for removal of bridge superstructure and partial demolition of existing abutments. New structure will consist of steel beams bearing on cast in place concrete abutments which will be supported on steel piles. Adjacent fill slopes in front of the abutments and wing-wall faces will be lined with standard size rip rap material to ensure long term stability.

C. Kinnie asked if there was someone to present the application. Scot Medeiros, McFarland Johnson, presented the application. He explained that this is the third bridge project and all the plans have been signed and sealed. He stated that this project will have integral abutments and impacts are significant with the spill through design. He explained that this will be under 5000 S.F. there will be retaining walls on three sides and will have significant filling and a portion of the existing abutment will be removed behind the new integral abutments and slope up for access. He stated there is a culvert that drainage is isolated to a culvert that discharges to Hopeville pond will have adjacent fill and will have a coffer dam and the total impact is 4600 sq. and a permanent impact to the open water as well as the wetland. He stated that total span is 100 feet from abutment to abutment, with replacement of a 50 foot span and a 70 foot span. The road is being raised to enhance headroom for recreational uses on the pond. The planning has been reviewed by DEEP and a significant amount of planting occurs in the project. He asked for questions. P. Merrill asked if the road is being raised. S. Medeiros stated that it is being raised so that there is additional headroom under the structure. There was discussion of this matter including that there was very little headroom.

J. Waitte asked when it would start and when it will finish. S. Medeiros stated that the project will bid next winter and be ready for construction in the spring next year and completed in one season so winter will be used for procurement for the project.

S. Stadnicki asked if there were original copies. M. Tristany stated that we only have the copies; the Mylars will be signed later. S. Medeiros submitted a letter from Mike Schaefer's letter for the file. There was discussion of this matter.

C. Kinnie stated that G. Norman arrived at 8:00 p.m.

L. Laidley asked what improvements are being done for the discharge. S. Medeiros stated that because the grade is being raised a culvert will pass under the driveway with a riprap swale. M. Tristany stated that the application is under 5,000 s.f. of impact and that 4600 s. f. of impact and 2431 s. f. is permanent disturbance. S. Medeiros stated that it is 4607 s. f. in total and distributed almost down the middle.

C. Kinnie asked for any further questions. L. Laidley asked where the plantings were on the site plan. S. Medeiros stated that it is on page 8. S. Medeiros stated that they have purchased easements. There was discussion of this matter. J. Waitte asked if this was informational since they would go and do it anyway. C. Kinnie stated that unless we have recommendations.

C. Kinnie asked for a motion.

MOTION: L. Laidley moved to accept and table CC 13-13 to the next regular meeting on April 18, 2013. P. Merrill seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

S. Medeiros asked when the next meeting was. D. Szall stated that it was April 18, 2013. C. Kinnie stated that S. Medeiros did not need to be present unless there are any other questions.

Reports from the Enforcement Officer

P. Zvingilas stated that the work has started on Edmond Road and the trailer is in place and the road has been blocked off and the fence is up. P. Merrill asked if the stone will be removed. P. Zvingilas stated that it will come out when they are done. L. Laidley asked if there was ever silt fence put up for the Log Cabin demolition. P. Zvingilas stated yes, it was down in the bottom at the base.

6. Old Business

M. Tristany stated that the Brewster Road Drainage, he spoke to Attorney Ackley and he spoke to John Faulise, they would contact Boundaries to show the swale design and to determine the amount of flow onto the property and to address the shed that is in the location of the swale. C. Kinnie asked if any work has been done yet. M. Tristany stated that he spoke to John and they will come up with some arrangements.

7. New Business

C. Kinnie asked for a motion to put CC 14-13 Town of Griswold on the agenda.

MOTION: L. Laidley moved to put CC 14-13 on the agenda. S. Stadnicki seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

MOTION: L. Laidley moved to accept and table CC 14-23 to the next regular meeting. L. Churchill seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion as carried.

8. Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of Minutes of the Public Hearing and Regular Meeting of February 21, 2013.

C. Kinnie asked for any corrections or omission. L. Laidley recused himself from this matter. L. Churchill stated that on page 2 third paragraph said rather than should be other. D. Szall stated no. P. Merrill stated that there was a correction on page 1 third paragraph should read he not we. C. Kinnie asked for a motion:

MOTION: S. Stadnicki made a motion to accept the minutes of 2/21/2013 as amended. L. Churchill seconded the motion. There were 6 aye votes and 1 abstention. The motion was carried.

10. Communications

A. The Habitat Newsletter, Winter 2012, Volume 4, number 4.

There was discussion of this matter.

B. ECCD Outlook Newsletter, Winter 2012-2013 Edition, Eastern Connecticut Conservation District.

C. Kinnie stated that we have a letter from Hull Forest Products about a timber harvest at the Polinsky property. S. Stadnicki asked why we are involved with this. C. Kinnie explained that when there are wetland crossing, they must show that they are using best management practices especially when they are using machinery at those crossings. There was discussion of this matter.

P. Merrill stated that he went out to that site and inspected the site with the forester. He stated that it was pouring rain and it was a good day to inspect. He made one suggestion for the corduroy crossing remove the ones in the stream bed but to leave the others to stabilize the areas. P. Merrill suggested that the foresters provide a topo map when they submit their letters. C. Kinnie asked D. Szall to write a letter that in the future, the foresters provide a topo map showing the crossings with their plans. There was discussion of this matter.

11. Reports from Members

There were no reports from members.

12. Conservation Commission Matters

A. Discussion of April Earth Day celebration for the next fiscal year activities for citizens groups to be involved with suggestions for events.

C. Kinnie asked for suggestions. C. Kinnie asked if Pachaug Pond was still down. J. Waitte stated that it is up for a few weeks, the state has closed the dam. C. Kinnie asked if the draw down was enough to kill the plants. J. Waitte stated that it was the best drawdown in a long while but time will tell.

M. Tristany suggested doing something with the Youth Center for Earth Day. P. Zvingilas suggested cleaning the boat ramp on the Quinebaug River at Aspinook Pond. C. Kinnie stated that we could use a dumpster for the cleanup from DPW. There was discussion of this matter including choosing a date. P. Zvingilas will look into the matter. L. Laidley will speak with Youth Director.

13. Adjournment

C. Kinnie asked for a motion to adjourn. S. Stadnicki motioned to adjourn. L. Laidley seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

III. Aquifer Protection Agency

1. Call to Order

Chair Courtland Kinnie called this regular meeting of the Aquifer Protection Agency to order at 8:30 p.m.

2. Roll Call & Determination of Quorum

Present: Courtland Kinnie, Edward (Jay) Waitte, Lawrence Laidley, Glen Norman, Stacie Stadnicki, Alternates Lauren Churchill, Clarence (Pete) Merrill, Town Planner Mario Tristany, WEO Peter Zvingilas, Recording Secretary Donna Szall

Absent: Robert Parrette, Dean Rubino, Alternate Gary Serdechny,

C. Kinnie appointed L. Churchill to sit for D. Rubino and P. Merrill to sit for R. Parrette. There was a quorum for this regular meeting.

3. Matters Presented for Discussion

C. Kinnie stated that no registrations have come in but we are waiting for the registration for American Industries. He asked to send another reminder to them. There was discussion of this matter. P. Zvingilas and M. Tristany will speak to Pat Computaro.

4. Adjournment

C. Kinnie asked for a motion to adjourn. S. Stadnicki made a motion to adjourn. L. Laidley seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna M. Szall
Recording Secretary