



# Town of Griswold



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## GRISWOLD INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES CONSERVATION COMMISSION

### SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 26, 2009

GRISWOLD TOWN HALL

#### I. Special Meeting (7:30 P.M.)

##### 1. Call to Order

Chairman Courtland Kinnie called this special meeting of the Griswold Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Conservation Commission to order on June 19, 2009 at 7:38 p.m.

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

**Present:** Chair Courtland Kinnie, Secretary Stacie Stadnicki, Member Glen Norman, Dean Rubino, Alternate, Lawrence Laidley, WEO, Peter Zvingilas, Recording Secretary Donna Szall

**Absent:** Vice Chair Robert Parrette, Member Edward (Jay) Waitte, Chris Gagne, Alternate Cathy Matthews

C. Kinnie appointed L. Laidley to sit for C. Gagne. It was determined that a quorum was present for this meeting.

##### 3. Applications

**A. CC 14-09 F. J. Hubeny, Inc., P.O. Box 525, Milldale, CT 06457. Property location: 224 Slater Avenue, Griswold.** Applicant requests approval of commercial activity within a wetlands or watercourse in order to replace storm drain piping that drains into the brook. The property is in the B-RC zone.

C. Kinnie asked if there was someone to represent the application. Jeff Preese of F. J. Hubeny, Inc. presented a revised site plan to the commission. J. Preese explained that this was a repair of an existing 8" PVC storm drain line to the line for the footing drains and roof leaders. He stated the pipe terminates at the brook with 6 to 8 inch riprap specified and a steel grill at the end of the pipe. He stated that the lawn area will be restored and sodded as specified in the notes on the plan. He asked the commission for questions.

D. Rubino asked where this was located. J. Preese stated that it was the AT&T building on Slater Avenue. C. Kinnie asked how far from the edge of the brook is the pipe. J. Preese stated that it was three feet back from the brook and when the pipe is cut back to the bank it will be about six feet from the brook.

C. Kinnie asked if the rip rap would run all the way from the pipe to the edge of the water. J. Preese stated yes. C. Kinnie asked how wide it would be. J. Preese stated that it was six feet wide.

C. Kinnie asked P. Zvingilas if the plan answers the questions we had. P. Zvingilas stated that it will be reseeded and sod put down and they will get a release when it is established. There was discussion of this matter including a recommendation to put larger rip rap at the pipe end.

C. Kinnie asked for a motion. L. Laidley made a motion to approve the application with the revised plan dated 3/26/09 submitted today with the proper erosion and sedimentation control measures in place. S. Stadnicki seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

C. Kinnie stated to let the record show that G. Norman arrived at 7:45 p.m.

**B. CC 15–09 Connecticut Municipal Electric Energy Cooperative, 30 Stott Avenue, Norwich, CT 06360. Property Location: 31 School Street, Jewett City.** Applicant requests approval of commercial activity within a regulated area for a jurisdictional review in order to construct a walk-in enclosure containing a diesel generator, switch gear, double walled fuel tank, intake/exhaust louvers and roof-mounted Selective Catalytic Reduction System including all excavation, grading and landscaping. The property is in the BRM zone.

C. Kinnie asked if there was anyone to represent the application. S. Stadnicki recused herself from this matter. C. Kinnie stated that the power point presentation in February was a comprehensive program. He asked K. Sullivan if he anything else to add. K. Sullivan stated no but that he would answer any questions. C. Kinnie asked if there would be plantings along the river and silt fencing for any stockpile material during excavation and the placement of the generation is directly in line with the substation. C. Kinnie stated that there is not impact to the wetlands. There was discussion of this matter.

C. Kinnie asked for a motion. D. Rubino made a motion to approve CC 15–09 with the proper soil erosion and sedimentation control measures in place. G. Norman seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

K. Sullivan thanked the commission. He asked if the JC water company project has submitted an application and that the commission as looking for a letter from the DPU that there would be no impact to their underground equipment and asked if there was anything else the board could tell him about the project. C. Kinnie stated that this was an application that came before the commission that was not complete and the commission's concern was that they had not contacted the DPU, P&W Railroad and ATT. He stated that the commission directed them to obtain letters from the other utilities that there would be no impact. K. Sullivan asked if the commission would like a letter when the application is received. C. Kinnie stated yes.

**C. CC 16–09 Malek, Karl J. & Elizabeth E., Et Al., 8 Kinney Road, Voluntown, CT 06384. Property location: 107,138,134R, 136R Rillbrook Road, Griswold.** Applicant requests approval of activity within a regulated area in order to demolish existing structures and to install septic system pipe on Subdivision Lot #2. The property is in the R–60 zone.

C. Kinnie asked if there was someone to represent the application. Demian Sorrentino, Boundaries, LLC presented the application with a revised plan dated 2/26/09. He stated that at the last meeting there were planning and zoning issues raised but that he was here to present the application for wetlands jurisdiction issues only. There was discussion of this matter.

D. Sorrentino stated that he submitted a letter dated 3/19/09 regarding the amendments to the application for the modifications made to the application for the demolition of two cottages with portions within the regulated area on lot 2 as well as the replacement of one septic line will be installed for the one remaining cottage. He read the letter for the record.

D. Sorrentino explained the limited activity to take place on the site and explained the revisions to the site plan. He stated that the existing dug well will be abandoned per the sanitarians requirements. C. Kinnie stated that the remaining house will need a new well. D. Sorrentino stated that yes.

C. Kinnie asked if the cottages had any kind of foundation. D. Sorrentino stated to his knowledge and should not require excavation. P. Zvingilas stated that the cottages were on stones. There was discussion of this matter including the location of the condition of the wetland area for the site.

D. Sorrentino read paragraph four of project narrative for the record describing a new sanitary system for the existing remaining cottage. D. Sorrentino stated that the approval letter from A. Gosselin with the conditions to abandon the well on lot 2 and establish a well on lot 1 and the well will be tested to be found as suitable water source and that no state health approval was needed. There was discussion of this matter including the lot layout for the proposed subdivision.

C. Kinnie asked for questions. L. Laidley asked that if the subdivision is approved, will there be maintenance on the retaining walls. D. Sorrentino stated that they may want to. D. Rubino asked if there was a proposed house at the end. D. Sorrentino stated that there are 4 lots existing and there is a proposed lot for this section is within the slope of the wetland.

C. Kinnie asked for other questions. L. Laidley made a motion to approve CC 16–09 with the proper soil erosion and sedimentation controls. S. Stadnicki seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

**D. CC 18–09 Slater Mill Associates, 143 Merrow Road, Tolland, CT 06084. Property location: 49 Wedgewood Drive, Jewett City.** Applicant requests approval of activity within the 150 ft. commercial regulated area in order to store above-ground temporary storage containers placed on an existing concrete slab. The property is in the B–I zone.

C. Kinnie asked P. Zvingilas to give an overview of the application. P. Zvingilas stated that the storage containers were located on concrete pads that were once part of the Slater Mill. He stated that the containers were for storing electrical supplies for the middle school project because of the planning and zoning limitation of 10 trailers on the site.

C. Kinnie asked if there would be additional trailers. P. Zvingilas stated that the wetlands permit is good for five years but that the applicant would have to come before the planning and zoning commission for a permit for more trailers. There was discussion of this matter.

C. Kinnie asked for a motion to accept this application. There was discussion of this matter including whether the application number was CC 17–09 or CC 18–09. S. Stadnicki made a motion to accept application CC 17–09 and to table it to the next regular meeting on April 16, 2009. L. Laidley seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

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

There was no additional business.

**5. Reports from the Enforcement Officer**

P. Zvingilas gave a report for the Municipal Inland Wetlands Forum for Staff that he attended. He stated that it was held in Burlington at the Sessions Woods DEP wildlife center. There was discussion of this matter.

C. Kinnie called for a brief recess at 8:25 p.m. C. Kinnie reconvened the meeting at 8:28 p.m.

P. Zvingilas stated that there will be another forum scheduled for eastern Connecticut and one for western Connecticut because of the huge turnout for this forum. There was discussion of this matter including that it could be for commissioners as well as staff.

**6. Old Business**

C. Kinnie asked for other issues. S. Stadnicki asked about the site walk. C. Kinnie stated that there were four members present as well as Attorney Heller and Engineer Paul Biscuitti. S. Stadnicki asked if we can talk about the site walk. C. Kinnie stated that we cannot speak about it until the show cause hearing at the May meeting.

**7. New Business**

There was no new business.

**8. Approval of Minutes**

A. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 19, 2009

C. Kinnie asked if there were any corrections or omissions. L. Laidley made a motion to approve the minutes of 2/19/09. D. Szall will send a letter thanking Chris Gagne for his participation. S. Stadnicki seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

**9. Communications**

A. Letter received 3/19/09 from Chris Gagne tendering his resignation from the Inland Wetlands, Watercourses & Conservation Commission.

C. Kinnie read the letter from Chris Gagne for the record. There was discussion of this matter. S. Stadnicki made a motion to accept C. Gagne's resignation. D. Rubino seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

B. 2009 Municipal Inland Wetland Commissioners Training Program

There was discussion of this matter. L. Laidley will like to attend sessions 1 and 2. D. Szall will get the voucher and check if there are openings in Killingly so L. Laidley may attend sessions 1 and 2.

C. Letter dated 2/4/09 from Ken Sullivan JCDPU regarding CMEEC project on Water Street

C. Kinnie stated that this matter was reviewed earlier.

D. Letter to Aleta Derooy from the Connecticut Audubon Society regarding Connecticut State of the Birds 2009

There was discussion of this matter. D. Szall will request an address correction.

E. ECCD Outlook, Winter 2008–2009 Edition Newsletter of Eastern Connecticut Conservation District

**10. Reports from Members**

C. Kinnie stated that the BOS must be notified that there is a vacancy for a full member. He stated that that he would like the most senior alternate member be recommended to fill the fill member seat. There was discussion of this matter. She will send a letter to the BOS with the commission's recommendation that C. Matthews, should she accept be his replacement and to advertise for the remaining vacancies.

C. Kinnie asked for other reports.

**11. Conservation Commission Matters**

C. Kinnie stated that there was the workshop for natural resource inventory held on March 5. He stated that there are worksheets and members can look at the overlay maps that are in the Town planner's office. He stated that the next workshop will be on April 2 at 5:30 p.m.

**12. Adjournment**

L. Laidley made a motion to adjourn. S. Stadnicki seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna M. Szall  
Recording Secretary