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GRISWOLD INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES CONSERVATION COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 15, 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 April 15, 2010 at 7:35 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, Lawrence Laidley, Alternate Gary Serdechny, WEO, Peter Zvingilas, Recording Secretary Donna Szall

Absent:

C. Kinnie appointed G. Serdechny to sit for G. Norman. It was determined that a quorum was present for this meeting.

3. Applications

A. CC 13-10 Dawley, AI, 238 Preston City Road, Voluntown, CT. Property location: 178 Banjo Sullivan Road, Griswold. Applicant request approval of commercial activity within a wetlands or watercourse in order to clean out ponds #1 and #2. Both ponds are filled in with silt and leaves and have become very shallow. Disturbed areas will have silt fence and seeded with grass when completed. The property is zoned R-80.

C. Kinnie asked if there was anyone present to represent the application. He stated that there were some outstanding issued from last month. AI Dawley was present to represent Pachaug Outdoor Club. He explained that he had made the changes to the application and the site plan requested by the Commission. He stated that there should be a letter from Todd Babbitt regarding the dry hydrant. C. Kinnie stated to let the record show that there was a letter from Todd Babbitt, Fire Chief regarding the dry hydrant connected to the larger pond that included a cross section with contours and water level. There was discussion of this matter.

C. Kinnie asked where the material from the ponds will be located. A. Dawley stated that it will go above the large pond where there is more room. He explained that all the work to the ponds will be done on the dry side of the ponds from side nearest the road since there are no wetlands in that area. He stated that it will be cleaned out of the debris.

C. Kinnie asked how old the ponds were. Frank Davis, President Pachaug Outdoor Club stated that the large pond was from 1938 and that the smaller pond was made sometime in the 1950s. There was discussion of this matter including that the ponds will be dug to the original depth.

C. Kinnie stated to let the record show that G. Norman arrived at 7:40 p.m. C. Kinnie stated that G. Serdechny will sit for this item for the vote on this application since he was present at last month's meeting.

C. Kinnie asked for any other questions; he asked for a vote. L. Laidley made a motion to approve application CC 13-10 with the proper erosion and sedimentation control measures in place. G. Serdechny seconded the motion. C. Kinnie asked for any discussion. P. Zvingilas asked when the start date was. A. Dawley stated that it will be done during the dry season this summer during July or August. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

4. Additional Business (New Applications)

A. CC 14-10 Woznica, Casimir, P.O. Box 339, Voluntown, CT 06384. Property location: 170 Mackin Drive, Griswold. Applicant requests approval for residential activity within a regulated area in order to construct a 12 ft. x 20 ft. shed within 25 ft. of Pachaug Pond (Existing) and to construct a 10 ft x 24 ft. wood deck on piers within 35 ft. of Pachaug Pond. The property is zoned R-60.

C. Kinnie asked if there was anyone here to represent the applicant. D. Szall explained that Norm Thibeault of Killingly engineering could not be at the meeting and requested that the commission accept the application and he will make his presentation next month. C. Kinnie stated that we dealt with this property just two months ago. C. Kinnie asked for a motion.

R. Parrette made a motion to accept CC 14-10 and to table it to the next regular meeting. L. Laidley seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

C. Kinnie stated that there is an application to be added to the agenda and asked for a motion. R. Parrette made a motion to add CC15-10 to the agenda. L. Laidley seconded the motion. All ere in favor the motion was carried.

CC 15-10 Erma Imperato, 188 Latham Drive, Griswold. Requesting approval to replace a floating dock.

C. Kinnie asked if there was anyone here to represent the application. C. Kinnie stated that the application needs a signature. Erma Imperato signed the application and date it 4/9/10. Frank Imperato presented the application to the commission. He explained that they want to add a 20 x 20 floating plastic floating dock and is environmentally safe. He submitted copies of the dock to the commission. C. Kinnie asked where the existing dock was. F. Imperato explained that the existing dock was gone; that it had been reduced to kindling. There was discussion of this matter including that it was originally a wooded u dock.

R. Parrette asked how it would be mounted. F. Imperato explained that it will be mounted to the wall and poles driven in that the dock floats on. There are cleats on the dock that boats tie to. There was discussion of this matter including that there will be a plastic walkway that slopes to the dock.

C. Kinnie asked to have the dock location sketched in on the site plan. He asked how far from the retaining wall it would extend into the water. F. Imperato stated that it would be about 35 feet. P. Zvingilas asked if it would be in the cove side of the pond. F. Imperato stated that it will be on the cove side. There was discussion of the matter.

C. Kinnie stated that it is within the parameters and is a floating dock. R. Parrette asked if there was a pitch to platform. F. Imperato stated yes. R. Parrette asked if there would be any additional work done on land. F. Imperato stated that there is an existing walkway that goes to the stairs to the

pond and that the dock will be on the side of the stairs. There was discussion of this matter including that there is no standard for pitch.

G. Serdechny asked if the completion date be changed. Erma Imperator changed the completion date on the application to August.

C. Kinnie asked F. Imperato to add the dock to the site plan. F. Imperator made those requested changes during the meeting. R. Parrette made a motion to accept CC 15-10 and to table the application to the next regular meeting. L. Laidley seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

5. Reports from the Enforcement Officer

P. Zvingilas explained that there was a flood. C. Kinnie asked how the sewer treatment plan held up. P. Zvingilas stated that the National Guard sand bagged the area and pumped out any water in the area and that there was no damage to the building. There was discussion of this matter.

R. Parrette asked if there were any phone calls from the Johansons. P. Zvingilas stated that he did not receive any calls, C. Kinnie stated that he did not received any calls and D. Szall stated that the office did not receive any calls from the Johansons. There was discussion of this matter.

C. Kinnie stated that Coal Pit Hill Road had been washed out. P. Zvingilas stated that Popple Bridge Road was flooded during the storm. R. Parrette asked if there was flooding in the dip on Norman Road. P. Zvingilas stated that there was a new culvert put in there a while ago.

P. Zvingilas stated that there is a problem on Hemlock Road and that they are still running a pump in the pond which has stagnant water with no place to drain. He stated that the pond has been filled in with debris and that it should be dug to the original depth explaining that the original pond had a gavel bottom but now it is silted over and won't drain. There was discussion of this matter.

C. Kinnie asked for other reports.

P. Zvingilas stated that there were some problems at the school project but that the silt fence is in place. There was discussion of this matter.

P. Zvingilas thanked the commissioners for their support at the budget hearing and that most of the positions were restored except for one. D. Szall thanked them too.

C. Kinnie asked D. Rubino about the Main Street meeting. D. Rubino stated that there was a meeting for the future of Griswold for grants to improve the downtown and there were drawings of different scenarios. There was discussion of this matter.

6. Old Business

There was no old business.

7. New Business

There was no new business.

8. Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 18, 2010

C. Kinnie stated that there was a correction on page 2 should read soil scientist. J. Waitte stated that on 4C it should read show not shoe. L. Laidley made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. J. Waitte seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

9. Communications

- A. Declaratory Ruling in Matter of Tilcon, CT There was discussion of this matter.
- B. Letter dated March 12, 2010 to Philip Anthony from FEMA regarding new digital Flood Insurance Rate Maps. There was discussion of this matter of the various flood zone locations in the town.
- C. Eastern Connecticut Resource Conservation and Development Area, Inc. regarding the Environmental Review Team. There was discussion of this matter.
- D. Letter to Courtland Kinnie, chair, from Robert Martinez, President, Connecticut Audubon Society and request for membership. C. Kinnie stated that there was no money for membership to the Audubon Society.
- E. Connecticut State of the Birds 2010 Magazine
- F. Connecticut Wildlife Magazine March/April 2010
- G. The Habitat Newsletter, Spring 2010, Volume 22, Number 1

10. Reports from Members

- C. Kinnie asked G. Serdechny to report on his attendance at the Municipal Inland Wetlands Commissioners Training. G. Serdechny gave his report and he found that it was a very informative. There was discussion of this matter.
- P. Zvingilas stated that Nick Holowaty passed away last week. There was discussion of this matter.
- C. Kinnie asked D. Szall to send a letter of condolence to Mrs. Holowaty. D. Szall will send a letter.

11. Conservation Commission Matters

- P. Zvingilas stated that the commission should plan an Earth Day celebration for next year. There was discussion of this matter. C. Kinnie stated that this should be on the agenda for December.

12. 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 motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna M. Szall
Recording Secretary