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GRISWOLD INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES CONSERVATION COMMISSION & AQUIFER PROTECTION AGENCY

PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

MAY 16, 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 May 16, 2013 at 7:40 p.m.

2. Roll Call & Determination of a Quorum

Present: Courtland Kinnie, Glen Norman, Lawrence Laidley, Stacie Stadnicki, Dean Rubino, Alternates Lauren Churchill, Clarence (Pete) Merrill, Town Planner Mario Tristany, WEO Peter Zvingilas,

Absent: Robert Parrette, Edward (Jay) Waitte, Alternate Gary Serdechny, Recording Secretary Donna Szall

C. Kinnie appointed 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

There were no applications.

5. Additional Business (New Applications)

There were no new applications

6. Reports from the Enforcement Officer

C. Kinnie asked for P. Zvingilas report. P. Zvingilas stated that he sent out a notice of violation and you should have a copy before you. He stated that P. Dameron is expanding on the left side of his driveway and it was falling into the wetland area. He explained to P. Dameron that he needed to come in for an application. He picked up the application yesterday and could not be here tonight. P. Zvingilas stated that he was told not to do any other work until he gets a permit so we should expect an application soon. S. Stadnicki asked if P. Zvingilas checked if any other work was done. P. Zvingilas stated that as of the other day there was no work done. She asked him to keep checking regularly.

C. Kinnie asked if this was next to a stream. S. Stadnicki stated that it was a large wetland area; and that she had told P. Zvingilas about the activity. P. Zvingilas stated that it is a large wetland area and there is a stream on the other side of the driveway that goes into his pond. S. Stadnicki stated that he runs a landscaping business. She stated that it looks like they are pushing fill into the wetland. P. Zvingilas stated that he had row of rock where he had his driveway and is over about eight or ten feet. C. Kinnie stated that communicate to him to stabilize the site and have no more work and to get an application in so we can review this next month. P. Merrill stated it looks like it is loose where he pushed. P. Zvingilas stated that he has to get some silt fence in. C. Kinnie asked how many linear feet? P. Zvingilas asked about 100 feet. There was discussion of this matter.

C. Kinnie asked for other reports. P. Zvingilas stated that there is an issue where the school yard dumps into Slater Avenue near AT & T building and it is filled in. He stated that there were so many overflows from the school project, and that he told P. Anthony that it is the school project fault for the silt fill in. L. Laidley stated that Mrs. Picket is concerned that if we get more rain it will flood her house since her house is across from the middle school on Slater Avenue. There was discussion of this matter. C. Kinnie asked if T. Babbitt looked at it. P. Zvingilas stated that he will look at it. C. Kinnie stated that if the material came off the school site, it needs to be addressed.

C. Kinnie asked for other reports.

L. Churchill arrived at 7:56 p.m.

7. Old Business

- A.** Discussion of a proposed site plan for property at Brewster Road owned by Pearl Brenek for a proposed swale to accept drainage from Brewster Road from a catch basin on Town of Griswold land onto the Brenek property as settlement of a law suit.

M. Tristany explained that they submitted a plan showing a pipe through the Brenek property and the contract was going to create a swale to a designated wetland; and the commission asked for a new site plan and there is a drainage report. M. Tristany stated that Mrs. Brenek met with Boundaries who created the new site plan showing a 4 ft wide grass swale and drainage report. C. Kinnie stated that it shows that they are removing the shed. He asked if they determined the distance to the regulated area and the wetlands. M. Tristany stated that they are well out of that area. He stated that there are only two sets of plans for this project. L. Laidley asked if it was similar to what AmericInn has. M. Tristany stated that it will be smaller with a 3:1 slope and ties into an existing swale at the back of the property. S. Stadnicki asked if it is within the regulated area. M. Tristany stated that it is not within 75 feet of the regulated area. He brought it to the commission for informational purposes because it is part of a court decision for future reference should it come up in discussion. C. Kinnie asked if the town was taking an easement on this swale or just on the drainage structure adjacent to the road. M. Tristany stated that there should be a note on the plan but he will check with Todd Babbitt.

8. New Business

- A.** Discussion of Hull Forest Products Notification of Timber Harvest for Albert Dzedzic at 161 Shetucket Turnpike, Griswold

C. Kinnie stated that this should be in our packets. C. Kinnie stated that this site is very steep on the side of Ray Mountain which was called Bay Mountain from 1868 because of an error on the 1868 map. G. Norman stated that it comes on to end of Bethel Church. C. Kinnie stated that the property once belonged to the Breens. L. Laidley stated that there is 200 feet of elevation change from the top to the bottom. C. Kinnie stated that the hillside harvest will be done zigzag across the slope. P. Merrill stated that there is a gravel driveway back there.

C. Kinnie stated that Hull submitted a topo map and there is one wetland crossing that will be corduroyed. G. Norman showed the location of the no harvest area. L. Laidley stated that it goes from 500 elevation to 300 elevation. There was discussion of this matter. C. Kinnie asked if anyone had concerns about this matter. P. Merrill stated that this is the best report he has seen from Hull. He stated that P. Zvingilas should take a look at it when he has time.

9. Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 18, 2013

C. Kinnie asked for a motion on the minutes of April 18, 2013

MOTION: L. Laidley made a motion to approve the minutes of April 18, 2013. P. Merrill seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

10. Communications

A. Avalonia Trails, Avalonia Land Conservancy, Inc. Newsletter, Spring 2013

C. Kinnie state that these are in your packets. He asked if anyone attended their meeting. No one attended.

11. Reports from Members

There were no reports from members.

12. Conservation Commission Matters

A. Discussion of April Earth Day celebration involving the Youth Center for Earth Day clean-up at the Town-owned boat ramp on Arbor Road on the Quinebaug River on Sunday, May 19, 2013 at 1 p.m.

L. Laidley asked if there was any feedback from the Youth Center since he has not heard from Ryan and suggested that it be rescheduled since he could not be there. P. Zvingilas stated that he could not be there Sunday. There was discussion of this matter. C. Kinnie asked if June 2, Sunday worked better.

MOTION: L. Laidley made a motion to move the river clean up from May 19, to June 2, 2013 at 1 pm at the boat launch on Arbor Road off of Quinebaug Camp Road. G. Norman seconded the motion. L. Laidley suggested that Ryan Aubin get a letter about the clean up. C. Kinnie asked if Donna will be back next week. M. Tristany stated Monday. C. Kinnie asked for the boat. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

13. Adjournment

C. Kinnie asked for a motion to adjourn. L. Laidley moved to adjourn. G. Norman seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

III. Aquifer Protection Agency

1. Call to Order

Vice Chair Robert Parrett called this regular meeting of the Aquifer Protection Agency to order on May 16, 2013. at 8:15 p.m.

2. Roll Call & Determination of Quorum

Present: Courtland Kinnie, Glen Norman, Lawrence Laidley, Stacie Stadnicki, Dean Rubino, Alternates Lauren Churchill, Clarence (Pete) Merrill, Town Planner Mario Tristany, WEO Peter Zvingilas,

Absent: Robert Parrette, Edward (Jay) Waitte, Alternate Gary Serdechny, Recording Secretary Donna Szall

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

3. Matters Presented for Discussion

C. Kinnie asked if there were any applications. M. Tristany stated that he received an application from American Industries, but sent it back because it was incomplete. They did not include the fee and there is a section of the application showing that there were 4 areas that were left blank. He stated that he gave them a copy of the instructions and highlighted the missing information. He asked them to submit a Materials Management Plan. C. Kinnie asked if this should be addressed at a public hearing or a regular meeting. M. Tristany stated that he wasn't familiar with the instructions and he will review it. There was discussion of this matter. C. Kinnie stated that we need to see the application first to determine if a public hearing was needed.

L. Laidley asked if the taxidermist ever came in. C. Kinnie stated that he did not know if Carl contacted him. L. Laidley stated that he does this business in his garage. C. Kinnie stated that he would have to review the information to determine if home occupations were part of this process. There was discussion of this matter including that the person may have died. L. Laidley stated that Stilly's Garage has moved out of the facility on Route 12. C. Kinnie asked about Dutch Uncle. P. Merrill stated that it is a pawn shop now. L. Laidley asked about the Antique Shop run by Joel Francouer. M. Tristany stated that Francouer does not do antiques any more. P. Zvingilas stated that he digs up old tires now.

4. Adjournment

C. Kinnie asked for a motion to adjourn. L. Laidley made a motion to adjourn. G. Norman seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8: 25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mario J. Tristany, Jr.
Town Planner