



# Town of Griswold



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## GRISWOLD INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES CONSERVATION COMMISSION

### SHOW CAUSE HEARING & REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 18, 2009

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 18 2009 at 7:30 p.m.

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

**Present:** Chair Courtland Kinnie, Vice Chair Robert Parrette, Secretary Stacie Stadnicki, Member Edward (Jay) Waitte, Dean Rubino, Lawrence Laidley, Alternate Gary Serdechny, WEO, Peter Zvingilas, Recording Secretary Donna Szall

**Absent:** Member Glen Norman

C. Kinnie welcomed new alternate member Gary Serdechny to the commission. 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 21-09 Construction KEN-nection, Inc. Ken Beaudoin, 27 Gates Farm Road, Lebanon, CT 06249. Property location: 14 Summer Lane, Griswold.** Applicant requests approval of a residential activity within a regulated area in order to remove existing building and deck and construct a new 3 bedroom dwelling and associated excavation and landscaping. The property is in the R-40 zone.

C. Kinnie asked if there was anyone to represent the application. Ken Beaudoin was there to present the application. He submitted two revised plans for the record. He explained that the pipe would be extended on the owner's property to Glasgow pond and the existing pipe will be cut back to the other property. C. Kinnie asked if P. Zvingilas looked at it. P. Zvingilas stated that he looked at it and there is a little stone at the outlet. C. Kinnie asked if the plunge pool would be 6 ft. x 8 ft. K. Beaudoin stated yes and that it would be 4 inch pipe. C. Kinnie asked about the clearing to install the pipe. K. Beaudoin stated that only scrub brush was cleared to install it. C. Kinnie asked if there were any questions for the application.

S. Stadnicki stated that there are no signatures on the revised plans. C. Kinnie stated that the original plans were signed. There was discussion of this matter.

S. Stadnicki made a motion to approve the application with the proper erosion and sedimentation control measures and that the signatures of the engineer will be added to the plan. L. Laidley seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

**B. CC 22-09 Gionet, Mary Katherine, 139 Dutka Drive, Griswold, CT 06351.** Applicant requests approval of residential activity within a regulated area in order to demolish existing 3-bedroom house, remove existing outhouse and construct a proposed 3 bedroom house with attached garage, deck and screened porch with associated site grading and limited clearing. The property is in the R-40 zone.

C. Kinnie asked if there was anyone to represent the application. Demian Sorrentino, certified planner and soil scientist, Boundaries LLC was representing the application. He submitted a revised plan dated June 11, 2009. He explained that the railroad tie retaining wall will be removed and the sediment fence is 10 ft. down gradient to the retaining wall and the grade will be restored and consistent with the existing 20% slope which will be loamed seeded and stabilized.

C. Kinnie asked about the footing drain outlet near the landscaped area. D. Sorrentino stated that the landscape areas on both sides will remain and provide some sort of a buffer. He explained that the footing drain is above the seasonal high ground water table. C. Kinnie asked about the roof leaders. D. Sorrentino stated that the applicant will not install roof leaders.

S. Stadnicki stated that the planner asked about landscaping and a dry swale. D. Sorrentino stated that the area is vegetated and when it is restored will be a grassed slope. There was discussion of this matter.

C. Kinnie asked about the retaining and whether the grade will be reestablished with materials to be added. Kevin Ogborne explained that that material will be reused on the property and to restore the original grade and that Russell Sakiewicz will be doing the excavation work recommended restoring the area to its natural slope. P. Zvingilas asked if the basement will be a walkout. K. Ogborne stated yes. There was discussion of this matter of bringing it to the 74 contour.

C. Kinnie asked for any other questions from the commission. D. Rubino asked the height of the retaining wall. D. Sorrentino stated that it was 6 ft. and the area will be regraded to be consistent with the rest of the yard.

C. Kinnie asked for other questions. He asked for a motion. R. Parrette made a motion to approve this application with the revised site plan with the proper erosion and sedimentation control measures in place. L. Laidley seconded the motion. C. Kinnie stated that where the work is being done that the silt fence is properly in place and that the slope is stabilized. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

**C. CC 24-09 Jewett City Water Company, P.O. Box 1088 Enfield, CT. Property location: Rte 12, South Main Street, Knights of Columbus Drive, Jewett City.** Applicant requests approval of commercial/Industrial activities in the upland review area and within inland wetlands to construct a new 12" water main Rte 12 and at grad crossing of P & W Railroad. The property is in the Borough Commercial and Residential zones.

C. Kinnie asked if there was anyone to represent this application. Donald Wurst, Design Engineer with Weston and Sampson Engineering stated that Bob Sherwood for the Jewett City Water

Company was present. He stated that the application was now complete. He explained that this was an installation of a transmission water main east of Soule Street to South Main Street to the P & W railroad grade crossing and the Knights of Columbus drive up to Route 12 and across the Quinebaug River on an old abandoned bridge to Lisbon cemetery for approximately 2000 ft. in Jewett City to improve the infrastructure, improve capacity of the water system and provide redundancy to the system.

D. Wurst explained the roadway component will entail trenching through existing pavement on Main Street, South Main Street, under the P & W railroad grade crossing and on Knights of Columbus Drive covering the trench and repaving that will be done on a daily basis with approved traffic controls and the trench will be closed daily at the end of the workday. He explained the project over the Quinebaug River utilizing the existing piers of the abandoned bridge that are wider than the superstructure will be used install a new water main on the upstream side of the bridge. He stated that the steel work will carry the water across the river and that there will be no work in the river and that all work will be accomplished on the bridge deck.

D. Wurst explained the impacts of the project are all within the existing public right of way and existing utility corridor. He explained the flood plain and 150 ft. wetland setback line and the project is within the regulated zone. He stated that best management practices will be used for erosion and sedimentation control measures with silt fences on all down hill slopes to prevent erosion into the wetland and watercourses; the catch basins will have silt fabric over the top and filter fabric will be in place, the trenches will be dewatered and the water will be filtered before being returned to the river.

D. Wurst explained that they have had discussions with all the parties involved and that there is a letter from the P & W railroad approving jacking operations on South Main Street, approval from CTDOT for work on Rte 12 and bridge crossing as well as letters from the Jewett City Public Water and Sewer departments and discussions with the town superintendent of roads for paving. He stated that the work will take approximately 3 to 4 weeks for trenching. He stated the work will run with lead time to fabricate the steel for the bridge with the total work running for two months using all the erosion and sedimentation control measures.

L. Laidley asked if they had contacted AT&T. D. Wurst stated that they have spoken with the utilities and Call Before You Dig and have the mapping of all the utilities companies. S. Stadnicki asked if the main was 12 inch pipe. D. Wurst stated yes, it is 12 inch. J. Waitte asked who would be inspecting the work. D. Wurst stated that Weston and Sampson will provide inspectors and the state will stop by from time to time. There was discussion of this matter.

R. Parrette asked if the bridge was under the commission's jurisdiction. C. Kinnie stated yes. R. Parrette asked about the piers and the fastening process was and if it can all be done from the deck. D. Wurst explained what sections of the bridge would be used and the original piers will be used to support the concrete pedestals and a steel support system from pier to pier to support the water main on rollers. He stated that when the work is off the bridge and will be attached on the face of the wind wall before we get back to the embankment. There was discussion of this matter.

S. Stadnicki asked if Todd Babbitt has submitted a letter for this project in the town planner's report. D. Wurst stated that they have had meetings and that they will work together. There was discussion of this matter.

L. Laidley asked about the old water main. D. Wurst stated that the old water main will remain in service until the substructure fails. There was discussion of this matter including that additional capacity will be provided to Lisbon.

R. Parrette asked how the pedestals will be poured. D. Wurst explained the process where by concrete will be poured from over the top with supers and equipment like that and it will be anchor bolted to the existing piers and there will be strict requirements to prevent material from falling into the river.

C. Kinnie stated that there should be a letter from the road superintendent. S. Stadnicki agreed that there should be a letter from the road superintendent and the BOS as well. D. Rubino stated that it could be a condition. There was discussion of this matter.

Robert Sherwood explained that there will be opening permits and that the superintendent would issue these permits with their specifications. There was discussion of this matter.

C. Kinnie asked for other questions. D. Rubino made a motion to approve application CC 24-09 with the proper erosion and sedimentation control measures in place where appropriate with special attention paid to form pouring and to get all proper permits for the paving and a letter from the road superintendent of to be added to the file. J. Waitte seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

**D. CC 25-09 Giard, Thomas Jr. & Mary Ellen, 39 Jennifer Lane, Griswold, CT.** Applicant requests approval of residential activity within a regulated area in order to install approximately 70 ft. of drainage pipe to empty into rip rap area and town storm drain area. The property is in the R-40 zone.

C. Kinnie asked if there was someone to present the application. Tom Giard, 39 Jennifer Lane, Griswold presented his application. He explained that starting last year, the ground water has started to pop out of the ground and is flooding the backyard. He stated that there are photographs in the file. He had Rick Geer, a licensed excavator, design a plan to move the water out of the yard by installing a perforated pipe in a trench with crushed stone that will drain to a town storm drain that is approximately 24 inches or larger on the left side of the property that runs to the pond with riprap already in place. .

C. Kinnie asked if the town has an issue with the storm drainage T. Giard stated that he spoke with Todd Babbitt who looked in side the pipe and did not see any obstructions that would cause any flooding and that Todd told him that it was clean ground water coming out. There was discussion of this matter.

D. Rubino asked if it would be trenched and reburied. T. Giard stated that it would be a 3 ft trench with crushed stone, 4 inch perforated pipe and silt fabric and it will be covered up again. P. Zvingilas asked how far away the septic system was. T. Giard stated that it was about 150 ft. away. There was discussion of this matter.

C. Kinnie asked where the lowest point was. T. Giard explained how the water runs through the yard. J. Waitte asked if he knew where the water was coming from. There was discussion of this matter including that there was water running all the time from artesian wells.

C. Kinnie asked for any other questions. R. Parrette asked how long the job will take. T. Giard stated that it would take two to three days for the project. C. Kinnie asked for a motion.

R. Parrette made a motion to approve the application CC 25-09 with the proper erosion and sedimentation control measures in place. L. Laidley seconded the motion. All were in favor.

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

There were no new applications.

**5. Reports from the Enforcement Officer**

P. Zvingilas explained he received a call from the DEP regarding the Imperato house out on Latham Drive if there was a permit for the new construction and the retaining wall. He stated that he called DEP that the commission gave them a permit to build a retaining wall while the pond was low. There was discussion of this matter.

P. Zvingilas stated that there was a question about the activity at the former grange for the driveway. P. Zvingilas explained that where the driveway and the pipe was located is under state control and that they must have gotten the proper permits from the CTDOT to do that. There was discussion of this matter. C. Kinnie stated that the grange should get that seeded as soon as possible.

P. Zvingilas explained that the homeowner who put the deck on piers at the brook and it is tied back with a couple stakes upland and he did a great job and that they planned to put a screened gazebo on it.

L. Laidley asked if P. Zvingilas could speak to Milano's to ask them to be careful when they are near the outlet pipes where the DEP guy got hurt. P. Zvingilas stated that he did look at it. There was discussion of this matter.

**6. Old Business**

C. Kinnie asked for old business. R. Parrette stated that he drove by the Johansen house on Myrtle Road after the rain storm last week and that the water from the pipe was running clear. He stated that there was debris in the road but the water was running clear. There was discussion of this matter. P. Zvingilas stated that the area is becoming vegetated and sediment won't be getting down there.

**7. New Business**

**8. Approval of Minutes**

A. Approval of Minutes of the Public Hearing and Regular Meeting of May 21, 2009

C. Kinnie stated that the town planner stated that on the fourth page it should read Dominant estate, not dominant state. J. Waitte made a motion to approve the minutes with the corrections as stated by the town planner. L. Laidley seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

**9. Communications**

A. Letter received May 22, 2009 from Paradigm regarding a free pipeline safety emergency response program concerning local pipeline and gas distribution companies scheduled for June 17, 2009 in Canterbury, CT.

- B. Letter received 5/27/09 from Natural Resources Council of Connecticut, Inc. regarding a presentation "Talking Trash—How We recycle & Make Energy in Connecticut, on Wednesday, June 17, 2009 from 9:30 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. at CRRRA Visitors Center, Murphy Road, Hartford, CT.
- C. FOIA, Ethics & Public Meetings, a municipal training workshop presentation by Connecticut Conference of Municipalities on Wednesday, June 24, 2009 at CCM New Haven Office and Saturday, June 27, 2009 at Old Saybrook Library.

There was discussion of this matter. G. Serdechny will attend the training workshop in Old Saybrook and report back to the Commission.

**10. Reports from Members**

J. Waitte stated that all the people who received permits to rebuild their retaining walls on the pond all did an excellent job. D. Rubino stated that the work was good. There was discussion of this matter.

**11. Conservation Commission Matters**

P. Zvingilas stated that the saltwater license requirement is on hold because the governor hasn't signed that bill. There was discussion of this matter.

**12. Adjournment**

S. Stadnicki made a motion to adjourn. J. Waitte seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna M. Szall  
Recording Secretary