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**GRISWOLD INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES
CONSERVATION COMMISSION & AQUIFER PROTECTION AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING
GRISWOLD TOWN HALL**

**APPROVED MINUTES
JULY 16, 2015**

I. Regular Meeting (7:30 P.M.)

1. Call to Order

Chairman Courtland Kinnie called this public hearing of the Griswold Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Conservation Commission to order on July 16, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.

2. Roll Call & Determination of Quorum

Present: Courtland Kinnie, Robert Parrette, Stacie Stadnicki, Glen Norman, Gary Serdechny, Alternates Lauren Churchill, Town Planner Mario Tristany, Recording Secretary Donna Szall

Also Present: Town Counsel Eliza Heins

Absent: Lawrence Laidley, Edward (Jay) Waitte, Clarence (Pete) Merrill, Kevin Franklin, WEO Peter Zvingilas,

C. Kinnie appointed L. Churchill to sit for J. Waitte. There was a quorum for this regular meeting.

3. Written Comments

There were no comments.

4. Approval of the Minutes

A. Approval of Minutes for the June 18, 2015 meeting.

C. Kinnie asked for approval of the minutes. R. Parrette stated that on page 2 that it should read fined rather than fine, and on page three it reads that after asking for further discussion, C. Kinnie asked for a motion. He stated that the motion was asked before the further discussion. This second request for a motion will be removed.

MOTION: R. Parrette moved to approve the minutes the regular meeting of June 18, 2015 as amended. S. Stadnicki seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

5. Matter Presented for Consideration

A. CC 14-15 ROBINSON, MICHAEL A., PROPERTY AT 57 BITGOOD ROAD, GRISWOLD, CT. Requesting approval for residential activity within a wetland/watercourse and regulated area in order to install approximately 5 yards of crushed stone to a 12 ft. wide by 25 ft. long area at an existing small boat launch to firm up the soil at Pachaug Pond. The property is zoned R-80.

C. Kinnie stated that this was before this commission last month. He asked member if they had any additional questions for M. Robinson. L. Churchill asked whether the use of the term "firming up the soil", and if the gravel will be put on top of the loam. Michael Robinson stated yes and that, there was an existing dock there and he would put the gravel on the soil so that he can launch his 16 ft. aluminum boat there. M. Tristany stated that the top soil should be removed. G. Serdechny stated that the soil pulls the moisture where the gravel does not. There was discussion of this matter of removing the top soil rather than placing the stone on top of the soil in a 20 ft. by 25 ft. area.

M. Robinson stated that he wanted it to have the least impact to the area and wild life in the area. C. Kinnie asked the commission what they wanted to do. He stated to M. Tristany that the best way would be to remove the topsoil and add the gravel; but if he is willing to try it this way, and if it works, then it is a lesser impact. R. Parrette asked how far back is 25 feet from the water on the drawing. There was further discussion of this matter.

C. Kinnie asked what the commission wanted to do.

MOTION: S. Stadnicki moved to approve CC 14-15 Michael Robinson 57 Bitgood Road for five yards of crushed stone for a launching area. G. Norman seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

6. Additional Business (New Applications)

There was no additional business.

7. Reports from the Enforcement Officer

No report by the acting enforcement officer due to his absence.

8. Old Business

R. Parrette stated that in last month's minutes it states "the enforcement officer will contact the original owner regarding the wetlands conservation easement signage" and asked if this was done. C. Kinnie stated that we don't have a report. C. Kinnie stated that we don't know he is not here.

9. New Business

There was no new business.

10. Communications

A. The Habitat, Newsletter, Spring 2015, volume 17, number 2

B. Municipal Inland Wetlands Agency Continuing Education Workshop: Annual Legal and Administrative Updates

C. Kinnie stated that there is the one voucher. R. Parrette stated that Kevin expressed an interest in going and he expressed an interest in going and he will pay for it himself. There was discussion of this matter including that it is an ongoing issue with the State that the courses should be free for municipal wetlands commissioners because the state requires a wetlands commission. D. Szall will let K. Franklin know that the voucher is available for him to use.

C. Connecticut Federation of Planning and Zoning Agencies Quarterly Newsletter, Spring 2015, Volume XIX, Issue 2

11. Reports from Members

L. Churchill gave an update for the community garden and that the triangle of land by the Nurses building on Ashland Street is available. She stated that she wants to meet with R. Aubin. C. Kinnie asked how much space was there. L. Churchill stated that it is about a quarter of the size. She stated that Paul Smith, the School Superintendent may have a spot. D. Szall suggested checking with P. Brycki of Griswold Housing Authority to have a garden at elderly housing. L. Churchill stated that this is on hold.

12. Conservation Commission Matters

A. There were no conservation matters.

C. Kinnie asked if there were wetland issues from the Johnson Cove Residents in the audience. Bev Cholewa, 16 Fairview Avenue, stated that she gave pictures of silt in the water after they had supposedly corrected the sediment issue by putting up the silt fence. C. Kinnie asked B. Cholewa to explain the photographs. She stated that this is behind Mike McKenna's house after all of the rains. Jeff Ryan stated that it is where there is the little cove where Johnson Cove Road is and opposite where the berms will be going. She stated that Lou Santos was there speaking with her. Fabiola Proulx stated that he told that they had violations that had not been corrected yet. C. Kinnie stated that we were supposed to have updates from DEEP. She gave copies of the violations to the Chair showing that there were violations from 2012, 2013, and 2014. C. Kinnie stated that there was a meeting with DEEP in June and their representatives that a list of items had been completed. F. Proulx stated that L. Santos send a letter to the Attorney General which she submitted to the commission. There was discussion of this matter including that the objects in the photos may be tannins or natural scum as silt does not float.

C. Kinnie stated that an email be sent to Lou Santos of DEEP requesting the violations that he brought to the residents attention and has come to the Commission's attention and how it affects the wetland permit issued in May. B. Cholewa stated that they were being cited today for operating beyond the 7.5 hours per day because they are making it at night as well as during the day. S. Stadnicki stated that they were violating the asphalt plant permit by Robert Gerard dated 6/27/13. C. Kinnie stated that the dates on these are older. B. Cholewa stated that Lou Santos told her that they are still in violation. There was further discussion of this matter including that a lot of these violations are zoning issues.

G. Serdechny stated that after rain events, REMA was to provide reports. C. Kinnie asked if reports have been received by REMA. D. Szall stated no. M. Tristany stated that in the prevention plan that after a certain magnitude storm; it was to be inspected. L. Churchill stated that REMA is an independent of them and someone is supposed to check after a significant amount of rain and that we may hear from them in a few days as part of the agreement. There was discussion of this matter including that the rain is measured at the school complex.

C. Kinnie stated that D. Szall contact George Logan of REMA regarding updates for the significant rain events and ask if he can be at the next meeting to give a report or send a written update. C. Kinnie asked that P. Zvingilas inspect the silt fence and give a report at next month's meeting. There was discussion of this matter. Fabiola Proulx asked if there were minutes of the meeting with DEEP. C. Kinnie stated that no minutes were taken since it was a round-table meeting. S. Stadnicki asked if there was a response to the FOI request. M. Tristany stated that records were asked from 1994 and there are maps that are in the official record that must be copied and can cost \$100 for each of the six.

S. Stadnicki stated that you can narrow the scope of the request. She asked if a letter was written by P. Anthony that allowed AI to run as many hours as he wanted. B. Cholewa stated that she was told by P. Anthony that he did not write such a letter. There was discussion of this matter. M. Tristany read the language for the record of the stipulated judgment that "provide notice to the first selectman of Griswold be given 48 hours notice for prior consent for operating beyond the 7 hours. C. Kinnie stated and update from Mr. Santos and how the recent violations affect the wetlands permit, a report from REEMA, and report for enforcement officer.

13. Adjournment

C. Kinnie asked for a motion to adjourn.

MOTION: S. Stadnicki moved to adjourn. L. Laidley seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

III. Aquifer Protection Agency

1. Call to Order

Chairman Courtland Kinnie called this regular meeting of the Aquifer Protection Agency to order on July 16, 2015 at 8:34 p.m.

2. Roll Call & Determination of Quorum

Present: Courtland Kinnie, Robert Parrette, Stacie Stadnicki, Glen Norman, Gary Serdechny, Alternates Lauren Churchill, Town Planner Mario Tristany, Recording Secretary Donna Szall

Also Present: Town Counsel Eliza Heins

Absent: Lawrence Laidley, Edward (Jay) Waitte, Clarence (Pete) Merrill, Kevin Franklin, WEO Peter Zvingilas,

C. Kinnie appointed L. Churchill to sit for J. Waitte. There was a quorum for this regular meeting.

3. Approval of the Minutes

A. Approval of Minutes for APA meeting the June 18, 2015 meeting.

C. Kinnie asked for corrections or omissions; hearing none, he asked for a motion for the minutes,

MOTION: R. Parrette moved to approve the minutes. S. Stadnicki seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

4. Matters Presented for Discussion

A. Discussion and Action on adjustments requested by Kim Czapla for APA 01-15 American Industries.

C. Kinnie read a letter from Branse & Willis, LLC dated July 16, 2016 requesting that, since the automatic acceptance period ended on July 14, 2016, to read this letter for the record, signed the cover letter and registration certificate to be mailed to the registrant, and clearly indicated in the minutes that the certificate is accurate based on the April 16, 2015 updated registration with copies of the minutes will be forwarded to DEEP, Dept. of Public Health and Water Utility.

C. Kinnie read the registrant cover letter listing the general provisions applicable to the registration that shall sent to Pasquale Computaro, American Industries, for the record. He stated that there is also the official certificate to be mailed to the applicant. R. Parrette asked if there is no renewal after five years, what happens. C. Kinnie stated that the registrant that is no longer eligible to register their business activities and are subject to all current regulations.

B. Discussion and action for resubmissions of APA registrations from Dante Grassi, David Mackin and a new submission from new tenant of former Stilly's garage.

C. Kinnie stated that the resubmissions of the APA registrations shall be updated to with a new date and registration number because the APA regulations were never filed with the Town Clerk until 2015. There was discussion of this matter.

MOTION: R. Parrette moved that the registrations be handled by staff administratively for David Mackin 13-0002 and Dante, LLC 13-0001 listing the uses and require a certificate. G. Serdechny seconded the motion. C. Kinnie stated that a new registration should be sent to 522 Plainfield Road for the Diesel Shop, a new operator at that facility; and that they should hear from them regarding their activities. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

C. Kinnie asked that we communicate with Diesel Repair so they can complete a registration and come before the agency to explain the business activities. C. Kinnie stated that copies of the registration certificates for Grassi, and Mackin will be sent to K. Czapla at DEEP.

5. Adjournment

C. Kinnie asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion: L. Churchill moved to adjourn. S. Stadnicki seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna M. Szall
Recording Secretary