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GRISWOLD INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES CONSERVATION COMMISSION

SHOW CAUSE HEARING & REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 20, 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 August 20, 2009 at 7:39 p.m.

2. Roll Call & Determination of Quorum

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

Absent: Member Edward (Jay) Waitte

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

3. Applications

A. CC 01-10 Szorc, Dorothy, 44 West End Avenue, Apt. 3D, New York, NY 10024. Property location: 33 Sunset View, Griswold. Applicant is requesting approval of residential activity with in a regulated area in order to develop the subject lot for a proposed 2-bedroom raised ranch, slab on grade, with associated well and septic system, driveway and associated clearing, grading and drainage improvement per the site plan; and is requesting approval of wetland/watercourse activity for proposed filling or altering 4,322± s.f. of inland wetlands consisting of 2,020± s.f. natural hydric soils, and 2302± s.f. of excavation of man-made wetland soil. The property is in the R-40 zone.

C. Kinnie asked if there was someone here to represent the application. Demian Sorrentino, certified planner and soil scientist, Boundaries, LLC represented Dorothy Szorc. He explained that because of the significant impact to the wetlands, that this application would require a public hearing.

He explained the history of the wetland and man-made wetlands. He stated that he would make his presentation at the public hearing should the commission decide to hold a public hearing. He stated that he is working with the Sanitarian for permeability tests and approval has not been received. He suggested that the commission do a site walk so the commission can see the naturally occurring soils as well as the man-made soils.

C. Kinnie stated that the commission should set a public hearing because of the significant impact to the wetlands and that there should be a site walk. There was discussion of this matter.

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

S. Stadnicki made a motion to set a site walk for CC 01-10 Dorothy Szorc for 6:00 p.m. on Monday, August 24, 2009. L. Laidley seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

C. Kinnie asked for a motion to set a public hearing. S. Stadnicki made a motion to set a public hearing for CC 01-10 Dorothy Szorc for the next regular meeting on September 17, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. because of significant wetland impact. L. Laidley seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion as carried.

C. Kinnie stated to let the record show that G. Norman arrived at 7:50 p.m.

B. CC 02-10 Haz-Pros Inc. 105 A Brook Street, West Hartford, CT 06110. Property location: 235 East Main Street, Griswold. Applicant is requesting approval of commercial/Industrial activity within a regulated area in order to demolish all buildings on site down to slab on grade, leaving all slabs, footings and foundations in place, removal and disposal of all asbestos materials, 5,500 cubic yards of construction debris, and 2,000 tons of steel and iron. All masonry will remain on site in a designated area for future use. The property is zoned industrial.

C. Kinnie asked if there was some here to represent the application. Henry Castaldi, Supervisor, Haz-Pros presented the application. He explained that the commission wanted to see the sedimentation controls and he showed where the hay bales are located on the property lines and the silt fence locations. He explained that there is filter fabric over the catch basins and had bales surrounding them. He stated there is a diagram of the houses with the proximity to the demolition site and all the neighbors have been notified. P. Zvingilas asked about the internal drains. H. Castaldi stated that internal drains have all been sealed. C. Kinnie asked if the red dotted line was the regulated area. H. Castaldi stated yes that is the regulated area. S. Stadnicki asked if work has started. H. Castaldi stated that the work is all outside the regulated area. P. Zvingilas stated that that work is far from the wetlands. H. Castaldi stated that it was about 400 feet away from the wetlands. The commission looked at the site map.

C. Kinnie asked about dust controls. H. Castaldi is using water from the hydrants with permission from the water company who has installed a meter. He stated that a fire truck will be used later on site to control the dust; the water is used the filter fabric is changed frequently after each rain storm in order to keep sediment from running into the storm drains. C. Kinnie asked about the masonry on site. H. Castaldi stated that it will be kept on site and will be pulverized in the stock piles that are on a concrete slab and that there may be some fracturing due to breaking the columns out of the concrete. He stated that the concrete will be pushed toward East Main Street as a berm to keep a vehicle from falling 12 feet.

C. Kinnie asked P. Zvingilas about his observations of the site. P. Zvingilas stated that this is a well run project and everything he said he would do, he has done. He stated that there should be no problems and they are a very competent outfit. There was discussion of this matter.

D. Rubino made a motion to approved CC 02-10 with the proper erosion and sedimentation control measures in place and be maintained throughout the process. G. Serdechny seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

4. Additional Business (New Applications)

There were no new applications.

5. Reports from the Enforcement Officer

P. Zvingilas had no report to present at this time.

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 July 16, 2009

D. Rubino stated that he was absent from the July 16, 2009 meeting. C. Kinnie stated that on page 10, where it says C. Fontneau started should be stated and pip should be pipe. D. Szall will make those corrections. Rob Parrette made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected. L. Laidley seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

9. Communications

C. Kinnie reviewed the communications. He read a letter Shipman & Goodwin to the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection. C. Kinnie read some of this letter for the record. There was discussion of this matter as to where the water diversion could take place. P. Zvingilas will look at the site. A copy of this letter will be added to the next meeting packet. C. Kinnie stated that it may not be a concern of this commission, so more information is required.

10. Reports from Members

C. Kinnie asked for reports from members. S. Stadnicki asked about the storm drains on Stone Hill Road. P. Zvingilas explained that that was part of Stone Hill Estates and the Town has put in culverts before Stone Hill is paved. S. Stadnicki stated that the intersection of Stone Hill and Roode Road was the most dangerous intersection in the state and labeled as a hazardous intersection. There was discussion of this matter.

11. **Conservation Commission Matters**

C. Kinnie asked for any conservation matters.

C. Kinnie stated that we will be getting the final plan for the Open Space Priority Plan. D. Szall stated that that she will ask C. Fontneau when he returns from vacation. He stated that that plan will be forwarded to the Planning and Zoning Commission to use for the open space fund. There was discussion of this matter.

P. Zvingilas stated that there is a trend in the area where a large number of farms that have sold their development rights to the state which leads to a decrease in value of these properties. He explained that there are a number of people from out of state buying up these properties at full value to create horse farms. There was discussion of this matter.

C. Kinnie asked for any other conservation matters.

12. **Adjournment**

C. Kinnie asked for adjournment.

Norman Johanson, Myrtle Road was here to ask why he was not on the agenda for this matter. C. Kinnie stated that we cannot hold a public hearing if nothing has been presented. N. Johanson stated that there was a permit granted without a public hearing according to his attorney and engineer. He stated that the cease and desist was lifted and a permit was granted without a public hearing. S. Stadnicki stated that no permits were granted. C. Kinnie stated that a show cause hearing is not an application. G. Norman read the motion regarding the cease and desist. G. Norman stated that Mr. Reil must submit an application. There was discussion of this matter. No application has been received at this time.

C. Kinnie asked for a motion to adjourn. R. Parrette made a motion to adjourn. L. Laidley seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna M. Szall
Recording Secretary