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GRISWOLD INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES CONSERVATION COMMISSION

GRISWOLD TOWN HALL – FIRST FLOOR MEETING ROOM REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 21, 2008

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

1. Call to Order

Vice Chairman Robert Parrette called this regular meeting of the Griswold Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Conservation Commission to order on June 19, 2008 at 7:50 p.m.

2. Roll Call & Determination of Quorum

Present: Vice Chair Robert Parrette, Member Glen Norman, Dean Rubino, Alternate, Lawrence Laidley, Town Planner Carl Fontneau, WEO, Peter Zvingilas, Recording Secretary Donna Szall

Absent: Chair Courtland Kinnie, Secretary Stacie Stadnicki, Member Edward (Jay) Waitte, Chris Gagne, Alternate Cathy Mathews

R. Parrette appointed L. Laidley to sit for S. Stadnicki. It was determined that a quorum was present for this meeting.

3. Applications

A. CC 01-09, Horton, Lynn M., 6 Cutter's Lookout, East Haven, CT. Property location: 136 Mackin Drive, Griswold. Pursuant of Notice of Violation issued 7/10/08 and upheld by the Commission on 7/17/08, the applicant requests approval of deposition of 40± yards of beach sand upon existing beach; deposition of 50± yards of loam between the stone wall and house; stone wall, elevations and grading, and stone sidewalks and patios as shown on the attached plan. The property is in the R-40 zone.

R. Parrette asked if there was anyone to represent the applicant.

Demian Sorrentino, certified planner and soil scientist, Boundaries, LLC presented this application. He explained that an as-built has been submitted for this new application that was requested by the Inland Wetlands Commission in response to a wetlands violation that was upheld by the commission.

D. Sorrentino explained the details of the work that was exceeded for the permit granted to install the sanitary system, catch basin and swale.

He described the 40± yards of sand that was deposited on the beach. He described the 50± yards of loam that was deposited from the stone wall to the house. He explained the contours and the finished grades and he showed the extent of the grading to the front and to the beach area.

D. Sorrentino addressed the height of the stone wall and asked that the wall be permitted as it is built. He explained the elevations for the site and the contours going out to the street. He stated that the driveway is now paved.

D. Sorrentino explained that the stone sidewalks and patios to the commission. He explained the method of installation of the pavers in concrete which are permanently fixed. He stated the applicant is asking for approval of the stone paver locations.

D. Sorrentino stated that they are asking for approval of the site that has been constructed and the commission approves the as-built. D. Sorrentino stated that the commission can do a site walk of the property. He addressed the catch basin and swale that will move the stormwater from Mackin Drive to the pond; the swale is to alleviate the stormwater from going on to the property to the west. There was discussion of this matter.

G. Norman suggested that the commission should do a site walk.

C. Fontneau asked about the water adjustments made to the septic system and if there was mitigation of the pollution impact going into the pond. D. Sorrentino stated that the lot size did not change and there are more impervious surfaces. C. Fontneau stated that the slope is greater because the lot is higher. D. Sorrentino stated that he can get the information for the elevation from from the front down the right of way.

R. Parrette suggested that the commission go as a group to do this site walk.

D. Rubino made a motion to accept this application as presented. G. Norman seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

R. Parrette asked the commission when they would like to do the site walk. There was discussion of this matter. G. Norman made a motion to set the site walk for 136 Mackin Drive for Friday, September 5, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. L. Laidley seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was carried. D. Szall will send notices to the members.

4. Additional Business (New Applications)

R. Parrette asked for a motion to place a new CC 02-09 on the agenda. G. Norman made a motion to put CC 02-09 on the agenda. L. Laidley seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

R. Parrette asked if there was anyone to represent the applicant. Toby Warwyznowicz stated that he was asking for approval to replace the boathouse septic system with a new system and the old cesspool would be abandoned which will be replaced with a 1000 gal. tanks and 2 concrete leach fields.

T. Warwyznowicz explained that he wanted to remove the retaining wall and replace it with beach sand. D. Rubino asked if the wall could be salvaged. P. Zvingilas stated that the beach would be eroded away with the wave action from the boats on the pond. T. Warwyznowicz stated that there isn't much pond action at that location. P. Zvingilas suggested that he should keep the retaining

wall. T. Warwyznowicz explained that the wall will be removed after the work on the septic system has been completed and that he would be using silt fence and the wall. The equipment will be behind the retaining wall. C. Fontneau asked if there was a grading plan. D. Rubino stated that if the wall is taken down, and you want a new wall, then you would have to get a permit from the DEP. There was discussion of this matter.

R. Parrette asked for a map with topos and drawn to scale, to show the sediment and erosion control measures and the proposed activity. R. Parrette asked if there were modifications to the dock. T. Warwyznowicz stated that the dock will be replaced with a floating dock. R. Parrette stated that the floating dock should be added to the application and the site plan and to show the new beach. P. Zvingilas asked T. Warwyznowicz to show where the dock is attached to the land. There was discussion of this matter.

G. Norman made a motion to accept this application and table it to the next regular meeting with the modifications requested. D. Rubino seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

T. Warwyznowicz modified his application to include the floating dock.

R. Parrette asked if the commission would do a site walk. There was discussion of this matter. D. Rubino made a motion to site a site walk for CC 02-09 on September 5, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. G. Norman seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

6. Old Business

P. Zvingilas stated that this is old business on Bishop Crossing Road where runoff from the road has filled the pond with silt owed by Gary Serdechny.

G. Serdechny, 66 Bishop Crossing Road explained how the drainage runoff from the road over time has completely filled in his pond. He stated that last year, the commission approved the pond maintenance. He had Mr. Geer and Mr. Benjamin look at it. He proposed to dig out the fill and move it to another location on his property that would fill in two depressions. G. Serdechny stated that the spoke to the Eastern Connecticut Conservation District who will look at the problem and come up with a permanent solution to the runoff into the pond. P. Zvingilas explained how the stormwater drains into the pond through a cross culvert head wall has eroded and will fail and should be replaced. G. Serdechny showed photographs of the pond to the commission. There was discussion of the matter.

C. Fontneau stated that it is maintenance by right with the proper erosion and sedimentation controls measures and inspections by the WEO. P. Zvingilas stated that the culvert is a safety issued and should go to the safety committee.

G. Norman made a motion to have P. Zvingilas to handle this matter at administratively 66 Bishop Crossing Road with pond maintenance. L. Laidley seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was carried. R. Parrette stated to send a letter the safety commission.

5. Reports from the Enforcement Officer

P. Zvingilas stated he had no other reports.

7. **New Business**

There was no new business.

8. **Approval of Minutes**

A. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 17, 2008

R. Parrette had a question on the minutes concerning Horton. There was discussion of this matter. L. Laidley made a motion to approve the minutes of July 17, 2008. G. Norman seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

9. **Communications**

A. "ECCD Outlook", Newsletter, Summer, 2008 from Eastern Connecticut Conservation District. There was discussion of this matter.

B. Connecticut Wildlife Magazine, July/August 2008 by Connecticut DEP, Bureau of Natural Resources, Wildlife Division

C. University of Connecticut College of Agriculture and Natural Resources "Journal", Volume 16, No. 2, Summer 2008.

D. Summons-Civil Horton, Lynn M. v. Chairman Griswold Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Conservation Commission. There was a brief discussion of this matter.

10. **Reports from Members**

C. Fontneau stated that the Farmland Viability Grant will be prepared for next year; there are no matching funds this fiscal year.

11. **Conservation Commission Matters**

C. Fontneau explained the Aquatic Nuisance Weed Survey on Pachaug Pond, and if the BOS want this commission to be the lead agency and he asked if commission was interested in being the lead agency for the contract. There was discussion of this matter. R. Parrette stated that the commission will serve as lead agency.

12. **Adjournment**

L. Laidley made a motion to adjourn. D. Rubino seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna M. Szall
Recording Secretary