



# Town of Griswold



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## GRISWOLD INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES CONSERVATION COMMISSION

### REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

September 15, 2011

GRISWOLD TOWN HALL

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

##### 1. Call to Order

Chair Courtland Kinnie called this regular meeting of the Griswold Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Conservation Commission to order on September 15, 2011 at 7:51 p.m.

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

**Present:** Chair Courtland Kinnie, Secretary Stacie Stadnicki, Member Edward (Jay) Waitte, Glen Norman, Lawrence Laidley, WEO, Peter Zvingilas, Town Planner Carl Fontneau, Recording Secretary Donna Szall

**Absent:** Vice Chair Robert Parrette, Dean Rubino, Alternate Gary Serdechny

It was determined that a quorum was present for this meeting.

##### 3. Applications

A. No pending applications.

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

A. No new applications

##### 5. Reports from the Enforcement Officer

Peter Zvingilas stated that there were two trailers that were partially crushed by trees as well as one house that has been repaired. He stated that there were some washouts. He stated that large trees at Lake Road fell on one house and on another deck. C. Kinnie asked if the work has begun at Stone Hill Road at Arrowhead. P. Zvingilas stated no.

C. Fontneau gave an updated report for 67 Jennifer Lane and Norm Johanson lots at Myrtle Road. He explained that there were complaints about debris on Myrtle Road that Norm Johanson and Valerie Johanson feel that it was caused from water coming from 67 Jennifer Lane that material covered the catch basins and the water went into Valerie Johanson's basement at 54 Myrtle Road.

He stated that she had made several complaints to DEEP. C. Fontneau stated that Chuck Lee of DEEP call him and he explained the other half of the story and so DEEP was less concerned. C. Fontneau stated that Norm Johanson called stating that Todd Babbitt DPW could not clean the catch basins. C. Fontneau stated that the catch basins actually belonged to Mr. Johanson so that Mr. Johanson should clean them at the end of Myrtle Road. He stated that after 67 Jennifer Lane is finished, any work on Myrtle Road should be done by the Johansons.

## 6. Old Business

- A. Discussion and possible action of the Town Attorney's review and recommendations of updated changes to the Griswold Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Conservation Commission Regulations based on the State DEP Model Regulations so as to be consistent with the State of Connecticut Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Act, Sections 22a-36 to 22a-45, known and cited as the "Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Act"

C. Fontneau stated that the regulations have been updated with the comments from Attorney Branse and those changes suggested by the Commission. He stated that this can be sent to the DEEP commissioner for their review through Darcy Winther explaining that these regulations are basically the state model regulations and to request an expedited review; after the review, the DEEP recommendations can be implemented and then it can go to a public hearing here.

C. Fontneau stated that the width of a property that supports a dock is actually a zoning regulation because it is a land dimension. He stated that he did research for the ratio of wetlands replace and determined that statewide it is coastal zone management; but it is complicated and could be enacted possibly in 2012. He stated the commission can do a ratio on a case by case basis now. He asked the commission to vote to send the package to the DEEP Commissioner. C. Kinnie asked if this will go to public hearing this year or next year. C. Fontneau stated that it will probably be early next year. There was discussion of this matter. C. Kinnie stated that we should ask for an accelerated response. He asked the commission if they were comfortable with this current regulation package.

J. Waitte made a motion to send the current package of Municipal Wetland Regulations for the Town of Griswold forward to the commissioner of DEEP for review. S. Stadnicki seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

## 7. New Business

- A. Discussion program implementation requirements of the Level A Mapping for the Hopeville Road Map Field that will be entered into the DEEP Geographic Information System

C. Fontneau explained that he received a letter on 8/17/11 from Betsy Wingfield regarding the Level A Mapping of the Hopeville Road Well Field Report revised July 13, 2011. He explained that this mapping will be available at DEEP website for the aquifer protection. He stated that we will be received a formal notification for program implementation. C. Fontneau explained that the area for the Level A included parts of Canterbury and Plainfield. He stated that the Triangle property is out of the Level A area. He stated that American Industries is within the Level A area and that they must register with the state. He stated that there will be an Aquifer Protection Meeting with Kim Czaplá of DEEP here in Griswold on Tuesday, September 27 at the town hall meeting room. There was discussion of this matter. C. Fontneau stated that he will call Gary Serdechny to see if he will be available to attend this meeting since he attended these

meeting before. He explained that Griswold has a limited time to enact the regulations and map for the Aquifer Protection Area Regulations and Procedures. J. Waitte asked what type of businesses would be affected. C. Fontneau explained that some industrial businesses are classified and require to be registered. C. Kinnie asked if the map and letter will be ready for review for the next regular meeting. C. Fontneau stated yes.

## **8. Approval of Minutes**

### **A. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 18, 2011**

C. Kinnie asked for a motion to approve the minutes. L. Laidley made a motion to approve the minutes of 8/18/11. S. Stadnicki seconded the motion. C. Kinnie made a note that the corrections to the minutes had already been made.

## **9. Communications**

**A.** Connecticut chapter of the American Planning Association 2011 Legislation Pertaining to Land Use Planning and Regulations as of 6-9-2011. There was discussion of this matter.

**B.** Letter dated August 17, 2011 from Betsy Wingfield, Bureau Chief, Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection regarding Level A Mapping for Jewett City Water Co. Hopeville Road Well Field, Griswold, CT. This letter was discussed in a previous item.

C. Kinnie stated that Segment III was received for the Wetlands Commissioners Training Program. There was discussion of this matter.

C. Kinnie stated that there is a letter from Betsy Wingfield regarding the changes to the State Statutes. There was discussion of this matter. C. Kinnie stated that there should be wording in the regulations regarding volunteer fire companies for dry hydrants exempt activities to be added to the new wetlands regulations.

## **10. Reports from Members**

There were no reports from members.

## **11. Conservation Commission Matters**

**A.** Discussion to revive the April Earth Day celebration for the next fiscal year activities for citizens groups to be involved with suggestions for events. C. Kinnie stated that there should be more activities as we get closer to the events. L. Laidley suggested talking to the Youth Services and the Senior Center. P. Zvingilas stated that someone asked the BOS for Finance Director if there is insurance coverage for volunteers for IWWCC activities on town property. C. Kinnie asked D. Szall to send a letter to the Finance Director whether there is insurance coverage for volunteers for a sponsored event in the town.

C. Fontneau stated that there is a new committee for Open Space Land Acquisition and asked that it be put on the Agenda. L. Laidley made a motion to add the Open Space Land Acquisition to the agenda as 11B.

**B.** C. Fontneau explained that the Open Space Acquisition committee has two openings from the Wetlands Commission. He explained that there are two openings from P & Z, two openings from IWWCC and 1 opening from EDC, 1 opening from the Recreation Commission, and 1 opening from the BOS. There was discussion of this matter. L. Laidley volunteered to be a member of this committee. S. Stadnicki stated that Gary Serdechny may be interested and nominated him for this committee. S. Stadnicki made a motion to appoint L. Laidley and G. Serdechny to this committee. C. Kinnie seconded the motion. C. Fontneau stated that he will call G. Serdechny to see if he is interested in sitting on this committee. C. Kinnie asked for a vote. All were in favor. The motion was carried. C. Kinnie stated that G. Serdechny's appointment was contingent upon his acceptance.

**12. Adjournment**

L. Laidley made a motion to adjourn. S. Stadnicki seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna M. Szall  
Recording Secretary