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GRISWOLD INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES CONSERVATION COMMISSION

SHOW CAUSE HEARING & REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES SEPTEMBER 17, 2009

GRISWOLD TOWN HALL

I. Public Hearing (7:00 P.M.)

1. Call to Order

Chairman Courtland Kinnie called this continuation of this public hearing to order at 7:08 pm.

2. Roll Call & Determination of a Quorum

Present: Chair Courtland Kinnie, Vice Chair Robert Parrette, Member Edward (Jay) Waitte, Dean Rubino, WEO Peter Zvingilas, Town Planner Carl Fontneau, Recording Secretary Donna Szall

Absent: Secretary Stacie Stadnicki, Glen Norman, Lawrence Laidley, Alternate Gary Serdechny

There is a quorum for this public hearing.

3. Matter Presented for Consideration – Continued from February

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 read a letter dated September 16. 2009, from Demian Sorrentino withdrawing this application without prejudice CC 01-10 Dorothy Szorc. C. Kinnie asked for a motion to close the public hearing. R. Parrette made a motion to close the public hearing. D. Rubino seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

C. Fontneau stated that this next item 7B can be added to the agenda. This item was discussed prior to the meeting. C. Fontneau gave a brief explanation that there is a workshop on October 19, 2009 of the Aquifer Management Program for a member of the commission to go to this workshop in Newington. There was discussion of this matter.

C. Fontneau stated that there is a Natural Resource Inventory map and that there is a descriptive report for the POCD for open space. There was discussion of this matter.

II. 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 September 17, 2009 at 7:33 p.m.

2. Roll Call & Determination of Quorum

Present: Chair Courtland Kinnie, Vice Chair Robert Parrette, Member Edward (Jay) Waitte, Dean Rubino, WEO, Peter Zvingilas, Town Planner Carl Fontneau. Recording Secretary Donna Szall

Absent: Secretary Stacie Stadnicki, Glen Norman, Lawrence Laidley, Alternate Gary Serdechny,

C. Kinnie appointed L. Laidley to sit for G. Norman. It was determined that a quorum was present for this meeting. C. Kinnie stated to let the record show that G. Norman arrived at 7:34 p.m.

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 stated that this was a prior public hearing and that the application was withdrawn.

4. Additional Business (New Applications)

A. CC 04-10 Gagnon, John, 10 Kelci Circle, Griswold, CT 06351. Applicant is requesting approval of residential activity within a wetland or watercourse in order repair damage caused by drainage runoff to excavate 15 ft. by 20 ft. and approximately 2 ft. deep of existing sand and to line with filter fabric and cover with 6 in. to 12 in. riprap. The property is zoned R-60.

C. Kinnie asked Mr. Gagnon to present his application. John Gagnon, presented photographs to the Commission showing the erosion on this site. He stated that the wall was built and it altered the course of the drainage now going into the pond. He explained that Richard Geer recommended installing two swales to correct the erosion problem.

C. Kinnie appointed R. Parrette as secretary pro tem in S. Stadnicki's absence. J. Waitte stated that the work J. Gagnon did on the repair of the wall. J. Gagnon explained that there will be a swale and filter fabric and rip rap to keep the water from going into the pond to keep the sedimentation from going into the pond. There was discussion of this matter.

C. Kinnie asked how wide the swales were. J. Gagnon stated that the sales are 8 ft. wide. C. Kinnie asked for a sheet to show the details of the swale. There was discussion of this matter.

C. Kinnie stated that the commission cannot act on this application until next month's meeting. He asked J. Gagnon to pencil in the 75 ft regulate are on the map and to have some idea of the slope. J. Gagnon stated that the lot was fairly flat. There was discussion of this matter including that C. Fontneau will provide the slope.

P. Zvingilas asked when this project would start. J. Gagnon stated that he wanted to start this as soon as possible.

C. Kinnie stated that J. Gagnon show the regulate area on the map and a drawing detail sheet of the rip rap channels. R. Parrette made a motion to accept CC 04-10 and to table it to October 15, 2009. J. Waitte seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion carried,

5. Reports from the Enforcement Officer

P. Zvingilas stated that at Triangle, they are still working there and hay bale and silt fence. They are a good outfit and are maintaining everything.

He stated that at 782 Hopeville Road by Deanna Drive and told the homeowner to put up hay bales because of the loam and sand. He stated that there was no sediment running into the pond yet.

P. Zvingilas stated that there was an administrative approval for Luke Spiess on Burdick Lane and he explained the work being done.

6. Old Business

There was no old business.

7. New Business

C. Kinnie stated that there was a new application and asked for a motion to put this application on the agenda. R. Parrette made a motion to place CC 06-10 Glemacy Builders n the Agenda. D. Rubino seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

C. Fontneau stated that when this was filed, Normand Thibeault asked that it be tabled to 10/15/09 and if there should be a public hearing for the same day. There was discussion of this matter including that the plan will go to CME consulting town engineer for review comments.

J. Waitte made a motion to hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. here in this room on October 15, 2009 in the interest of the public and to table this application to the October 15, 2009 regular meeting. R. Parrette seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

R. Parrette requested that Attorney Mark Branse or Brendan Schain attend this public hearing. There was discussion of this matter.

8. Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 20, 2009

R. Parrette made a motion to approve the minutes August 20, 2009 as submitted. J. Waitte seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

9. Communications

A. Letter dated August 19, 2009 from Shipman & Goodwin, LLP regarding Tilcon Connecticut, Inc. Water Diversion Permit Applications at Plainfield, Waterford, Montville, North Branford and Griswold facilities Notice of Withdrawal of Pending Petition and Intention to Resubmit.

There was discussion of this matter.

- B. ECCD Outlook Newsletter, Summer 2009, Eastern Connecticut Conservation District
- C. Letter from Rivers Alliance thanking the Commission for its renewal of membership.
- D. Avalonia Trails Newsletter, Fall, 2009. Avalonia Land Conservancy, Inc., P.O. Box 49, Old Mystic, CT 06372
- E. Connecticut Federation of Planning and Zoning Agencies Quarterly Newsletter, Summer 2009, volume XII, Issue 3

9. Reports from Members

R. Parrette stated that he will be out of town for the week before October 15, 2009 meeting.

C. Kinnie stated that he received a phone call about the Hopeville Road site and was glad P. Zvingilas had looked at the site already and took care of the matter. There was discussion of this matter.

J. Waitte stated that it looked like there was more than a garage in that structure on the Horton site. He asked if there was a bathroom in there. P. Zvingilas stated we had them take the pipes out; and that Earl Dean, a state inspector, looked at that site and there were no connections there for a bathroom to go to the septic system. P. Zvingilas suggested that we get a definition of impervious surfaces. C. Kinnie stated that there is an definition of impervious surface. There was discussion of this matter.

C. Kinnie stated that there is a copy of the regulations that are current with the state regulations. D. Szall stated that those regulations were done while Martin Maloney was still on the commission. There was discussion of this matter including that the fees were raised by town ordinance in November, 2008.

C. Kinnie stated that asked if P. Zvingilas received a phone call from the Superintendent to stockpile loam at another site at the school. P. Zvingilas stated no. There was discussion of this matter. C. Kinnie asked P. Zvingilas to find out if they need to do an addition stockpile location. P. Zvingilas will meet with FIP to get a look at the site for an additional location to stockpile loam.

C. Kinnie asked for other reports from members. There were no other reports.

10. Conservation Commission Matters

C. Kinnie stated that we have a Resource Inventory Map and will be used for the open space priority plan.

11. Adjournment

C. Kinnie asked for a motion to adjourn. R. Parrette made a motion to adjourn. J. Waitte seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna M. Szall
Recording Secretary