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

**APPROVED MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 17, 2015**

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 September 17, 2015 at 7:35 p.m.

2. Roll Call & Determination of Quorum

Present: Courtland Kinnie, Robert Parrette, Lawrence Laidley, Gary Serdechny, Alternates Clarence (Pete) Merrill, Lauren Churchill, Kevin Franklin, Town Planner Mario Tristany, WEO Peter Zvingilas

Absent: Stacie Stadnicki, Glen Norman, Edward (Jay) Waitte, Recording Secretary Donna Szall

C. Kinnie appointed P. Merrill to sit for J. Waitte, L. Churchill to sit for G. Norman, K. Franklin to sit for seat vacated by S. Stadnicki. There was a quorum for this regular meeting.

C. Kinnie appointed R. Parrette secretary pro tem.

3. Written Comments

There are no written complaints.

4. Approval of the Minutes

A. Approval of Minutes for the August 20, 2015 meeting.

C. Kinnie asked for a motion to approve the minutes of August 20, 2015.

MOTION: R. Parrette moved to approve the minute of August 20, 2015 for the Wetlands and Watercourses Commission. Seconded by P. Merrill seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

5. Matter Presented for Consideration

A. CC 01-16 GEER, THOMAS D & GEER, RICHARD B. PROPERTY AT 852 VOLUNTOWN ROAD, GRISWOLD, CT. Requesting approval for commercial/industrial activity within a wetland/watercourse and regulated area in order to install 48 LF of 4 foot diameter reinforced concrete pipe (RCP) in the watercourse bed with fill as required to accommodate the crossing including modified rip rap aprons at the inlet and outlet of the proposed culvert pipe and stone check dams for erosion and sedimentation control up gradient and down gradient of the culvert during construction. A "temporary" 3:1 slope is intended to be constructed north of the proposed crossing until such time 72 Bitgood Road is acquired, at which time the access drive will be continued per the attached plan. The total proposed wetland disturbance is 482 sq. ft. of disturbance to the watercourse. Property is zoned C-2. Letter of withdrawal submitted 09/01/2015.

C. Kinnie stated that this application was before the commission last month. He stated that there is a letter of withdrawal from Richard and Tomas Geer he read the letter for the record. D. Sorrentino, Soil Scientist, Boundaries, LLC asked to speak to the Commission regarding comments about the Geer application. C. Kinnie allowed D. Sorrentino to address the commission. D. Sorrentino explained to commission what work that went into preparing the Geer site plan for a wetlands crossing. C. Kinnie thanked Mr. Sorrentino for his explanation.

5. Additional Business (New Applications)

A. CC 02-16 LEPORATI, JOSEPH, and PROPERTY AT 61 JENNIFER LANE, GRISWOLD, CT. Requesting approval for activity within a regulated area and within a wetland/watercourse for a floating dock and clearing brush and basic vegetation maintenance; installation of grass seed within a regulated area. Property is zoned R-60. Notice of Violation sent to Joseph and Ingrid Leporati at 61 Jennifer Lane for activity within a regulated area and for installation of a floating dock without a permit.

C. Kinnie asked P. Zvingilas if he had anything further regarding this application. P. Zvingilas stated that the application is not complete since there is no site plan to judge anything. M. Tristany stated that Mr. Leporati called at 6 pm that he was out of town and that he was never told that he needed to be at the meeting. M. Tristany stated that he did not speak with Mr. Leporati at the site; P. Zvingilas did the inspection. P. Zvingilas stated that is on the application. Ingrid Leporati stated that they did not receive any notice that they had to attend the meeting. M. Tristany stated that the notifications come from P. Zvingilas. P. Zvingilas explained to complete the application a site plan is needed. He stated that the application cannot be put on the agenda. I. Leporati stated that we do have a site plan and she thought it was submitted. P. Zvingilas suggested tabling the application until the application is complete.

L. Laidley moved to table CC 02-16 to the next regular meeting of October 15. R. Parrette seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

B. Todd Babbitt, DPW Superintendent to present information regarding the proposed drainage upgrade and replacement on Roode between August 31, 2015 and October, 2015.

T. Babbitt explained that they are doing replacing drainage on Roode Road since most of the pipes are metal that have rotted out. He said that they will install 6 to 8 additional catch basins to catch silt in those areas with large deposits. He stated that the proposed work is maintenance since we are replacing pipe and adding basins to improve the drainage. P. Merrill asked if the pipes will be the same size. T. Babbitt stated that the older pipe is corrugated metal which will be replaced with 15 inch pipe which is a standard size.

C. Kinnie asked how many cross culverts will be installed. T. Babbitt stated 22 will be replaced. C. Kinnie asked if it will be completed by the end of October. T. Babbitt explained that they are near the Minta Farm with 2-3 more days on that side of Stone Hill; there are two culverts to install by Tyler Terrace to the Holowaty coop area. We will be reclaiming and grading within two weeks and pave what we can as quick as we can and continue to finish what we need. He stated that they are paving from Geer Road to the Plainfield Line, there is no drainage in that area but it is higher so it will sheet flow in that area.

P. Zvingilas asked if there are engineering plans for the work on Roode Road. T. Babbitt stated that we don't have a plan as yet. He stated that they will do what they did on the last couple projects with a final plan showing where locations of the basins and drainage. There was discussion of this matter.

C. Kinnie asked if there were any questions for T. Babbitt. P. Merrill asked when he was replacing culvert did he come across a situation where it would be better to move the culvert location for better drainage. T. Babbitt explained that the culverts are usually placed at the lowest point to take in the water. He stated that many of the cross pipes are draining peoples yards from one side to the other they do not take in road water.

C. Kinnie asked for other questions for Mr. Babbitt. There were no other questions. C. Kinnie thanked T. Babbitt for his presentation.

7. Reports from the Enforcement Officer

A. Update and discussion of the condition of the silt fence and berm at American Industries.

P. Zvingilas stated that American Industries has raised the berm another ten feet and are almost to the finish elevation. He stated that American Industries made a presentation at the Middle School last week to the BOS and PZC and those residents involved as well. He stated that their Attorney gave the presentation of steps and phases of what has been done and stated that American Industries has spent in excess of \$1 million.

B. Discussion and update regarding AI monitoring of storm events monthly reporting.

P. Zvingilas stated that the corrugated pipe comes out of the tank and the pump and supplies the water for the misting at the crushing area. He stated that they plan to finish the berm and spray and seeded and mulched to stabilize it. C. Kinnie stated that he had asked Attorney Heller how they would stabilize it. P. Zvingilas stated that it will be hydro seeded and on the outside of the berm there will be silt fence to keep it from the wetland area. There was discussion of this matter.

P. Zvingilas stated that there is a letter he sent to 69 Dina Lane explaining that they must submit an application to the Commission. P. Zvingilas stated when he spoke to the property owner last week; he was to submit an application the next day; but it was not done; P. Zvingilas sent a notice of violation. R. Parrette asked what was he doing. P. Zvingilas explained that he is filling in an area behind his house. He stated that it is not in the wetlands but that is in a regulated area there is a section where he brought in 2 -3 feet of stones to cover a 50 to 75 feet area to bring the back of his property to be even with his deck and pool. He stated that it is out of the wetland regulated area. He did cut trees and pushed trees that were in the regulated area or the wetlands. The neighbors were concerned that this individual would block off the brook that is in the back. There was discussion of this matter including that whole cul-de-sac is in a regulated area and that whole area has been filled in over the years. P. Zvingilas stated that if we do not receive an application, we will go to the next step and issue a cease and desist order and then a hearing will be set for the next regular meeting.

8. Old Business

There was no old business.

9. New Business

A. Discussion and action regarding the 2016 Schedule of Meetings requested by the Griswold Town Clerk.

C. Kinnie stated that there are generally no conflicts with the meeting schedule. C. Kinnie asked for a motion.

MOTION: R. Parrette moved to approve the presented dates for the 2016 regularly scheduled meeting. L. Laidley seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

10. Communications

A. Connecticut Association of Conservation and Inland Wetlands Commissions, Inc. Membership renewal notice and an invitation to the 38th Annual Meeting and Environmental Conference on November 14, 2015.

C. Kinnie stated that this is the membership renewal and an invitation to the annual conference. He asked if there was anything in the budget. There was discussion of this matter and if anyone would attend the conference to let L. Churchill know. C. Kinnie asked for a motion to renew.

MOTION: R. Parrette moved to renew membership to the CACIWC. L. Laidley seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

B. ECCD Outlook Newsletter, Summer 2015 Edition of Eastern Connecticut Conservation District Inc.

C. Streamlines Newsletter, Summer/Fall 2015 of Rivers Alliance of Connecticut.

The above newsletters were discussed.

11. Reports from Members

There were no reports from members.

K. Franklin stated that the program has been terminated and he has no other updates for this. He explained that the board of regents must be notified of any course cancelations. There was discussion of this matter. K. Franklin will keep the commission posted.

C. Kinnie stated that this certificate was made for Stacy Stadnicki. There was discussion of this matter to have S. Stadnicki present to receive the certificate.

C. Kinnie stated that he spoke to the Town Clerk that the seat must be filled by the same party. He stated that the commission always recommended having the alternate fill the member's seat that was vacated. There was discussion of this matter. P. Zvingilas stated that there is no legal requirement to do that; of three alternates only two may be of the same party. He stated that the commission recommends an alternate to the BOS to be appointed to fill the vacant seat.

C. Kinnie stated that the seniority of the alternates was looked into and that Pete and Lauren were appointed at the same time. C. Kinnie stated that we should choose who we will recommend tonight. There was discussion of this matter the alternate was chosen.

MOTION: L. Laidley moved to recommend to the BOS to appoint P. Merrill to fill the vacancy left by regular member Stacie Stadnicki and that that her term expires at the end of December. R. Parrette seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

C. Kinnie read the thank you note from K. Skulczyck to the Inland Wetlands Commission.

C. Kinnie asked the man in the audience how the commission can help him. William Gurnee, 78 Fortin's Cove, at Hopeville Pond. He stated that he heard that the river would be drained down to fix the dam. C. Kinnie stated that that will be Glasgo Pond. W. Gurnee asked if it would impact Fortin's Cove. C. Kinnie stated that there should be no impact. There was discussion of this matter.

W. Gurnee asked what he can do to rid of vegetation around his dock for a swimming area. C. Kinnie stated that you can remove the vegetation by hand with a rake. R. Parrette stated that if you are adding sand, you need to come to the commission with an application. W. Gurnee stated that the neighbors told him that even the channel is being choked with vegetation. C. Kinnie stated that what you take out; do not put in into another wetland. M. Tristany stated that you can Google Pachaug Pond Study by a firm in Mansfield with all the invasive plants. There was discussion of this matter.

12. Conservation Commission Matters

C. Kinnie asked about the community gardens. L. Churchill stated that she has not heard anything but there may be something in the spring maybe at the youth center. There was discussion of this matter.

P. Merrill stated that at Eastern Conservation District put on a demonstration showing a table with different types of soil and cover; and water was sprayed on it showing how the water filters through the different soils and cover. P. Merrill stated that he can get more information to have to the man come here to give this demonstration for the Griswold area. C. Kinnie asked P. Merrill to get more information and that this can be done in the spring.

13. Adjournment

C. Kinnie asked for a motion to adjourn. R. Parrette moved to adjourn at 8:50 p.m. L. Laidley seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 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 September 17, 2015 at 8:51 p.m.

2. Roll Call & Determination of Quorum

Present: Courtland Kinnie, Robert Parrette, Lawrence Laidley, Gary Serdechny, Alternates Clarence (Pete) Merrill, Lauren Churchill, Kevin Franklin, Town Planner Mario Tristany, WEO Peter Zvingilas

Absent: Stacie Stadnicki, Glen Norman, Edward (Jay) Waitte, Recording Secretary Donna Szall

C. Kinnie appointed P. Merrill to sit for J. Waitte, L. Churchill to sit for G. Norman, K. Franklin to sit for seat vacated by S. Stadnicki. There was a quorum for this regular meeting.

3. Approval of the Minutes

A. Approval of Minutes for APA meeting the August 20, 2015 meeting.

C. Kinnie ask for a motion for the minutes

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

4. Matters Presented for Discussion

A. Discussion and update of new submissions of APA registrations from Dante Grassi and David Mackin.

M. Tristany stated that there were no changes to the registrations.

L. Laidley moved to approve the resubmitted registrations as submitted for Dante Grasse at 633 Plainfield Road, APA 01-16 and for David Mackin All American Mackin Asphalt, APA 02-16 as presented. R. Parrette seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was carried. C. Kinnie stated a copy goes to DEEP Kim Czaplá.

R. Parrette stated that this was the pollution prevention plan regarding inspections. He stated that this had to do with rain events. M. Tristany stated that CME did the review for the town for American Industries and they did an outline for inspection requirements with specific do's and don'ts. He gave copies to the members for their review. He stated that this will be on the agenda for next month.

4. Adjournment

C. Kinnie asked for a motion to adjourn. R. Parrette moved to adjourn. L. Laidley seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna M. Szall
Recording Secretary