



# Town of Griswold



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## GRISWOLD INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES CONSERVATION COMMISSION

### REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 16, 2008

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 October 16, 2008 at 7:32 p.m.

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

**Present:** Chair Courtland Kinnie, Vice Chair Robert Parrette, Secretary Stacie Stadnicki, Member Edward (Jay) Waitte, Glen Norman, Chris Gagne, Dean Rubino, Alternate Cathy Mathews, WEO, Peter Zvingilas, Recording Secretary Donna Szall

**Absent:** Alternate Lawrence Laidley

C. Kinnie appointed C. Mathews to sit for G. Norman. It was determined that a quorum was present for this meeting.

##### 3. Applications

**A. CC 02-09 Wawrzynowicz, Dawn & Toby, 69 Burdick Lane, Griswold, CT.** Applicant requests approval of residential activity within a wetlands/watercourse and regulated area in order to abandon existing cesspool and to replace with new septic system consisting of 1,000 gal. tank and 2 galleys and to removed 40 yards of topsoil between the boat house and retaining wall. The property is in the R-40 zone.

C. Kinnie asked if someone was here to represent the application. Toby Wawrzynowicz presented his application to the Commission. He explained there he revised the plan upon the commission's request. He explained that they will keep the retaining wall footprint and the current wall will be replaced with Nico-lock block where it meets the water.

C. Kinnie stated to let the record show that G. Norman arrived at 7:35 p.m.

D. Rubino asked what the base would be. T. Wawrzynowicz stated it would be one foot with 1.5 ft. of crushed stone below grade and the wall will be about 20 inches above grade with geo-grid run along the inside of the wall to control silting.

R. Parrette asked when this activity would take place. T. Wawrzynowicz stated that it will be done when the water in the pond is lowered. There was discussion of this matter.

C. Kinnie stated that this application was discussed at the last meeting and the previous meeting. He asked for a motion.

D. Rubino made a motion to approve CC 02-09 with the proper erosion and sedimentation control measures in place. R. Parrette seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

**B. CC 03-09 Griswold, Town of, 28 Main Street, Jewett City, CT. Property location: Stone Hill Road Right of Way, Griswold.** Applicant requests approval of regulated activities in the upland review area and within inland wetlands for structural improvement to Stone Hill Road that include road reconstruction, grading, drainage, and replacement/repair of stormwater drainage structures. The property is in the R-60/R40 zone.

C. Kinnie asked if someone was here to represent the application. Bob Schuch, Boundaries, LLC presented the application. He submitted a revised plan for the mile of road work that is proposed. He explained the changes to the plan because of the depth of the public water main along Stone Hill Road. He explained where the grades would be maintained at the wetland and that two culverts will be replaced. B. Schuch explained the drainage, where the grade would be maintained to a wetlands crossing, where the drainage will sheet flow off the road and the curbing would be eliminated with a gentle pitch. He stated that this will require a lot of fill.

B. Schuch stated that Todd Babbitt of Public Works will stop at station 3963 in 2008 that includes drainage work and he will authorize the locations to fill to match grades for sheet flow. J. Waitte stated that this is October and asked if this was realistic. B. Schuch stated that the pulverizer will be in. J. Waitte asked if this fill will stop the pooling by Coleman Farm. B. Schuch stated yes. There was discussion of this matter.

R. Parrette asked the impact of the fill to the wetlands. B. Schuch explained the grading on the road and that the waterline by the wetlands is four feet. There was discussion of this matter.

C. Kinnie stated that there was no revised date on the plan. B. Schuch stated that the original submission was a preliminary plan and that this new plan should be considered the official plan. C. Kinnie asked for any other issues to be addressed.

R. Parrette made a motion to approve CC 03-09 as presented with proper erosion and sedimentation control measures in place. S. Stadnicki seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

**C. CC 04-09 DDBC, LLC, Daniel Mackin/Brenda Clark, 21 Hillview Heights, Griswold, CT. Property location: 121 Latham Drive, Griswold.** Applicant requests approval of regulated activity within a wetland/watercourse in order to install a granite stone wall to replace a partial existing wall. The property is in the R-40 zone.

C. Kinnie asked if there was someone here to represent the application. Dan Mackin presented his application. He explained that he had shot the wall and it was 34" above the grade and about 26" above the water and that the base of the wall will be 18" instead of 16" of stone. There was discussion of this matter.

D. Rubino asked if there will be steps to the water and if there is a dock D. Mackin stated there will be steps to the water that will be 4 ft wide and there will be 4 steps and a dock attached to the step. He explained that he will dig down to the hard pan to set the steps. There was discussion of this matter.

C. Kinnie asked D. Mackin to revise the plan, initial it and date it. D. Mackin amended his site plan.

C. Kinnie showed the photographs to the commission for their review. C. Mathews asked how the wall would be landscaped. D. Mackin stated that it will be filled and grassed. There was discussion of this matter.

C. Kinnie asked where the specific locations of the septic systems and wells for the neighbors and the abutters listed. D. Mackin explained that the septic tank is 75 feet away where there is a vacant lot between this lot and the next abutter. C. Kinnie stated that these things should be on the site plan. There was discussion of this matter.

C. Kinnie asked when the work would be done. D. Mackin stated that it will be done when the pond is lowered. He will try to build the wall this year or by next year. He stated that it would be done unless the water is down. There was discussion of this matter.

R. Parrette made a motion to approve CC 04-09 as presented with the proper erosion and sedimentation control measures in place and when the pond is drained down. S. Stadnicki seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

**D. CC 05-09, Szorc, Dorothy, 440 West End Avenue, Apt. 30, New York, NY. Property location: 41 Sunset View, Griswold.** Applicant requests approval of regulated activity within a regulated area for installation of a residential well, portion of driveway and site grading associated with the construction of a single-family dwelling. The property is in the R-40 zone.

C. Kinnie asked if there was someone to represent the application. Demian Sorrentino, certified planner and soil scientist, Boundaries, LLC represented the applicant Dorothy Szorc. He explained that the well and septic has been reviewed by Sanitarian A. Gosselin. He read the sanitarian's letter and submitted it for the record.

D. Sorrentino explained where the wetlands were located and showed the regulated areas for the proposed well, the clearing limits for the driveway turnaround and grading associated with the house and driveway; and that the impact to the wetlands is negligible since the wetlands are up gradient of the proposed work. There was discussion of this matter.

P. Zvingilas stated that there was a question of the subdivision's validity because of the condition of the road and explained that the town attorney was consulted. There was discussion of this matter. R. Parrette asked if this is approved for Mrs. Szorc, when the property is sold what becomes of the permit. P. Zvingilas explained that the permit goes with the property.

C. Kinnie asked about a stockpile area. D. Sorrentino stated that there is no identified stockpile area on the site plan. He showed an area on the map that can be used for a stockpile area. There was discussion of this matter.

D. Rubino made a motion to approve CC 05-09 with the proper erosion and sedimentation control measures in place. G. Norman seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

C. Kinnie stated to let the record show that C. Gagne left the meeting at 8:25 p.m. and he appointed C. Mathews to sit for C. Gagne.

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

**A. CC 06-09 Griswold, Town of, 28 Main Street, Griswold, CT. Property location: Sheldon Road, Griswold.** Applicant request approval of residential activity within a regulated area for a proposed municipal recreational facility/athletic complex limited to clearing, grading, construction of circulation and parking areas and installation of erosion control measures. The property is in the R-40 zone.

C. Kinnie asked if there was someone to represent the application. John Faulise, Boundaries, LLC, land surveyor who prepared the plans along with D. Sorrentino, soil scientist and Paul Madonna of the Oversight Committee were present.

C. Kinnie stated that because of the nature of this project and the amount of interest from the public, he asked the commission if this should be a public hearing. There was discussion of this matter.

P. Zvingilas questioned this application listed as residential activity. J. Faulise read the Borough Zoning Regulations for the record and explained that this is a 75 ft. regulated area since the site is in a residential zoning district. He stated that this project is not a commercial activity but a seasonal activity for athletics and the question being whether it is a residential activity or a commercial activity. There was discussion of this matter.

C. Kinnie asked if J. Faulise had received any letters that are in the file. J. Faulise stated yes. He stated that this will be before the planning and zoning commission. He explained the wetland activities for the parcel having no inland wetlands being directly impacted by activity. S. Stadnicki asked what was in this location. J. Faulise explained that it is all wooded. He suggested that the commission set a site walk and if a public hearing is in order, he will not oppose that. P. Zvingilas asked about the amount of parking for the site. J. Faulise stated there were 107 spaces.

S. Stadnicki made a motion to set a public hearing for CC 06-09 for November 20, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. because of the public interest. G. Norman seconded the motion. C. Kinnie asked for discussion.

J. Faulise asked if the Commission felt that the 75 ft. regulated was appropriate or would they like to see 150 ft. commercial marked on the plan. J. Waitte stated that it should have a commercial delineation on the plan in case it is brought up. There was discussion of this matter. J. Faulise stated that he would identify the 150 ft. regulated area for the site plan.

C. Kinnie asked for a vote on the motion. There were 5 aye votes and 1 nay vote by D. Rubino. The motion carried.

C. Kinnie asked if the commission should set a site walk. There was discussion of this matter including the date and time for the site walk. S. Stadnicki made a motion to set a site walk for Saturday, November 15, 2008 at 12:00 Noon for the Sheldon Road site. R. Parrette seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

**B. CC 07-09 Imperato, Erma, 50 Vista Drive, East Haven, CT. Property location: 188 Latham Drive, Griswold.** Applicant requests approval for residential activity within a the regulated area for a proposed additional footage to approved plan CC 13-08 and to include a ground-level stone patio, second level deck with revised grading and within the wetland or watercourse to repair/reface an existing concrete retaining wall and to construct a new concrete retaining wall. The property is in the R-40 zone.

C. Kinnie asked if there was someone here to represent the application. John Faulise, Boundaries, LLC presented the application. He submitted the original permit for the construction of the house, well, septic and grading. He stated that the applicant has made modifications to the house explaining that the house was pulled back 3 ft. He explained the modifications of a second level deck, ground level stone patio in the front of the house and grading changes.

S. Stadnicki asked the location of the regulated area. J. Faulise stated that the whole lot is within the regulated area. He stated that the garage has been demolished and the previous house has been removed and that the grading has been modified to accommodate the stone patio; he explained the contours. He explained the wall installation will include replacement of an existing

wall. He presented a photograph of the wall where it is failing and will be repaired. He explained where the new wall installation will be located. There was discussion of this matter.

C. Kinnie asked for a stockpile designation. J. Faulise showed the location of the stockpile near the old septic system. There was discussion of this matter.

C. Kinnie stated that the new wall would need approval by the DEP. J. Faulise stated that it would be built on the shoreline to avoid DEP issues and will occur during the pond drawdown. C. Kinnie stated that the applicant should come in with their choice of retaining wall. There was discussion of this matter. J. Faulise stated they will identify the material to be used.

S. Stadnicki made a motion to accept CC 07-09 and to table it to the next regular meeting on November 20, 2008. R. Parrette seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion carried.

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

P. Zvingilas stated at last month's meeting it was brought up about a property with a shed in the State right of way regulated area on Ashland Street and a notice of violation was sent to the owner. He stated that the violator will be before the commission with an application for next month's meeting.

P. Zvingilas explained that there was communication about Glen Reil property. C. Kinnie stated that there is a copy of the letter in the staff report for the commission to review from Norm Thibeault, the engineer who reviewed the Jennifer lane properties for the town. There was discussion of this matter

## **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 September 18, 2008

C. Kinnie asked for approval of the minutes. S. Stadnicki a motion to approve the minutes. R. Parrette seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

## **8. Communications**

A. Connecticut Association of Conservation & Inland Wetlands Commission 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting & Environmental Conference, Saturday, November 8, 2008

There was discussion of this matter.

B. Letter dated September 16, 2008 from Gina McCarthy, Commissioner, CT DEP regarding Stream Crossing Guidelines

There was discussion of this matter.

C. "The Habitat" Newsletter, Connecticut Association of Conservation and Inland Wetland Commissions, Inc., Summer 2008, Volume 20, Number 3

D. "College of Agriculture and Natural Resources "Journal", Volume 16, No. 3, Fall 2008

9. **Reports from Members**

C. Kinnie explained there was an e-mail in the staff report from Holly Drinkuth requesting to meet with the commission in November to discuss the natural resource inventory at no cost to the town and to educate volunteers. There was discussion of this matter. There was a consensus by the commission to meeting with Holly Drinkuth to set a Special Meeting at 7:00 p.m. before the January regular meeting before the regular meeting.

R. Parrette asked about the law suit. C. Kinnie explained there was information in the staff report on this matter.

C. Kinnie explained that there were requirements on the application to show the locations of wells and septic systems of abutters and that all applications should contain all the required information. There was discussion of this matter.

10. **Conservation Commission Matters**

There were no conservation matters.

11. **Adjournment**

C. Kinnie asked for a motion to adjourn. S. Stadnicki made a motion to adjourn. R. Parrette seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna M. Szall  
Recording Secretary