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GRISWOLD INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES CONSERVATION COMMISSION & AQUIFER PROTECTION AGENCY

PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 15, 2012

GRISWOLD TOWN HALL

I. Public Hearing (7:00 P.M.) 1. Call to Order

Chairman Courtland Kinnie called this public hearing to order at 7:25 p.m.

2. Roll Call & Determination of Quorum

Present: Courtland Kinnie, Stacie Stadnicki, Lawrence Laidley, Dean Rubino, Alternates Gary Serdechny, Clarence (Pete) Merrill, WEO Peter Zvingilas, Recording Secretary Donna Szall

Absent: Robert Parrette, Edward (Jay) Waitte, Glen Norman, Alternate Lauren Churchill

C. Kinnie appointed G. Serdechny to sit for R. Parrette and P. Merrill to sit for J. Waitte. There was a quorum for this public hearing.

3. Matter Presented for Public Comment

- A. Proposed changes to Griswold Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Municipal Regulations based substantially on the CTDEEP Model Regulations dated 2006 with yearly revisions through 2011 to are made in order to conform to Public Act No. 12-151.

C. Kinnie read the changes to the regulations for Section 11.1, 11.6 and 11.6.1 for the record. He stated that these changes keep us consistent with the DEEP regulations. There was discussion of this matter including that the word police will be check for accuracy. C. Kinnie asked for comments from the public. Hearing no comments from the public, he asked for further comments from the commission. There were no further comments from the commission members. C. Kinnie asked for a motion to close the public hearing.

MOTION: L. Laidley made a motion to close the public hearing. S. Stadnicki seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

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 November 15, 2012 at 7:32 p.m.

2. Roll Call & Determination of a Quorum

Present: Courtland Kinnie, Stacie Stadnicki, Lawrence Laidley, Dean Rubino, Alternates Gary Serdechny, Clarence (Pete) Merrill, WEO Peter Zvingilas, Recording Secretary Donna Szall

Absent: Robert Parrette, Edward (Jay) Waitte, Glen Norman, Alternate Lauren Churchill

C. Kinnie appointed G. Serdechny to sit for R. Parrette and P. Merrill to sit for J. Waitte. There was a quorum for this regular meeting.

3. Written Complaints

There were no written complaints.

4. Applications

- A. CC 03-13 Coleman, Robert S., 1458 Hopeville Road, Griswold, CT. Property Location: 282 Bitgood Road, Griswold.** Request approval of residential activity within a regulated area to install an in-ground pool, concrete patio, and 10 ft. by 14 ft. pool house. Area is currently lawn. Property is zoned R-60.

C. Kinnie stated that this application was presented as last month's meeting. John Faulise, Boundaries, LLC was representing the applicant and the application is pretty straight forward. He explained that this is an application is for installation of a swimming pool, patio and pool house within a regulated area that currently consists of a lawn. He stated that he would answer any questions. C. Kinnie asked the commission for questions. C. Kinnie asked J. Faulise if there were any changes. J. Faulise stated that there were no changes. C. Kinnie asked for a motion:

MOTION: D. Rubino made a motion to approve CC 03-13 with the proper erosion and sedimentation control measures. L. Laidley seconded the motion. All were in favor the motion was carried.

5. Additional Business (New Applications)

C. Kinnie asked if there were any new applications. D. Szall stated that there was one new application. C. Kinnie asked for a motion to put CC 05-13 on the agenda. S. Stadnicki made a motion to add CC 05-13 to the Agenda. L. Laidley seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

- A. CC 05-13 Trahan, Kevin P and Delaine M., 318 Bethel Road, Griswold, CT. Property Location:** Request approval of residential activity within a regulated area in order to excavate approximately 9,000 cubic yards of sand and gravel to expand the existing residential lawn. The excavated area will be restored with a permanent vegetative cover to match the existing adjacent lawn areas. Property is zoned R-60.

C. Kinnie asked if there was someone to represent the applicant. Paul Provost, of Provost and Rovero, Inc., was present to represent the applicants Kevin and Delaine Trahan. P. Provost explained that the activity to expand the lawn area is to clear trees up to 40 feet of the wetlands which will be the buffer area, the grading will removed within 50-60 feet of the wetlands area. He stated that Mike Schaefer delineated the wetlands soil in November 1, 2012. P. Provost explained the erosion and sedimentation control measures of silt fence and staked hay bales along the disturbed area. He explained the sequence of operation, clearing and grubbing, soils will be removed from the north end to the south end. He stated that top soil will be bright in, loamed seeded and mulched. He stated that they would try to get the materials out this winter and have the reseeding in the spring. D. Rubino asked which of plans was to be used. P. Provost stated that the two sheet plan in the preferred plan. He stated that the one sheet is an alternative plan. S. Stadnicki asked the difference between the town plans. P. Provost stated that the alternate plan keeps the disturbance out of the regulated area.

C. Kinnie asked where Mike Schaefer's signature was on the plan. C. Kinnie asked if there would be enough subsoil and top soil to reclaim it. P. Provost stated that 9,000 yards of gravel will be removed from site which is very steep and material will be brought it since there is very little top soil, it is mostly sand and gravel. C. Kinnie stated that this will need an excavation permit from Planning and Zoning. L. Laidley asked the amount of gravel to be removed in the alternate plan. P. Provost stated that it would be about 8,000 yards from the alternate plan 360 c. y. in the regulated area. L. Laidley asked the age of the pine trees there. P. Provost stated that there are some mature pines there and some small ones.

P. Zvingilas stated that this has to go to planning and zoning for a public hearing. P. Zvingilas stated that it was a long driveway. C. Kinnie asked for questions. He stated that Mike Schaefer's signature is needed for the plans. P. Zvingilas asked how many truck loads. P. Provost stated 400 or 500 truck loads. P. Zvingilas stated that those trucks will chew up the entrance at the road. He stated that the driveway is close to the wetlands. P. Provost stated that there is a small crossing at the road and the driveway.

P. Zvingilas stated that this is a commercial use in a residential driveway. He stated that 500 tri-axles is not a residential gravel excavation. P. Zvingilas stated that there are wetlands at the driveway and Bethel Road. He stated that there may need to be a new entrance at the driveway entrance and anti-tracking pads would be needed and if the work is within 150 feet of the regulated area. There was discussion of this matter,

S. Stadnicki asked how much fill is being removed in the upland review areas. P. Provost stated that it was 360 -400 yards in the regulated area P. Zvingilas asked the distance of the regulated area. P. Provost stated that it was 75 feet. P. Zvingilas stated that the upland review area for commercial is 150 ft. C. Kinnie stated that this was a residential application. P. Zvingilas stated that the use is not a residential use because they are taking out 9,000 yards; and 5000 yards is the maximum for residential uses. There was discussion of this matter including that the use is discussed in the regulations and not the zone.

C. Kinnie stated that P. Provost must submit an application for commercial activity to remove the 9000 yards; both site plans must be changed to show the 150 foot upland review area, delineate the wetlands at the end of the driveway, recalculate the amount of materials removed and the amount of fill to be brought in, submit the difference in the fee, and the signature is needed from Mike Schaefer, soil scientist. There was discussion of this matter.

C. Kinnie asked for any further questions. He asked for a motion.

MOTION: L. Laidley made a motion to accept and table CC 05-13 to the next regular meeting on 12/20/12 with the modified application, and site plans. G. Serdechny seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

6. Reports from the Enforcement Officer

P. Zvingilas gave no report.

7. Old Business

There was no old business.

8. New Business

C. Kinnie asked for a motion to add the 2013 Schedule of Meetings to the agenda.

MOTION: L. Laidley made a motion to add 2013 Schedule of Meetings to the agenda. S. Stadnicki seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

C. Kinnie explained the schedule to the commission. There was discussion of this matter. C. Kinnie asked for a motion to approve the 2013 Schedule of Meetings.

MOTION: P. Merrill made a motion to approve the 2013 Schedule of Meetings. L. Laidley seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

A. Discussion and possible action on proposed changes to Griswold Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Municipal Regulations based substantially on the CTDEEP Model Regulations dated 2006 with yearly revisions through 2011 to be made in order to conform to Public Act No. 12-151.

C. Kinnie asked a motion to approve the proposed changes to the CTDEEP model regulations. There was discussion of this matter.

MOTION: L. Laidley made a motion to approve the changes to the wetlands regulations with an effective date of December 1, 2012. D. Rubino seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

9. Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 18, 2012

C. Kinnie stated that there were some typos and page 2 of the minutes. D. Szall will fix all the occurrences of the typos mentioned. C. Kinnie asked for a motion to approve the minutes of October 18, 2012.

MOTION: L. Laidley made a motion to approve the minutes of October 18, 2012 as amended. D. Rubino seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

10. Communications

A. Letter from Joel Francouer.

C. Kinnie stated that there was a letter from Joel Francouer which he read for the record. There was discussion of this matter to give this matter due consideration.

B. Habitat Newsletter

11. Reports from Members

D. Szall read a message from J. Waitte regarding a Red, White, and Blue Mass for Sunday, November 18, 2012 at 10:15 a.m.

12. Conservation Commission Matters

C. Kinnie stated that Earth Day Suggestions be added to the agenda for next year. He asked the members for suggestions for the Earth Day Celebrations so that we can plan for spring. There was discussion of this matter including that there was no response from the State Archeologist regarding the scrap iron that was pulled from Ashland Lake.

13. Adjournment

C. Kinnie asked for a motion to adjourn. L. Laidley motioned to adjourn. G. Serdechny seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

III. Aquifer Protection Agency

1. Call to Order

Chairman C. Kinnie called this regular meeting of the Aquifer Protection Agency to order on November 15, 2012 at 8:35 p.m.

2. Roll Call & Determination of Quorum

Present: Courtland Kinnie, Stacie Stadnicki, Lawrence Laidley, Dean Rubino, Alternates Gary Serdechny, Clarence (Pete) Merrill, WEO Peter Zvingilas, Recording Secretary Donna Szall

Absent: Robert Parrette, Edward (Jay) Waitte, Glen Norman, Alternate Lauren Churchill,

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3. Matters Presented for Discussion

P. Zvingilas stated that he and C. Fontneau went to American Sand and Gravel and spoke to the secretary and one of the assistants. S. Stadnicki read a note from C. Fontneau for the record that the owner of American Sand and Gravel had completed a draft of the registration application and that a completed registration application will be forthcoming. C. Kinnie stated that it is to their benefit to register and that they will be grandfathered and can expand. There was discussion of this matter.

4. Adjournment

C. Kinnie asked for a motion to adjourn. S. Stadnicki made a motion to adjourn. D. Rubino seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna M. Szall
Recording Secretary