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

APPROVED MINUTES
November 19, 2015

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

1. Call to Order

Chairman Courtland Kinnie called this public hearing of the Griswold Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Conservation Commission to order on November 19, 2015 at 7:45 p.m.

2. Roll Call & Determination of Quorum

Present: Courtland Kinnie, Glen Norman, Gary Serdechny, Clarence (Pete) Merrill, Alternates Kevin Franklin, Town Planner Mario Tristany, WEO Peter Zvingilas, Recording Secretary Donna Szall

Absent: Robert Parrette, Edward (Jay) Waitte, Lawrence Laidley, Lauren Churchill, Alex Grzelak,

C. Kinnie appointed K. Franklin to sit for R. Parrette. There was a quorum for this regular meeting.

3. Written Comments

There were no written complaints.

4. Approval of the Minutes

A. Approval of Minutes for the October 15, 2015 meeting.

C. Kinnie asked for any corrections or omissions. P. Merrill stated that on page 7, last paragraph should read "seeking", and it should read "no hydro-seeding". C. Kinnie asked for a motion on the minutes.

MOTION: P. Merrill moved to approve the minutes of October 15, 2015 as amended. G. Serdechny seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

5. Matter Presented for Consideration

A. **CC 02-16 LEPORATI, JOSEPH & INGRED, 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 was sent to Joseph and Ingrid Loporati at 61 Jennifer Lane for activity within a regulated area and for installation of a floating dock without a permit. Property is zoned R-60

C. Kinnie stated that was on the agenda last month but there was no one to represent the applicant. C. Kinnie asked if the applicant was present. Joseph Loporati was present. He explained that he was brush clearing on his property which upset his neighbor because there is a question of the location of the property line.

C. Kinnie stated to let the record show that G. Norman arrived at 7:50 p.m.

C. Kinnie asked P. Zvingilas if he had inspected the site. P. Zvingilas stated that he had submitted photographs to the commission. J. Loporati stated that there was no grading changes, nothing dug, nothing done within 75 feet of the pond. C. Kinnie asked if he installed the floating dock. J. Loporati stated that there was an old dock when he bought the property. He explained that he uses a roll-in dock which is a temporary recreational use type of dock. It is not a permanent dock on the pond and it is there a couple of weeks out of the year on the pond.

C. Kinnie asked if all the vegetation was cut out there. J. Leporati stated no. P. Zvingilas stated that the part close to the water's edge, did we get a measurement. J. Leporati stated that everything where the shed is was preexisting and where the shed is located; the vegetation was cleared behind the shed back where there was dirt; not where there was sand

P. Zvingilas explained that when they looked at it, there was no vegetation and the picture clearly shows that and by his estimation it is within the 75 feet. M. Tristany stated that P. Zvingilas took three pictures, and there are pictures from Google Earth. C. Kinnie stated that he could not tell the distances from the pictures only what it appears to be. J. Leporati asked if Google Earth gave measures. He stated that Google Earth does not show the dock depending when the picture was taken. P. Zvingilas stated that there is a picture showing the excavator. G. Norman stated the photograph shows the dock. J. Leporati stated that it was the temporary dock.

P. Zvingilas stated that he suggested to him to come before the commission with an application. J. Leporati stated that we had a permit that just expired. K. Franklin asked what kind of permit. J. Leporati stated that it was a wetlands permit; and that the plan that was submitted had been approved. Boundaries had done the site plan. He stated that they went to the wetlands commission before, just the permit expired. G. Norman asked what the date of the permit was. J. Leporati stated no. G. Serdechny stated that the map was 2007. G. Norman stated that the date on the map is 2005. K. Franklin stated that the last revision of the site plan was 2008. J. Leporati asked that there was no permit in his file D. Szall stated that there was no other wetlands application before the commission in her records. C. Kinnie asked there was nothing from 2005. D. Szall stated no. M. Tristany stated that if it had been approved, you would have received an approval letter. J. Leporati stated that he was told by the commission before that the permit had expired and in first letter it stated that the permit had expired. D. Szall stated no. He stated that he had approvals before to build a house and he never built the house and so when everything stamped off before to build why didn't the town tell be that then. He stated that he knows he had a permit in there. D. Szall stated that she did not find a permit with his name on it. P. Zvingilas asked if he had a permit date from Boundaries. J. Leporati stated that he will contact Boundaries because he knows everything was done before. P. Zvingilas stated that we are looking at a site plan that was prepared by Boundaries; and the question is whether the plan ever came to commission for an approval and it doesn't seem to have done that. M. Tristany stated you would have received a letter in our file with an official decision by the board and we would have a file. There was discussion of this matter.

C. Kinnie stated that the plan in the file is not signed and dated and it is in their name. We have a current application. P. Zvingilas suggested treating this as this new application for the work with the existing site plan submitted to make their judgment. M. Tristany stated that plan was submitted with a new application, there would be a note on it referencing a previous approval if one existed. J. Leporati stated that it was not a new plan. P. Zvingilas asked if anything has changed since the plan was done. Ingrid Leporati stated that we were just cleaning brush and poison ivy. K. Franklin asked when the beach was built. J. Leporati stated that it there when he bought it from Mackin.

K. Franklin asked if the 3 ft wide stone retaining wall was built. J. Leporati stated no. K. Franklin asked if he proposed to build that now. J. Leporati stated no, when he builds his house but not now. He was just doing land maintenance.

C. Kinnie asked if there was a problem with erosion. P. Zvingilas stated that the ground has been worked and it is very sandy, there may be some erosion may be closer to where the fence was. J. Leporati stated that the excavator was there to pull the brush. P. Zvingilas stated that the proposed house, well and septic system is outside of the regulated area, correct. J. Leporati stated yes. P. Zvingilas stated that if you are not doing the stone wall now. J. Leporati stated that not now but he will come to the commission when he is ready to build. P. Zvingilas stated that you can act on it now and explained that if the commission acts on it now, there would be five years plus an additional five years after that.

K. Franklin asked if it was J. Leporati's intent to do any additional work with the application or just to grandfather and accept the work that you have already done. J. Leporati stated to grandfather and accept it. K. Franklin stated so you are done and you would come back with a new application to the commission if you want to do something else. J. Leporati stated correct. C. Kinnie stated that that makes it easier.

MOTION: K. Franklin stated that as long as no new work other than what has been done as proposed he moved to approve the application with the condition that if you want to do anything else including that which is shown on the 2005/2008 site plan to come back with a new application.

J. Leporati asked if he wanted to do a fence how closed to the water can he go and does he need a permit for that. P. Zvingilas stated that if there will be digging for posts within the 75 foot regulated area a permit would be needed. He suggested adding the fence to this application. J. Leporati stated that he wanted to add that to this application. K. Franklin asked that if any work was done with hand tools that it was not considered removal with a machine. C. Kinnie stated that if

it was for any kind of maintenance; but for construction of any kind of structure it is regulated. C. Kinnie asked that K. Franklin to withdraw his motion K. Franklin withdrew his motion. J. Leporati amended his application to include a privacy fence. G. Serdechny asked if the fence was on the plan and if he was going to the water. J. Leporati stated that it would be a privacy fence along the side lines. G. Norman stated that that information should be on the application.

MOTION: K. Franklin moved to approve the application as amended with the condition that any additional work outside beyond what is specified in the application requires a new application. G. Norman seconded the motion. G. Serdechny asked if there is a notation of where the fence posts will go to go all the way down the water. G. Norman read that the fence will go along the sidelines for the record. C. Kinnie asked for a vote. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

- B. CC 03-16 AMENDED - GRISWOLD HOUSING AUTHORITY, 230 TAYLOR HILL ROAD & 142 ASHLAND STREET, GRISWOLD.** Requesting approval for commercial/industrial activity within the 150 ft. regulated area of Norman Property at 142 Ashland Street and a small portion of 208 Taylor Hill Road. Proposed regulated activities associated with the project are related to installing new stormwater discharge and a new sanitary sewer line. Stormwater discharge includes installation of erosion and sedimentation controls, excavation, piping, manhole, flared end section, and modified riprap scour hole and 55 LF of 4' high chain link fence with a 10 ft swing gate. Installation of sewer line includes erosion and sedimentation controls, excavation, installation of piping and 2 manholes. No activities are proposed within a wetland or watercourse. Griswold Housing Authority property at 230 Taylor Hill Road does not contain regulated resources. The properties are zoned R-60

C. Kinnie stated that we saw this application last month and it was discussed by the commission and this application did not require a public hearing. He asked if there was someone here to represent the applicant. Glen Norman recused himself from this matter.

David McKay, Professional Engineer, Boundaries, LLC stated that this site development plan for the Griswold Housing Authority McCluggage manor expansion at 230 Taylor Hill Road. He stated that the application was revised to be commercial and change the upland review area to the 150 feet of the activity. Demian Sorrentino, soil scientist, submitted a letter dated November 11, 2015 for the record that the Residential 75 ft was changed to the Commercial 150 ft. regulated area and investigation found no additional wetlands within 150 feet of the proposed activities.

D. McKay explained that the plan was reviewed by CME Engineers consulting engineer, and based on CME's recommendations, the site plan, the stormwater management plan were revised.

C. Kinnie appointed G. Serdechny as secretary pro tempore.

He explained the CME recommendations based on the 2004 Stormwater manual. 1) That soil permeability tests be performed; it was confirmed that the soils are sandy loam and the drainage basin will drain with the required 72 hours of a storm event. 2) The infiltration rates of peak flow was analyzed. 3) A 12 ft wide Maintenance access with a 2:1 slope to the stormwater and sewer easement. He showed the location of the new curb cut following the property line. 4) The overflow area was added a new drainage area to attenuate the peak flow rates. 5) Elevations of the level spreader were corrected. 6) Combine the two inlets of the retention bases. 7) The discharge point was removed and combined into one discharge location. 8) Drop manholes should have change in flow direction; a 42 degree change in direction has been added. 9) top soil be amended with sand for the same permeability as the soil greater than or equal to the soil below; 50 % sand and 25% organic compost and 25% stock piled topsoil was added. 10) Concrete anti seep collar should be of clay or bentonite; anti-seep collar is to be poured in the trench with walls of collar to be formed with the trench walls. 11) Sediment fence at drainage outlet to be installed above the flared end section for unimpeded flow from the scour holes; the sediment fence will be rip rapped sediment fence was relocated and will wrap around flared end section. 12) Sediment barrier checks to be added; sediment checks will be added at 100 ft intervals to reduce erosion. 13) Retention basin should have additional erosion and sedimentation control measures; a line of hay bales added to the base of fill slope and at the base of embankments of the basin to trap fine sediments. Hill sided will be restored with erosion control blanket. Soil Scientist recommendations. 1) Stormwater outfall be stabilized with seeding and/or matting; all disturbed areas are to be stabilized immediately with seeding and erosion control blankets. 2) Inspection, cleaning and maintenance of the stormwater outlet, and chain link fence should be added to the stormwater management maintenance plan; this was added as Note to Sheet 6 to be inspected annually. 4) Wetlands locations appear accurate based on the site walk. There was discussion of this matter of the additional protection.

D. Sorrentino explained the majority of the construction is beyond the regulated area. C. Kinnie asked, for the record, about the peak outflow from the project will not increase the existing outflow through the wetlands that is on the adjacent property; is that correct. D. McKay stated that was correct. P. Merrill asked about the peak flow and if will there be an

increase in the total flow because of the paved surfaces. D. McKay stated no, the stormwater basin will provide of the peak flow rate attenuation and the infiltration makes up for the volume of stormwater from the proposed paved area. M. Tristany stated that the post development run off rate will be less than or equal to the pre development run off rate. He stated that it is less than based on the numbers.

C. Kinnie stated that R. Parrette asked last month if any new development at this location; would this stormwater go through this same drainage system and would this system be able to handle additional drainage. D. McKay explained that the curb cuts are being left for the development of the senior center on the adjacent property. He stated that there will be enough room and space for the extra capacity for another small basin. M. Tristany stated that the questions added by CME and the responses addressed those questions.

C. Kinnie asked for any other questions from the commission. C. Kinnie asked for a motion on this application; G. Serdechny stated that based on the by-laws; any waiver of fees must be in writing. D. Sorrentino stated that a letter to request a waiver was submitted.

MOTION: G. Serdechny moved to approve CC 03-16 Griswold Housing Authority as amended and as presented on the site plan dated November 17, 2015. K. Franklin seconded the motion. D. McKay explained that the plans are not signed due to the fact that they are 90 percent completed to support a grant application for the housing authority. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

- C. **CC 04-16 SLOWIK, HEATHER RAY, PROPERTY AT 69 DINA LANE, GRISWOLD.** Requesting approval for residential activity within a regulated area for removal of tree stumps, fill and slope using 396 c. y. bank run gravel. Sub coat and graded area with 90 c. y. gravel. Top coat and grade area with 90 c. y. loam and seed with grass seed in response to a Notice of Violation dated September 16, 2015 for activity within a regulated area without a permit. The property is zoned R-60.

C. Kinnie asked if the applicant was present. Raymond Slowik was present. C. Kinnie stated that this application was discussed last month and an explanation of the work was given because of trees that came down. R. Slowik presented photographs showing the stabilization of the work that was requested by the wetlands enforcement officer showing that the work was done. He stated that the area has been loamed and seeded with rye and regular grass seed. C. Kinnie asked P. Zvingilas if he had been out there. P. Zvingilas stated no but that the photographs show what was done. C. Kinnie asked if any of the material moved during the recent rains. R. Slowik stated no. He submitted the photographs for the record. There was discussion of this matter including that the uprooted stumps will be removed when the ground freezes. C. Kinnie stated that work is complete and has been seed.

MOTION: P. Merrill moved to approve CC 04-16 for the removal of stumps and filling and sloping of the area with the proper stabilization of the area. G. Norman seconded the motion. C. Kinnie suggested adding silt fence on the down slope edge to keep it from going into the wetlands further. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

C. Kinnie asked for a motion to move Reports from members to Item Six addition business.

MOTION: G. Norman so moved. P. Merrill seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was carried. C. Kinnie welcomed Stacie Stadnicki to the meeting. He presented her with a certificate thanking her for her years of service to the Inland Wetlands Commission and Aquifer Protection Agency. He called a recess at 8:50 pm.

C. Kinnie called the meeting to order at 9:00 p.m.

6. Additional Business (New Applications)

There was no additional business discussed under this item.

7. Reports from the Enforcement Officer

P. Zvingilas did not have any reports.

8. Old Business

There was no old business.

9. New Business

There was no new business.

10. Communications

- A. Follow-up of a letter dated October 23, 2015 to the Board of Selectmen requesting to appoint Alex Grzelak as an alternate member to the IWWCC & APA filling the unexpired term ending December 31, 2015.

C. Kinnie stated that Mr. Grzelak was appointed by the BOS to this commission and he has been sworn in.

- B. Connecticut Federation of Planning and Zoning Agencies Quarterly Newsletter, Fall 2015, Volume XIX, Issue 4

M. Tristany stated that this was for the commission's information.

- C. The Habitat Newsletter, Fall 2015, Volume 27, Number 4

- D. Connecticut Land Conservation Council letter dated October 16, 2015 regarding municipal open space preservation programs and offer of membership.

C. Kinnie asked if there was an interest to be a member of this organization. K. Franklin stated that this item should be given to the Town's Open Space Committee. There was discussion of this matter.

G. Serdechny stated that all the current members for this committee has expired. There was discussion of this matter. C. Kinnie asked that an item be on the agenda for December for two volunteers to be forwarded to the BOS to be appointed on the Open Space Committee. There was discussion of this matter.

11. Reports from Members

P. Merrill stated that he had been at the Glasgo Dam. He explained that the sheen on the water was from decaying matter.

C. K stated that they were at Glasgo Dam and from the ledge you could see a car in the water and DEEP should remove it from the water. There was discussion of this matter.

12. Conservation Commission Matters

- A. Discussion of Earth Day Celebration four weekends in April. Earth Day is Friday, April 22, 2015.

C. Kinnie stated that the weekend dates for our Earth Day clean up are listed. He asked the members to check their schedules for one of the weekends. C. Kinnie asked that a letter be send to the State Archeologist and DEEP for approval of the commission doing an Earth Day clean up for litter and debris only along the shoreline. D. Szall will send a letter to the State Archeologist and DEEP.

13. Adjournment

C. Kinnie asked for a motion to adjourn

MOTION: P. Merrill moved to adjourn. G. Norman seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 9:21 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 November 19, 2015 at 9:20 p.m.

2. Roll Call & Determination of Quorum

Present: Courtland Kinnie, Glen Norman, Gary Serdechny, Clarence (Pete) Merrill, Alternates Kevin Franklin, Town Planner Mario Tristany, WEO Peter Zvingilas, Recording Secretary Donna Szall

Absent: Robert Parrette, Edward (Jay) Waitte, Lawrence Laidley Lauren Churchill, Alex Grzelak

C. Kinnie appointed K. Franklin to sit for R. Parrette. There was a quorum for this regular meeting.

3. Approval of the Minutes

- A. Approval of Minutes for APA meeting the October 15, 2015 meeting.

C. Kinnie asked for a motion for the minutes of October 15, 2015.

MOTION: P. Merrill moved to approve the minutes. G. Serdechny seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

4. Matters Presented for Discussion

A. Follow up of CME letter dated September 16, 2015 outlining DEEP inspection requirements for the Discharge of Stormwater and Dewatering from Construction Activities.

C. Kinnie stated that a copy of the CME letter dated 16, 2015 shall be sent to Griswold Housing Authority with their Inland Wetlands approval. There was discussion of this matter.

C. Kinnie asked about the APA applications. D. Szall stated that she spoke to the applicant and those applications will be resubmitted. There was discussion of this matter.

5. Adjournment

C. Kinnie asked for a motion to adjourn. P. Merrill moved to adjourn. G. Norman seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 9:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna M. Szall
Recording Secretary