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GRISWOLD INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES CONSERVATION COMMISSION

SHOW CAUSE HEARING & REGULAR MEETING MINUTES DECEMBER 17, 2009

GRISWOLD TOWN HALL

I. Public Hearing (7:15 P.M.)

1. Call to Order

Chairman Courtland Kinnie called this public hearing to order at 7:20 pm.

2. Roll Call & Determination of a Quorum

Present: Chair Courtland Kinnie, Vice Chair Robert Parrette, Member Glen Norman, Dean Rubino, Lawrence Laidley, Alternate Gary Serdechny, WEO, Peter Zvingilas, Recording Secretary Donna Szall

Absent: Secretary Stacie Stadnicki, Edward (Jay) Waitte,

C. Kinnie appointed G. Serdechny to sit for J. Waitte. There was a quorum for this public hearing

3. Matter Presented for Public Comment

A. Annual Report of Progress in 2009 for MS4 Stormwater Management Plan under General Permit GM000169. Results of stormwater sampling and accomplishments in each of the seven subsections of the Stormwater Management Plan will be summarized. Public input is encouraged. Draft copies of the Stormwater Management Plan updated for 2009 are available on the Town website and in the offices of the Town Clerk and the Planning and Community Development Office in Town Hall.

C. Kinnie asked C. Fontneau to make his presentation of the Annual Report of the 2009 MS4 Stormwater Management Plan. He explained the Set of Stormwater samples form 6 sites on October 7, 2009 showing no remarkable values; the copy of the Stormwater Management Plan with notes of progress during 2009 and steps for 2010.

C. Kinnie stated to let the record show that L. Laidley arrived at 7:25 pm.

C. Fontneau described the public input for the MS4 plan that included this public hearing, information on the website, legal notice in the newspaper. He stated that there has been no public input at this time. He explained the Elicit Discharge ordinance Section 200 that was enacted by the town in May 2009. He stated that there is a better GIS map showing stormwater discharges of 15" pipe in the non-urbanized area and several new roads have been added to the map that will be

used to schedule maintenance. C. Fontneau explained that new erosion and sedimentation control measures were added to the Borough regulations and stormwater design guidelines for applicant whose projects are large enough for a DEP General Permit. He explained that municipal employees have been trained in stormwater management. He stated that catch basins in the borough were inspected and labels were glued on the curbs for "NO Dumping---Drains to River.

C. Kinnie asked for questions and stated that there was no one from the public present at this public hearing. G. Serdechny asked if the storm drains smaller 15" that were in borough were part of this program. C. Fontneau stated that this was a requirement of the un-urbanized areas to have 15" pipe and the borough has 12" pipe for urbanized area. G. Serdechny asked if the proposed ordinance was for the borough or for the whole town. C. Fontneau stated that it was for the whole town. There was discussion of this matter.

L. Laidley asked if the stickers will be replaced on the catch basins. C. Fontneau stated that the road crew will glue new stickers on the catch basins in the spring. G. Serdechny asked if the No Dumping---Drains to River could be stenciled with spray paint on the catch basins. C. Fontneau stated that the glue used is very strong.

C. Kinnie asked for any other questions; hearing none, he asked for a motion to close the public hearing. R. Parrette made a motion to close the public hearing at 7:47 p.m. L. Laidley 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 December 17, 2009 at 7:48 p.m.

2. Roll Call & Determination of Quorum

Present: Chair Courtland Kinnie, Vice Chair Robert Parrette, Member Glen Norman, Dean Rubino, Lawrence Laidley, Alternate Gary Serdechny, WEO, Peter Zvingilas, Recording Secretary Donna Szall

Absent: Secretary Stacie Stadnicki, Edward (Jay) Waitte

C. Kinnie appointed G. Serdechny to sit for J. Waitte. It was determined that a quorum was present for this meeting.

3. Applications

C. Kinnie stated that there were no applications.

4. Additional Business (New Applications)

C. Kinnie stated that there was no additional business

5. Reports from the Enforcement Officer

P. Zvingilas gave a report on the Middle School that the steps going from the elementary school to the middle school and the middle school to the high school where there is some erosion at the landing that creates a hazardous situation. FIP filled it with dirt for a temporary fix. P. Zvingilas stated that there was mud run off to the catch basin. There was discussion of this matter.

P. Zvingilas stated L. Laidley asked about the netting to be used when the pipe is being replaced on the bridge over the Quinebaug. He spoke with the company doing the water pipe work on Main

Street they are stopping at the bridge, then work across the river and then work on South Main Street before they work on replacing the pipe on the bridge. There was discussion of this matter.

P. Zvingilas explained that he received complaint against a property owner on Myrtle Road where a who pulled his pontoon boat up on shore using 4" PVC schedule 40 pipe to pull the boat up on and the complainant was concerned for the wetlands. He stated that he didn't see any damage. There was discussion of this matter. He will speak with the owner concerning gasoline left in the motor's tank.

C. Fontneau stated that there must be some discussion in the future as to how to monitor 15" discharge pipes which are privately owned. There was discussion of this matter including that it would be something DEP would address.

P. Zvingilas stated that where the drilling company is drilling geo thermal wells where there is a mud buddy tank to collect the slurry and sediment from the drilled wells. He stated that someone pulled the plug on the mud buddy and the sediment emptied out onto the field. He spoke with FIP to insure that the well drillers come up with a better solution for the well sediment. There was discussion of this matter including that FIP will install better erosion and sedimentation controls before the mid-winter thaw and to insure that the stormceptor catch basins are working properly to pre-treat the sedimentation pond. P. Zvingilas stated that he and C. Fontneau inspected the settling pond that discharges to the Quinebaug and P. Zvingilas will contact Army Corp of Engineers to inspect this pond.

6. Old Business

C. Kinnie stated that there was no old business

7. New Business

A. Discussion and acceptance of **Annual Report of Progress in 2009 for MS4 Stormwater Management Plan under General Permit GM000169**. Results of stormwater sampling and accomplishments in each of the seven subsections of the Stormwater Management Plan will be summarized.

C. Kinnie asked for any further discussion on this matter. C. Fontneau stated that the commission can have a consensus that this report can be sent to DEP. C. Kinnie asked for a show of hands from the members. There was a unanimous show of hands that this report can be sent to DEP.

8. Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 15, 2009

R. Parrette made a motion to accept the minutes of October 15, 2009 as presented. L. Laidley seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

9. Communications

A. Notice of Intent To Issue a Declaratory Ruling And Ruling on Request for a Public Hearing by Tilcon Connecticut, Inc. received on November 4, 2009 from the State of Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection.

There was discussion of this matter that this notice of intent is for other towns so is information for the commission.

B. CLEARscapes Newsletter of the Center for Land Use Education and Research at the University of Connecticut, Fall 2009

C. Christmas card from Branse, Willis & Knapp, LLC was read to the members.

D. 2010 Schedule of Meetings from Town Clerk Ellen DuPont

C. Kinnie asked that election of officers be added to the January agenda. C. Kinnie asked if people whose limits were up were notified. D. Szall stated that she sent letters. There was discussion of this matter. C. Kinnie stated that letters of intent should be sent to the BOS. C. Kinnie signed the schedule of meeting and appointed R. Parrette secretary pro tem in S. Stadnicki absence.

10. Reports from Members

C. Kinnie stated that G. Serdechny attended a conference that he will report on.

G. Serdechny gave his report on the UConn Conference that he attended regarding Connecticut Aquifers and their regulations concerning aquifers that serve 1000 people or more. He explained the 3 levels of mapping, Level A Aquifer Protection Area adopted by the State, Level A approved by the town then goes to the state for final approval, Level B Aquifer Protection Area that is preliminary and that these areas were identified by the DEP so that Aquifer Protection Areas are designed to identify business who may have an impact on the aquifer and to regulate land areas and use best management practice. There was discussion of this matter including that there 28 regulated activities.

G. Serdechny stated that a committee must be formed to oversee this program 180 days after final approval is granted by the DEP to hold separate agendas and separately scheduled meetings. He stated that there are sample regulations for the members to look at. G. Serdechny stated that a fee can be changed for the permitting process. There was discussion of this matter including that Inland Wetlands was identified as being the overseeing Commission. C. Fontneau will have more information for the January meeting.

There were no other reports from members.

11. Conservation Commission Matters

C. Kinnie asked for any conservation commission matters. C. Kinnie stated that he attended a meeting in Canterbury regarding a pilot program for the Advocate Program that includes eight towns. He explained that some town adopted Ordinances fro the right to farm and more farm-friendly regulations such as agricultural buffers.

C. Fontneau stated that he spoke with Anne Nalwalk who stated that Avalonia Trust has acquired more land near Billings Brook. There was discussion of this matter.

12. Adjournment

C. Kinnie asked for a motion to adjourn. L. Laidley made a motion to adjourn. R. Parrette seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna M. Szall
Recording Secretary