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Inland Wetlands Commission (IWC)
**DRAFT Minutes**
Tuesday, September 24, 2013
7:00 PM
Third Floor, Council Chambers
14 Park Place
Rockville/Vernon, CT

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
Meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM. Those present were Mark Kalina, Lynda Morhardt and Frank Galat. Staff members Leonard Tunderman, Town Planner and Craig Perry, Inland Wetlands Agent were present. Recording Secretary, Peggy Jackle was also present.

2. Administrative Actions

2.1 Acceptance of Minutes – *A motion was made by Mark Kalina and seconded by Frank Galat to postpone approval of the August 23, 2013 minutes until next month's meeting. Motion passed unanimously.*

2.2 Call for Filings (s) of Intervener petition and determination of status
Ms. Dorian Famiglietti from Kahan, Kerensky and Caposella, LLP presented a petition as intervener for the second public hearing.

3. Public Hearing

3.1 Application (IWC-232013-05) of Andre Carbonneau for a wetlands re-designation and a wetlands permit to construct a single family dwelling and install a culvert for a driveway crossing of a wetland on property 133 Washington Street ( Assessor's ID: Map #11, Block # 0155, Lot/Parcel 09A10& #01B24). The legal notice for the public hearing was read into the record. Mr. Timothy Coon, licensed Land surveyor and Professional Engineer from J.R. Russo and Associates informed the commission that the home owner was informed that he needed to relocate the house to a larger crossing and that Mr. Carbonneau has decided to relocate the house. No one was present for Public Comment. *A motion was made Mark Kalina and seconded by Frank Galat to continue the application IWC-2013-05. Motion passed unanimously.*

3.2 Application (IWC-2013-06/ of Gerald Fournier for a wetlands permit to install a ground mounted solar array at 24 Indian Trail ( Assessor's ID: Map # 55, Block # 137, Lot/Parcel #4E). The legal notice for the public hearing was read into the record. Mr. Gerald Fournier, property owner

and Mr. Charles Morgan, soil scientist, addressed the commission with regard to the installing of the solar array on his property. They informed the commission that the location of the solar array on his property was chosen to maximize the amount of solar light during the day. Photographs of the proposed sight were distributed to the commission. The company would be using techno metal posts to support the solar array and also a trench would be dug to accommodate the electrical conduit. The commission questioned the location and inquired about moving the solar array to an alternative site on the property. Mr. Fournier and Mr. Morgan stated that there would be a 10% reduction of solar power and this would be a significant impact on its power. Commission members requested to walk the property and Mr. Fournier agreed to their request. The Public Hearing was opened up for public comment. Ms. Dorian Famiglietti, Intervener for four property owners at Indian Trail reviewed concerns that the neighbors had regarding the location of the solar array and the impact that it would have on the wetlands and the ecosystem in the area. Mr. George Logan , a Wetlands Scientist stated that there needs to be due diligence done before moving forward with the project. He stated the commission should investigate the natural diversity database which would identify different habitats. Mr. John Hillus, a resident at 21 Indian Trail, stated that he is concerned about the size of the solar array, the water table and the danger to the animals that are see on their properties. Public comments were closed. After a brief discussion, the commission stated that they need more information that what was not originally provided. They recommended that Mr. Fournier withdraw his application and resubmit with additional information. The IWC has also requested a functions and values assessment for the wetlands on the property. The application will be reviewed with the new information at a later date.

The commission called a five (5) minute recess at 8:37 PM. Meeting resumed at 8:52 PM.

3.3 Application (IWC-2013-07) of John Drost III for a wetlands permit to construct a new home at 2 Lakeview Drive ( Assessor's ID: Map #51, Block #0239, Lot/Parcel #00003 & Map #51, Block#0139, Lot/Parcel # 0001A). Mr. John Drost III addressed the commission concerning the wetland permit to build a new house on his property. He addressed the concerns of the commission relative to the sewer system and the installation of grinder pumps. Vernon Fire Marshall Walker approached Mr. Drost III regarding the installation of a dry hydrant on his property and Mr. Drost III confirmed that he was in agreement regarding the installation of the dry hydrant on his property. No one was present for public comments. *A motion was made by Mark Kalina and seconded by Frank Galat to approve the wetlands permit for application IWC-2013-07. Motion passed unanimously.*

4.0 Status of Cease and Correct Orders

11 Autumn Wood Lane- Mr. Craig Perry has visited the property and reported that some work had been completed. It was confirmed that the letter to have the owner regarding complying with the commission's requests had not been sent. Therefore, the commission directed Mr. Perry to contact the Town Attorney and send a cease and correct letter stipulating the requests of the commission with a timeline. Current neighbor, Nancy Carter, 28 Midland Drive, addressed the commission and stated her continual concerns relative to any heavy downpours and flooding issues. Mr. Perry was directed by the commission to take another look at the property during inclement weather.

Talcottville Mill, 47 Main Street – Mr. Perry stated there was no update on this property.

21 Terrace Drive – Mr. Perry stated that Planning and Zoning had not heard the application for this property.

19 Grove Street - Mr. Perry stated that the project is looking good at this point. It went out to bid with a vast range in the bids. He plans on talking to administration regarding this issue.

5.0 Additional Business

5.1 Receipt of Application and Determination of Significance
Mr. Perry stated that he had no report.

5.2 Wetlands Enforcement Officer – Report – Mr. Perry stated that he had no report.

5.3 Inland Wetlands Agent – Report
Mr. Perry reported that there was agent approval for the property at 15 Gottier Drive for the gravel portion of the driveway. Mr. Perry reported that there is no impact to wetlands.

6.0 Adjournment

*Motion was made by Mark Kalina and seconded by Frank Galat to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 PM. Motion passed unanimously.*