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**Town of Vernon
Inland Wetlands Commission (IWC)**

Tuesday, November 25, 2014
7:00 p.m.

Council Chambers, Third Floor
Vernon Memorial Building
14 Park Place
Rockville/Vernon, CT

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MINUTES

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Chairman Jeff Pescosolido. Those in attendance were Ronald Kane, Frank Galat, Linda Morhardt, and Robert Lewis.
Staff members present were Craig Perry, Town Wetlands Agent ,and Brianan Nolan, Town Planner.
Chairman Pescosolido noted a change to the agenda order and also noted the meeting would end by 10:00 p.m.

2. Administrative Actions
 - 2.1 Communications received not related to Agenda items.
There was no communication relating to Agenda items.

 - 2.2 Acceptance of Minutes.
Adjustments noted to minutes from October 28, 2014.

Item 4. Cease & Correct, 19 Grove Street, to read "The EPA will be assisting us in evaluating and demolishing the buildings at 19 Grove Street. We don't know what is there and we'll know more in the spring."

Item 3.3.1 second paragraph spelling correction "drywell" will replace "drywall" in two paragraphs.

Item 4. Cease & Correct, 658 Bolton Road, spelling correction "silt" will replace "silk" in two places

Item 3.3.1 Application (IWC 2014-05) shall be Application (IWC-2014-07).

Item 5.5.1 Application (IWC 2014-06) shall be (IWC-2014-08) in two places.

Mr. Galat made a motion seconded by Mr. Kane to accept minutes from October 28, 2014, with minor corrections. Motion carried unanimously.

2.3 Acceptance of 2015 Annual Meeting Schedule.
Chairman Pescosolido made a motion seconded by Mr. Galat to accept the schedule. Motion carried unanimously.

2.3 Call for filing(s) of Intervener petition(s) determination of status.
No one was present for filing of intervener(s).

3. Public Hearing
Public Hearing postponed for later in the meeting at request of applicant.

5. Discussion/Additional Business

5.1 Receipt of Application and Determination of Significance

5.1.1. Application (IWC-2014-09) of Richard Topp for a Wetlands Redesignation and Wetlands Permit for 658 Bolton Road (Assessor's ID: Map #54, Block #139, Lot/Parcel #74).

Richard Topp, 658 Bolton Road, introduced himself and gave a brief review of application. Chairman Pescosolido confirmed application was being received, this is a redesignation of wetlands permit in a non-significant activity. Proposal was made to set up a Public Hearing as it is a significant activity because of the previous activities that took place prior to this application. Discussion was made regarding the agriculture relevance to this application. It was noted the applicant is aware and will be taking more steps with Planning and Zoning following this application.

Motion was made by Chairman Pescosolido and seconded by Mr. Kane to receive the application at the regularly scheduled January 27, 2015, meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Public Hearing

3.1 Application (IWC-2014-08) of Kenneth Boynton for a Wetlands Redesignation and Wetlands permit at #263 South Street (Assessor's ID: Map #24, Block #65, Lot/Parcel #6).
Mr. Perry read the Legal Notice published in the Journal Inquirer on November 14, 2014, and November 21, 2014.

Dorian Famiglietti of Kahan, Kerensky & Capossella, LLP, attorney for applicant introduced all involved and noted two parts of the application, Part One the redesignation of wetlands on the property

and Part Two the activity permit. Discussion took place regarding flags and numbering system on the original map submitted. Redesignation concerns have already been addressed. Also discussed was the proposed temporary limited disturbances that would be made to the property in connection with a 10-lot residential subdivision.

Russ Heintz, Tarbell, Heintz & Associates, LLC discussed the layout site with detail regarding detention basin and functionality, sediment runoff, grade, guidelines, erosion during construction, silt fencing, planting plan, cuts and fills, discharge pipe, and detention basin design.

Sigrun Galway, Rema Ecological services, LLC discussed the site and impact on wetlands and watercourse, erosion, adjacent sewer line, watercourse scenario, runoff, swale, linear rain gardens, grading, trenches, back stabilization, aesthetics, wildlife habitat function, temporary wetland impact, maintenance, belief that proposed project will not result in adverse results.

At 8:52 the Commission took a ten-minute recess and reconvened for public comments:

John Parenchuk resident at 109 Evergreen Road had concerns regarding wildlife, flooding from natural spring, a dump in the area from past years.

Diane Dains resident at 121 Evergreen Road had concerns regarding water direction including more water and roadside drainage running toward her property.

Ken Poppe resident at 137 Evergreen Road had concerns regarding water retention and absorption, grading to existing properties.

Thomas Lerch resident at 137 Meadowlark expressed concerns regarding wildlife, trees being uprooted, if more water will affect current vegetation and disintegrate trees further.

Larry Carson resident at 113 Evergreen had concerns regarding water coming off the hill, flooding, wildlife, swamp lands, and springs.

John Parenchuk resident at 109 Evergreen Road had further concerns for the pond growing too large.

Mr. Heintz addressed concerns raised during public comments and further discussed swale, water direction, modifying the swale, linear

rain gardens, and an infiltration ditch. Ms. Galway noted there is no legal protection to wildlife unless it is a rare species. Attorney Famiglietti recapped concerns of water, swale, water infiltration, and wildlife also noting the direct impact would be to the sewer connection. Discussion was held again regarding maintenance of rain gardens, water flow, pond size, and swale.

Mr. Perry noted no decisions can be made as additional information is needed regarding swale, basin, rain gardens, planting plan, detention basin, and specified diameter. Rema report needs to be studied in more detail and incorporated into the plans. A decision was made to continue the public hearing at the regularly scheduled meeting December 23, 2014.

4. Status of Cease & Correct Orders

Mr. Perry briefed the Commission on the following:

50 Windsorville Road – Detention basin behind Stop & Shop. Contacted Environmental Company who said they are communicating with the owner to get recommendations addressed. Have heard nothing back.

19 Grove Street – Nothing to report.

658 Bolton Road - Is now an Application. Keep open until decision is made.

5. Discussion/Additional Business

5.2 Wetlands Enforcement Officer – Report

Grand Lofts III, Hartford Tpk. – did a walk through, erosion control in place, property cleared.

6. Adjournment

Mr. Galat made a motion seconded by Mr. Kane to adjourn at 9:54. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Susan Hewett
Recording Secretary