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

Tuesday, February 24, 2015

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 7:02 p.m. by Vice Chairperson Lynda Morhardt. Also in attendance were Ronald Kane and Robert Lewis. Staff member present was Craig Perry, Town Wetlands Agent. Also present was Shaun Gately, Economic Development Coordinator.
2. Administrative Actions
 - 2.1 Communications received not related to Agenda Items
Mr. Perry presented a CD from Algonquin Gas Company that was sent to the Commission regarding upgrade. Stub coming into Vernon is not being replaced or increased in size. CD being passed along for anyone interested in the information.

Commission also received in their packet the publication *The Habitat*.
 - 2.2 Acceptance of Minutes
Since there was no January meeting, the minutes presented for approval are from the December 23, 2014, IWC meeting. *Mr. Kane made a motion seconded by Mr. Lewis to accept the minutes as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.*
 - 2.3 Election of Officers
Vice Chairperson requested Election of Officers be moved to the end of the meeting.
 - 2.4 Call for filing(s) of Intervener petition(s) and determination of status
None
3. Public Hearing
 - 3.1 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).

Mr. Gately read the Legal Notice which was published in the *Journal Inquirer* on February 13, 2015, and February 20, 2015.

Public Hearing was opened by Vice Chairperson Morhardt. Mr. Perry noted everyone is familiar with this application as a Cease & Correct Order and offered the map for review. Discussion took place regarding corrections that have been made and noted Applicant has done everything that has been asked. Mr. Kane asked if there were any public objections. None was given. There was further discussion regarding violation to zoning regulations. Applicant has another step once he receives an IWC approval. Vice Chairperson Morhardt closed the public hearing.

Mr. Kane made a motion seconded by Mr. Lewis to approve the Redesignation. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kane made a motion seconded by Mr. Lewis to approve the Permit as submitted on the plan of Provost & Rovero, Inc. received November 20 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Status of Cease & Correct Orders

Mr. Perry has no new information on the listed items with the exception that 658 Bolton Road, the application just voted on, can be removed. If violation occurs another Cease & Correct Order will be issued.

Vice Chairperson Morhardt made a motion seconded by Mr. Kane to remove the Cease & Correct Order issued against 658 Bolton Road. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Discussion/Additional Business

5.1 Receipt of Application and Determination of Significance

5.1.1 Application [IWC-2015-01] of Conn. Water Co. for a Wetlands Permit at #10, 16, 18 & 22 Snipsic St. (Assessor's ID: Map #45, Block #0123, Lot/Parcel #00003, 00009, 00010, & 00011).

Mr. Gately noted a discrepancy on the application that this is not a Wetlands Permit. Applicant is applying for a jurisdictional ruling of whether or not they are permitted use-of-right in non-regulated use.

David Connors, Director of Engineering from The Connecticut Water Company presented the construction project of a new/upgraded water treatment facility plant at the existing Rockville Water Treatment Plant site. James Mitchell, Project Manager from AECOM gave an overview of the treatment

process, design features, and project schedule. Project will move forward regardless of the outcome of UCONN pipeline.

Mr. Gately noted Inland Wetland Regulations Section 4.1 Subsection E construction and operation by water company as defined by Section 16-1 of the CT general statutes or by municipal water supply system as provided is permitted in non regulated use. Regulations call for them to appear in front of the Commission and provide sufficient information to concur, or if they do not concur call it a permit. They would have to return for public hearing if Commission did not concur. Mr. Perry noted he and the town engineer have looked at the plans and are satisfied with the project.

Vice Chairperson Morhardt made a Motion seconded by Mr. Kane that we recognize application IWC-2015-01 as a permitted use-of-right in our regulations 4.1 E as a CT Water Company in a construction operation. Motion carried unanimously.

5.2 Wetlands Enforcement Officer - Report
None

5.3 Inland Wetland Agent – Report
Resident at 78 Box Mountain Pool was granted permit to remove in-ground pool that was within a regulated area. Discussion took place regarding clean fill being adequate.

Return to Agenda Item

2.3 Election of Officers

Mr. Lewis made a motion seconded by Mr. Kane to nominate Lynda Morhardt as Chairperson for the IWC. Motion passed with Vice Chairperson Morhardt abstaining.

Mr. Kane made a motion seconded by Mr. Lewis to nominate Mr. Galat as Vice Chair. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairperson Morhardt nominated Mr. Kane as Secretary. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Adjournment. *Mr. Kane made a motion seconded by Mr. Lewis to adjourn at 7:51 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.*

Respectfully Submitted
Susan Hewett
Recording Secretary