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

Tuesday, December 23, 2014

7:00 p.m.

Council Chambers, Third Floor

Vernon Memorial Building

14 Park Place

Rockville/Vernon, CT

**MINUTES**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Chairperson Jeff Pescosolido. Those in attendance were Ronald Kane, Frank Galat, Lynda Morhardt, and Robert Lewis.

Staff member present Craig Perry, Town Wetlands Agent. Also present was Shaun Gately, Economic Development Coordinator.

Chairperson Pescosolido suggested the Agenda items be changed. Item 2.3 will be moved to the end of the meeting.

2. Administrative Actions

2.1 Communications received not related to Agenda items.  
None

2.2 Acceptance of Minutes.  
Mr. Perry requested an addition to the last page, second paragraph, third line to read, "and specified diameter of wattles."  
*Mr. Kane made a motion seconded by Mr. Galat to accept minutes from November 25, 2014, with correction. Motion carried unanimously.*

2.4 Call for filing(s) of Intervener petition(s) and determination of status.  
None.

3. Public Hearing

3.1 Continued hearing for 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).

Dorian Famiglietti of Kahan, Kerensky & Capossella, LLC, attorney for applicant, introduced Russ Heintz of Tarbell, Heintz & Associates, George Logan of Rema Ecological Services, and Ken and John Boynton, applicants. She noted that additional detail was added to the maps and submitted to the Planning Office a week ago.

Mr. Heintz discussed details on sheet 9A regarding plantings, maintenance plans, basin, rain gardens, swale not being as pronounced, discharge into wetlands, detail of wattles.

Mr. Logan discussed linear rain garden construction, plantings, seeding, and maintenance into the second growing season being taken over by property owners. He also discussed the swale on the east side, run off from back yards, sewer easement entering lower retention area, and good soil for infiltration.

Mr. Lewis questioned the trash on the southern portion of the property. Applicant noted they would clean it up.

Discussion was held regarding embankment discharging to the basin and the basin slope, reviewing hydraulics calculations, anticipated storm runoff filling excess, stability of embankment, extending or elongating the basin. Chairperson Pescosolido noted that concerns from the abutting property owners regarding runoff be defined, that swales will be functional, and these concerns be addressed in final approval. Attorney Famiglietti noted any significant modifications made will be reviewed and return to the Commission for approval.

More discussion took place regarding upper swale, run off to rear of lawn areas, purpose of linear rain gardens, level spreader, labeling the depression – same specifications will apply to this area as 9A, first paragraph. A notation can be added if needed stating 'level spreader see rain garden detail.'

Attorney Famiglietti requested to please be sure to vote separately on the redesignation first and then the permit application. It was noted again there will be no long-term direct impact, only temporary impact to already disturbed areas in connection to sewer. Mr. Perry noted he will be involved in further review with the Interim Town Engineer if any changes constitute modifications to this wetlands permit.

Public Hearing closed at 7:33 p.m.

*Chairperson Pescosolido made a motion seconded by Mr. Lewis to accept the Redesignation of Wetlands as presented at 263 South Street, Application [IWC-2014-08]. Motion carried unanimously.*

*Chairperson Pescosolido made a motion seconded by Mr. Galat to accept the Permit for the project at 263 South Street as presented. No long-term impacts, short term during construction. No irreversible losses of wetlands or watercourses. The two stipulations are*

1. *Concern regarding swale on the east lot as presented be enforced during construction.*
2. *Review of proposed basin regarding cuts and fills proposed at the location be reviewed by town staff and any changes will need to come back before this Commission. Motion carried unanimously.*

4. Status of Cease and Correct Orders.  
No changes.

5. Discussion/Additional Business

5.1 Receipt of Application and Determination of Significance.  
None.

5.2 Wetlands Enforcement Officer – Report.  
Mr. Perry handed out the IWC Project Status Report dated 2014-December and commented on the following:

**IWC-2014-04 (Santini-Grand Lofts III)** – Large excavation project, will walk again soon for a closer look, daily monitoring from outside, water running clean.

**IWC-2014-03 (Park West Apartments)** – Excavation of retention basin is underway, driveways around the basin, contractors doing a nice job to keep soil laden runoff from leaving the property.

**IWC-2013-04 (West Main St. Bridge)** – All work done along banks of the river. Seeding and planting will wait until spring.

**IWC-2012-09 (Loom City Lofts)** – Project underway, erosion control in place, inspected a couple of times, no problems.

**IWC-2012-08 (Bolton Lakes WPCA – Contract 5)** – Work completed, final grading took place after growing season, will watch to see that seeds take hold in the spring.

Some older wetland approval expires this year. Anticipate Planning and Zoning will make an effort to notify applicants that the permits are about to expire.

Mr. Lewis questioned why **IWC-2013-05** was denied. Mr. Perry noted it was a permit for a residential home, Town Attorney is working on this permit.

5.3 Inland Wetlands Agent – Report  
None

Return to Agenda item

2.3 Election of Officers

Chairperson Pescosolido noted that his term was expiring. Some discussion took place regarding appointments. It was decided to postpone the election of Officers until the next scheduled meeting January 27, 2015.

Noted also on the January 27 schedule is the Richard Topp Application **[IWC-2014-09]** and public hearing.

*Mr. Kane made a motion seconded by Mr. Galat to adjourn at 7:44 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.*

Respectfully Submitted  
*Susan Hewett*  
Recording Secretary