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Town of Vernon Inland Wetlands Commission (IWC)
Tuesday, June 28, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers, 3rd Floor
Vernon Memorial Building, 14 Park Place, Rockville/Vernon, CT

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1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairperson Lynda Morhardt called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Commissioners present: Lynda Morhardt, Ronald Kane, Robert Lewis, Jeff Pescosolido

Staff present: Marina Rodriguez, Town Planner, and Craig Perry, Town Wetlands Agent

2. Administrative Actions:

2.1 Communications received not related to Agenda Items:

CT Wildlife Magazine, May/June 2016, was distributed

2.2 Acceptance of Minutes:

On a motion by Mr. Kane, seconded by Mr. Lewis, the minutes of the May 24, 2016 meeting were unanimously accepted.

2.3 Call for filing(s) of Intervener petition(s) and determination of status: None

2.4 Election of Officers:

On a motion by Mr. Kane, seconded by Ms. Morhardt, the following slate of nominees was elected unanimously: Ms. Morhardt, Chairperson; Mr. Kane, Vice Chairperson; Mr. Lewis, Secretary.

2.5 Adopt Official Wetlands Map:

Staff made presentation and answered questions. The Commission reviewed the final Inland Wetlands Redesignation Map. The town-wide map depicts each of the redesignations that have been approved by the Commission in accordance with State statutes, and plots each one on the map with reference. The map has been updated to 12/31/2015. The map is verifiable and is an official guide for inland wetlands redesignations in Vernon. There was discussion in regards to vernal pools and retention basins. On a motion by Mr. Kane, seconded by Ms. Morhardt, the Commission unanimously adopted the Official Inland Wetlands Redesignation Map with the following notation added below the legend: 'Additional inland wetlands such as vernal pools and retention basins are not depicted on this map, see Wetlands Agent'.

3. Public Hearing/Action: None

4. Status of Cease & Correct Orders:

100 West Street:

The Commission received copy of the letter dated June 8, 2016 from the property owner to the Wetlands Agent. The Agent reported on the status of the order. The Agent made an on-site inspection and verified that the violation has been removed and the owner has installed permanent 'No Trespassing' and 'No Dumping' signs and a barrier to prevent unauthorized access to the specified area.

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On a motion by Ms. Morhardt, seconded by Mr. Pescosolido, the Commission unanimously agreed to withdraw the Cease and Correct Order and to send a stern letter to the owner informing him that he must monitor the area and if the same violation occurs again the IWC would seriously consider enforcement to the fullest extent of the law.

5. Discussion/Action and Additional Business:

5.1 Receipt of Application and Determination of Significance:

Application of Park West Apartments for a modification to Wetlands Permit (IWC-2014-03) at 24 Terrace Dr. and 1-12 West St. (Assessor ID: Map22, Block 38 Parcel 044 and Map 22, Block 42, Parcel 01C).

The Commission reviewed the application and determined that a public hearing would be required. On a motion by Mr. Pescosolido, seconded by Ms. Morhardt, the Commission unanimously agreed to accept the application and schedule the public hearing at the next regular meeting of the IWC on July 26, 2016.

5.2 Wetlands Enforcement Officer – Report: None

5.3 Inland Wetlands Agent – Report:

275 South St.:

Wetlands Agent approved replacement of drainage pipe and riprap scour hole related to road reconstruction and referenced the letter dated June 23, 2016, which was read into the record.

6. Adjournment:

On a motion by Mr. Kane, seconded by Ms. Morhardt, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Marina Rodriguez

