

**Town of Vernon**  
**Inland Wetlands Commission (IWC)**  
Tuesday, August 23, 2016, 7:00 p.m.  
Probate Conference Room, First Floor  
Vernon Memorial Building  
14 Park Place  
Rockville/Vernon, CT

**DRAFT MINUTES**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairperson Lynda Morhardt called the meeting to order at 7:17 p.m. Also in attendance were Ronald Kane and Jeffrey Pescosolido. Staff members present were Marina Rodriguez, Town Planner, and Craig Perry, Town Wetlands Agent.

2. Administrative Actions

2.1 Communications received not related to Agenda Items.

Newsletter of the Connecticut Association of Conservation & Inland Wetlands Commissions, Inc.

2.2 Acceptance of Minutes.

*Mr. Kane made a motion seconded by Mr. Pescosolido to accept the July 26, 2016, minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.*

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

3. Public Hearing/Action

3.1 Application [IWC-2016-02] of Town of Vernon Engineering Dept. for a wetlands permit to construct a Foot Bridge at the Hockanum River Linear Park at Windsorville Road (Assessor's ID: Map #07, Block #RR0W, Lot/Parcel #0000).

Town Planner read into the record the Public Notice published in the *Journal Inquirer* on August 13, 2016, and August 20, 2016. Same Notice was also sent to the Town of Ellington on August 2, 2016, and the abutters on August 8, 2016.

Town Planner also added to the record that Commission received Staff Comment Sheets from Fire Marshal dated July 22, 2016, Zoning

Enforcement dated July 25, 2016, Traffic Authority dated July, 26, 2016, Building Official dated July 28, 2016, and Health District dated July 28, 2016. No comments noted on Comment Sheets. Memo dated August 16, 2016, from Conservation Commission was distributed at this meeting.

Present were David Smith, Town Engineer, and Ann Letendre, Chair, HRLP Committee. Mr. Smith presented plans of the proposed foot bridge to provide linkage to existing trails in Vernon and Ellington and discussed grade, abutments, wooden structures over steel cables, ramp, moving material, bridge being above flood level, and that the work will be completed primarily by volunteers.

Mr. Pescosolido requested a flagged note be added to plans regarding the wetlands in the area. Ms. Letendre explained the grants from state and matching funds. Also discussed was wood material being cost effective, maintenance (not maintained by state), masonry towers, silt fence being moved.

*Mr. Kane made a motion seconded by Chairperson Morhardt to close the public hearing. Motion carried unanimously. Public Hearing closed at 7:37 p.m.*

*Mr. Pescosolido made a motion seconded by Mr. Kane to accept Application [IWC-2016-02] of Town of Vernon Engineering Dept. for a wetlands permit to construct a Foot Bridge at the Hockanum River Linear Park at Windsorville Road (Assessor's ID: Map #7, Block #RR0W, Lot/Parcel #0000) with the addition of the wetlands depiction and minor correction of silt fencing. Motion carried unanimously.*

4. Status of Cease & Correct Orders  
None

5. Discussion/Action and Additional Business

5.1 Receipt of Application and Determination of Significance.

5.1.1 Application [IWC-2016-03] of John William & Jo-Anne Rankin for a Wetlands Permit to construct a single-family house at #129 Grier Road (Assessor's ID: Map #52, Block #0140, Lot/Parcel #00027)

Present were Mark Peterson, Professional Engineer, Gardner & Peterson Associates, LLC, and John Williams and Jo-Anne Rankin, applicants. Mr. Peterson presented property layout, demolition plan, removal of trees, silt fence, pavement and

foundation removal, proposed new construction, stone wall along lake, drainage systems, run off to infiltration underground leaching trench. Also discussed was run-off from Grier Road, connecting with sanitary sewer, additional straw bales, and anticipated long-term life of drainage system. A request was made to look at collection system for the amount of water flow during and after construction. Significant activity was determined and a public hearing will be scheduled at the next Inland Wetlands Commission Meeting on September 27, 2016.

*Mr. Pescosolido made a motion seconded by Chairperson Morhardt that Application [IWC-2016-03] of John William & Jo-Anne Rankin for a Wetlands Permit to construct a single-family house at #129 Grier Road (Assessor's ID: Map #52, Block #0140, Lot/Parcel #00027) is a significant activity due to the existing grading and contours of the property, the proposed activity, concern that protection devices are present during construction as it is an abutting parcel to the lake, and to schedule a Public Hearing at the next scheduled IWC meeting, August 23, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.*

5.2 Wetlands Enforcement Officer – Report

Mr. Perry, Town Wetlands Agent, distributed the IWC Project Status Report for August 2016 and discussed the status of the Applications.

5.3 Inland Wetlands Agent – Report  
None

6. Adjournment

*Chairperson Morhardt made a motion seconded by Mr. Kane to adjourn at 8:26 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.*

Respectfully Submitted  
Susan Hewett  
Recording Secretary