

**Town of Vernon
Inland Wetlands Commission (IWC)
Tuesday, November 28, 2017, 7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers, Third Floor
Vernon Memorial Building
14 Park Place
Rockville/Vernon, CT**

Approved **MINUTES**

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1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Vice Chairman Ronald Kane called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Also in attendance were Robert Lewis, Jeff Pescosolido, and Francis Galat. Staff members present were Marina Rodriguez, Town Planner; David Smith, Town Engineer; Craig Perry, Wetlands Enforcement Officer.

2. Administrative Actions

2.1 Communications received not related to Agenda Items

Resignation letter from one of the Commission members, IWC Member list, CT Wildlife publications, Fall 2017 issue of the Habitat

2.2 Amendment/Adoption of Agenda – Additional business to be considered under agenda item #5 “Other Business” Requires Commission vote.
None

2.3 Acceptance of Minutes

Mr. Galat made a motion seconded by Mr. Lewis to accept the minutes from the September 26, 2017, meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

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

2.5 Request of Extension of time to commence activities for permit at #64 Hartford Turnpike, [IWC-2006-24].

Town Planner reviewed the background on [IWC-2006-24]. Applicant is requesting extension of permit, which was approved at the January 23, 2007, IWC meeting, and effective February 11, 2007. Approved plan is included in Commission’s packet.

Tommy Tomko, Tomko Enterprises, Vernon, appeared requesting the extension of time for the site plan discussing the building will be a medical building expecting occupancy 12/18, explaining site has been dormant, no activity has taken place, no wetlands enforcement action on the site.

*Mr. Pescosolido made a motion seconded by Mr. Lewis to grant extension to **Application [IWC-2006-24]** from February 11, 2018, to February 11, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.*

3. Public Hearing/Action

3.1 Application **[IWC-2017-07]** of David Smith, Town Engineer for a Wetlands Permit for a Bridge replacement on Pleasantview Drive over the Hockanum River.

Town Planner read into the record the Legal Notice published in the *Journal Inquirer* October 14, 2017, and October 21, 2017. Notice was sent to abutters October 18, 2017. Public Hearing was postponed, as the IWC October meeting was not held.

David Smith, Town Engineer appeared and explained the coordination of design and construction of bridge is being handled through federal and local bridge program administered through the CT Department of Transportation, he discussed work being proposed and construction time frame.

Michael Brady, Close, Jensen and Miller, P.C. appeared and discussed bridge specs, construction stages through school vacations and duration of construction, erosion control.

Eric Buckley, Close, Jensen and Miller, also appeared and discussed erosion control, sewer excavation, drainage work, roadway work, water channeling, and pile driving. Discussion took place.

No public comments. Public Hearing closed at 7:34 p.m.

*Mr. Lewis made a motion seconded by Mr. Pescosolido to accept **Application [IWC-2017-07]** of David Smith, Town Engineer, for a Wetlands Permit for a Bridge replacement on Pleasantview Drive over the Hockanum River. Motion carried unanimously.*

4. Status of Cease & Correct Orders

- 4.1 97 Dobson Road – brush and debris at site, family member squatting on property, Bank has ownership. Wetland Enforcement Officer recommending extending Cease & Correct Order.

Mr. Lewis made a motion seconded by Mr. Pescosolido to extend the Cease & Correct Order for 97 Dobson Road. Motion carried unanimously.

- 4.2 93 Grier Road

Cory Craft, owner, and John Ianni, Highland Soils, LLC appeared and discussed work already completed, condition of property, disturbance from grading and planting, and proposed future work to be completed. Mr. Ianni commented that all work has been done properly. Sketch and plans were distributed, and owner intends to rectify the situation through proper channels. Discussion took place.

Mr. Pescosolido made a motion seconded by Mr. Lewis to extend the Cease & Correct Order at 93 Grier Road in anticipation of receiving an Application for Permit within 90 days. Work will continue as discussed under the review of Mr. Perry. Motion carried unanimously.

- 4.3 208 Merline Road – site stabilized, owner cooperative.

Mr. Lewis made a motion seconded by Mr. Kane to remove the Cease & Correct Order for 208 Merline Road. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Discussion/Action and Additional Business

- 5.1 Additional business to be considered should be introduced under IWC meeting agenda item “#2.1 Amendment/Adoption of Agenda” at the beginning of the meeting.

None

- 5.2 Receipt of Application and Determination of Significant

None

- 5.3 Wetlands Enforcement Officer – Report

Craig Perry, Wetlands Enforcement Officer, discussed IWC Project Status Report dated 2017 - November. Copies were distributed to Commission Members.

- 5.4 Inland Wetlands Agent – Report

None

6. Adjournment

Mr. Galat made a motion seconded by Mr. Lewis to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

The next IWC meeting will be held December 19, 2017.

Respectfully Submitted
Susan Hewett
Recording Secretary