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**Town of Vernon
Inland Wetlands Commission (IWC)
Tuesday, August 22, 2017, 7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers, Third Floor
Vernon Memorial Building
14 Park Place
Rockville/Vernon, CT**

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Approved MINUTES

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairperson Lynda Morhardt called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. Also in attendance were Ronald Kane, Frank Galat, Robert Lewis, and Jeff Pescosolido. Staff members present were Shaun Gately, Economic Development Coordinator; David Smith, Town Engineer; and Martin Burke, Assistant Town Attorney.

2. Administrative Actions

2.1 Communications received not related to Agenda Items.
None

2.2 Acceptance of Minutes of June 8, 2017, and July 25, 2017

Ronald Kane made a motion seconded by Frank Galat to accept the minutes from the June 8, 2017, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Ronald Kane made a motion seconded by Frank Galat to accept the minutes from the July 25, 2017, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

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

2.4 Request for extension of time for Laurel Wood Subdivision, Grier Road

Ronald Kane made a motion seconded by Robert Lewis to grant extension request for Laurel Wood Subdivision, Grier Road. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Public Hearing/Action

3.1 Continued hearing for Application [IWC-2017-03] of Hyde Park LLC for a Wetlands Permit to conduct regulated activities with a

significant impact in a wetlands area for the construction of a multi-family and commercial development at #14 Hyde Ave. (Assessor's ID: Map #46, Block #0071, Lot/Parcel #00019).

Attorney Timothy Furey addressed the Commission and discussion took place regarding Army Corp of Engineer letter of approval and site plans that the Commission received.

Public comments were received:

Ann Letendre read a letter dated August 21, 2017, from Glenn Montigny, 44 Reservoir Road, expressing concerns. Letter was presented as Exhibit 10.

Ann Letendre, 29 Gottier Drive, addressed Commission with concerns and referenced report dated October 2006 and revised 2011 from REMA Ecological Services. Her letter was presented as Exhibit 11, and REMA Ecological Services report was presented as Exhibit 12.

John Roe, 70 Valley Falls Road, addressed Commission with concerns. His letter was presented as Exhibit 13.

Ross Person, 24 Hyde Avenue, addressed Commission with concerns.

Attorney Furey for applicant responded to public testimony.

Wesley Wentworth, PE Soil Scientist, Owner Wentworth Civil Engineers LLC, appeared and responded to comments and concerns of Commission and submitted Site Development Plan of Hyde Park as Exhibit 14.

George Logan, Principal Environmental Scientist/Senior Ecologist, Owner REMA Ecological Services, appeared and responded to comments and concerns raised by public testimony and the Commission. Mr. Logan also submitted Planting Layout Plan Typical Side Slope, Hyde Park as Exhibit 15, and Planting Layout Plan Basin G, Hyde Park as Exhibit 16 and explained and discussed both exhibits. Discussion took place.

Richard Hayes, principal Hyde Park LLC, addressed the Commission and public comments. Attorney Furey presented letter dated March 2, 2010, from Office of Mayor Adam Salina, Town of Berlin, as Exhibit 17.

Discussion took place. David Smith, Town Engineer, commented on his memo dated August 17, 2017.

Mr. Person addressed Commission again. More Discussion took place.

Mr. Galat made a motion to look into hiring an independent expert for a complex review of the site. No second was given.

Discussion took place.

Mr. Lewis made a motion seconded by Mr. Kane to close the public hearing at 9:47 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

- 3.2 Application **[IWC-2017-05]** of the Town of Vernon for a Modification of a Wetlands Redesignation and a Wetlands Permit for Development Plans for #133 Tunnel Road (Assessor's ID Map #19, Block #144, Lot/Parcel #01)

Memo dated August 16, 2017, from the Town Engineer requesting postponing the public hearing for this application was noted.

Mr. Lewis made a motion seconded by Mr. Galat to grant the delay of the public hearing for Application [IWC-2017-05]. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Status of Cease & Correct Orders

4.1 97 Dobson Road – no updates

4.2 93 Grier Road – no updates, owner notified Commission that he has contacted a wetland scientist, working towards commission's charge of last meeting

5. Discussion/Action and Additional Business

5.1 Receipt of Application and Determination of Significance

Development plan for #133 Tunnel Road, Timber Harvest, potential non-regulated use

5.2 Wetlands Enforcement Officer – Report

Violation notice for 11 Ogden View Drive has been corrected

5.3 Inland Wetlands Agent – Report
None

5.4 208 Merline Road, Kyle Smith, Cease & Correct Order issued

6. Adjournment

Mr. Lewis made a motion seconded by Mr. Kane to adjourn at 9:57 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted
Susan Hewett
Recording Secretary