Town of Vernon
Inland Wetlands Commission (IWC)
SPECIAL MEETING
Tuesday, April 21, 2020, 7:00 p.m.
Teleconference Meeting

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DRAFT MINUTES

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairperson Rachel Stansel called the meeting to order at 7:11 p.m. Also in attendance were Commission Members Don Schubert, and Michael Guminiak. Staff members present were Craig Perry, Wetlands Agent, David Smith, Town Engineer, and George McGregor, Town Planner.

2. Administrative Actions

2.1 Amendment/Adoption of Agenda – Additional business to be considered under agenda item #8 "Other Business" Requires Commission vote
None

2.2 Communications received not related to Agenda Items
None

2.3 Approval of Minutes from the March 24, 2020, meeting
Michael Guminiak made a motion seconded by Chairperson Stansel to approve the minutes of March 24, 2020, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

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

3. **Public Hearing and Action on Application(s)**

Application [**IWC-2020-02**] of the Town of Vernon Fire Department for a Re-designation of Wetlands and Wetlands Permit by Commission, for the installation of storage units and fire training apparatus at 724 Hartford Tpke. (Assessor's ID: 27, Block 0066, Parcel 0024B).

Craig Perry, Wetlands Agent, explained the purpose of the application and the re-designation. Some discussion took place.

Present for the public hearing were Judy Ruiz, daughter of Milton Brown adjoining property owner, and Jean Luddy, Barbara Muldoon, and Cheryl Arzt from the Vernon Historical Society.

Jean Luddy had concerns about removing trees or underbrush. Craig Perry commented there is very little underbrush to clear.

Judy Ruiz had a concern about drainage onto the adjoining property as the field is planted and harvested. David Smith commented the town is only replacing the structure, which will have no meaningful impact on drainage run off to the adjacent property.

Chairperson Stansel closed the Public Hearing. No additional comments were made by the Commission.

*Don Schubert made a motion seconded by Chairperson Stansel to accept Application **[IWC-2020-02]** of the Town of Vernon Fire Department for a Re-designation of Wetlands for the installation of storage units and fire training apparatus at 724 Hartford Tpke. Motion carried unanimously.*

*Michael Guminiak made a motion seconded by Don Schubert to hereby approve Application **[IWC-2020-02]** of the Town of Vernon Fire Department for a re-designation of Wetlands and a Wetlands permit by Commission for the installation of storage units and fire training apparatus at 724 Hartford Tpk., (Assessor's ID: 27, Block 0066, Parcel 0024B) upon consideration of the decision criteria in Section 10.2 of the Town of Vernon Inland Wetland and Watercourse Regulations, and based upon the following findings:*

- *The project will have no adverse impacts on wetlands or watercourses, and;*
- *There are no better, feasible, and prudent alternatives to the proposal.*

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Status of Cease & Correct Orders if any
   None
5. Wetlands Enforcement Officer Report if any
   None
6. Inland Wetlands Agent Approvals
   None
7. Communications Sent
   None
8. Other Business
   None
9. Adjournment
   Chairperson Stansel adjourned the meeting at 7:34p.m. The next scheduled meeting is May 26, 2020.

Respectfully Submitted

Recording Secretary