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INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION (IWC)
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2010 7:30 PM
THIRD FLOOR
MEMORIAL BUILDING, TOWN HALL
14 PARK PLACE
ROCKVILLE/VERNON, CT.

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MEMBERS PRESENT: Steve Peterson, John Kopec, Jeffrey Pescosolido,
Frank Galat, and Mark Kalina (alternate for Kimberly Glenney Petrin)

STAFF PRESENT: Len Tundermann, Town Planner,
Craig Perry, Wetlands Enforcement Officer
Terry McCarthy, Town Engineer

RECORDING SECRETARY: Blanche Perillo

1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 p.m. by Steve Peterson.

2. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

2.1 Dialog with Mayor Jason McCoy

This item was postponed to later in the agenda pending the mayor's arrival.

2.2 Election of Officers

Motion was made by Mark Kalina to nominate Steve Peterson for Chairman.
Motion was seconded by John Kopec. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Steve Peterson to nominate John Kopec for Vice Chairman.
Motion was seconded by Mark Kalina. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Steve Peterson to nominate Jeffrey Pescosolido for Secretary.
Motion was seconded by Frank Galat. Motion carried unanimously.

2.3 Communications

- Announcement of Annual Meeting of the Connecticut Association of Wetland Scientist
- Connecticut Federation of Lakes Newsletter

2.4 Adoption of the Agenda

Motion was made by Jeffrey Pescosolido to adopt the agenda as stated.
Motion was seconded by Steve Peterson. Motion carried unanimously.

2.5 Acceptance of Minutes

Motion was made by Steve Peterson to accept the minutes to the November 24, 2009 meeting.
Motion was seconded by Mark Kalina. Motion carried 4-0 with 1 abstention (John Kopec)

Motion was made by Steve Peterson to accept the minutes to the December 29, 2009
Special Meeting. Motion seconded by Frank Galat.
Motion carried 3-0 with two abstentions (John Kopec and Jeffrey Pescosolido).

3. PUBLIC HEARING – NONE

4. DISCUSSION/ACTION/ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

4.1 Receipt of Applications & Determination of Significance

None

4.2 Phoenix Street Bridge

Terry McCarthy, Town Engineer, refreshed the Commission with the past history.

He described a recent meeting with the State of Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection as the hold up, explaining the following:

- The MOW previously executed was no longer valid
- The ACOE category 1 permit issued to the town was not recognized by CDEP
- A Water Diversion permit will be required
- The FMC permit will now have to be reviewed and approved by CDEP, not CDOT.

4.3 Invitation to present long term goals and strategies to Planning & Zoning Commission February 11, 2010.

Len Tundermann stated that the POCD is being updated and town agencies are asked to relate their goals and strategies to be incorporated into the plan.

The PZC would like a statement and someone to present this information at its meeting.

Some suggestions were:

- Preserve the Bread & Milk Road area;
- Protect Vernon's waterways from actions by surrounding towns;
- Express concerns about development and maintenance of the Hockanum River basin from Snipsic Reservoir downstream to the Tankersoosen River;
- Need to develop long term maintenance plans and inspection programs for drainage systems;
- New technological systems have not been implemented for fear of non-maintenance;
- Clean up Papermill Pond area

Steve Peterson will summarize a list and forward to all members for their comments and review.

2.1 Dialog with Mayor Jason McCoy

Mayor McCoy explained the fiscal situation with the town and local communities.

He mentioned the many vacant commercial areas in town and is encouraging commercial and industrial development which would create more jobs.

He reminded the Commission to help applicants through the process, using reasonable judgment without impacting their decision and to use department heads for suggestions in order to streamline the process.

The Commission felt that the town staff does a great job to get applicants prepared which benefits the Commission. In addition, the Commission recently adopted new wetlands regulations, based on the state model regulations, and staff streamlined the application packet, which makes the system much easier to use.

Mayor McCoy suggested a press release should be written for this accomplishment.

4.4 Status of Cease & Correct Orders

- 90 Gerald Drive

The Commission feels this order should stay on the agenda as the tree cutting occurred behind this property and the tree cutters traveled through this property.

- 94 Gerald Drive

The Town chose not to seek criminal action

The Tree Warden is now investigating the tree value and is in communication with Craig Perry and the Town Attorney.

The Town Attorney is in agreement moving forward on the civil side and will assist on how to handle this investigation.

- 233 Regan Road

Craig Perry will visit the site once the weather dries up.

- 205 Warren Avenue

No activity

- Juliano's Pools, 321 Talcottville Road

The Commission would like this order to remain until the plan and development is completely done.

- Talcottville Mill, 47 Main Street

Reference Letter in packet dated January 20, 2009 to New England Management Corp. sent by the Department of Army, New England District, Corps of Engineers, asking the owner for more information on the Gardner & Peterson plan to bring closure.

- Daniels Management Inc., 98 East Main Street

No activity – Craig Perry will visit the site and report back to the Commission.

4.5 Wetlands Enforcement Officer – Report

River Street Bridge – Craig was pleased with the outcome after a storm
No further updates

4.6 Inland Wetland Agent – Report

None

4.7 Items added

Craig Perry made a suggestion to change the starting times of the IWC meeting to 7:00 PM instead of 7:30 PM.

Motion was made by Frank Galat to change the time to 7:00 PM.

Motion was seconded by Mark Kalina. Motion carried unanimously.

Craig Perry made a suggestion to have a cutoff time for each IWC meeting to 10:30 PM.

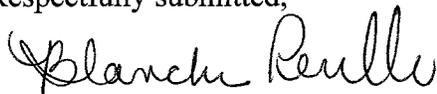
Steve Peterson suggested that the Commission think about this cutoff time and this will be addressed at the February meeting.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by John Kopec to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 PM.

Motion was seconded by Mark Kalina. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Blanche Perillo, Recording Secretary