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INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSE COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES, OCTOBER 13, 2010 REVISED

Chairman Edward Smith called the Regular Meeting of the Inland Wetlands and Watercourse Commission to order at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Chairman Edward Smith, Vice Chairman Stephen Knapik, Commissioners: Richard Minnick, Walter Opuszynski and Arlene Brumer.

Absent: Commissioner: David Chadderton.

Also Present: Wetlands Enforcement Officer David Keating, James Galligan, Town Engineer (7:40 p.m.) and Diane Betkoski, Chair of Conservation Commission.

Pledge of Allegiance – recited

Motion was made by Commissioner Minnick and seconded by Commissioner Opuszynski to allow the Chairman to rearrange the agenda to accommodate the public.

Discussion: None Vote: 5 in favor Abstained: 0 Opposed: 0

Motion was made by Commissioner Minnick and seconded by Commissioner Brumer to add to the agenda - Beacon Falls Conservation Commission's application concerning improvements to the entrance to the Lantern Ridge open space.

Discussion: None Vote: 5 in favor Abstained: 0 Opposed: 0

New Applications

Application A-2010-288 Beacon Falls Conservation Commission – Improvements – Entrance to Lantern Ridge Open Space.

Diane Betkoski, Chair Conservation Commission came before the Commission concerning improvements to the entrance to the Lantern Ridge Open Space. Chair Betkoski explained that the Conservation Commission has been working on a resource inventory on the Lantern Ridge Open Space. They are proposing to create an entrance/egress and parking for 10 vehicles at the entrance of Lantern Ridge. The Commission has been working with the Town Engineer, James Galligan. A design of the proposed drawing was submitted. The maps and details were submitted to the Commission (a copy is on file). Chair Betkoski met with David Keating, Wetlands Enforcement Officer who made some notations on the map. The proposal is for a 70 foot entrance, 15 feet in width, and 80 foot x 50 foot space for 8 to 10 foot parking spaces. The entrance will be stone and gravel in the parking area.

Commissioner Minnick stated that the Town has put down millings. There will be some tree cutting required. There will be no cuts and fills near the wetlands. The area should be marked and

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staked out. Boulders will be placed to prevent vehicles and recreation vehicles from entering the open space. The work is proposed to be done within a year. They would like to start the work before winter. The application was received for processing. The fees were waived as this is a Town project. The members will visit the site and act on the application at the November meeting.

Approval of Minutes – September

Motion was made by Commissioner Minnick and seconded by Commissioner Knapik to approve the minutes as presented.

Discussion: None Vote: 5 in favor Abstained: 0 Opposed: 0

Correspondence

- Letter from Nafis & Young regarding Wyndham Homes – Second Notice of Deficiency.
- Letter from Nafis & Young regarding Blackberry Hill Road, Oakwood Estates – Notice of Deficiency.
- State of Connecticut Municipal Inland Wetland Commissioners Training Program: Segment 3.
- Monthly Report from Brian Swan – Blackberry Grove, LLC
- Interoffice Memo from Susan Cable dated Sept. 15, 2010 Re: Board and Commission Clerks-Raises
- Letter dated Oct. 5, 2010 from Karen Wilson regarding Informational Meeting on Oct. 18, 2010 to be held by the Regional Valley Fire Chiefs regarding the proposed Valley Fire School.
- Planning and Zoning Minutes dated Sept. 16, 2010
- Planning and Zoning Public Hearing Minutes dated Sept. 16, 2010 – S & B Dey
- Public Presentation – Naugatuck River Greenway, Oct. 21, 2010 7:30 p.m. Senior Center

Motion was made by Commissioner Minnick and seconded by Commissioner Opuazynski to authorize Administrative Enforcement Officer to attend the Municipal Inland Wetland Commission Training Program for the Town of Beacon Falls if not going for the Town of Darien.

Discussion: None Vote: 5 in favor Abstained: 0 Opposed: 0

Public Hearings & Considerations of Public Hearings – none

Chatfield Farms

Jim Galligan, Town Engineer noted that Chatfield Farms - the parcels did not change hands, lender sold note. Chatfield Farms erosion control needs work. There has been no response to letters that were sent by Town Engineer. Discussion was held regarding the current violations regarding erosion control and calling of the bond/surety. The Town Engineer has sent letters regarding this matter and has received no response.

Motion was made by Commissioner Minnick and seconded by Commissioner Knapik to authorize the Town Land Use Atty: Steven Byrne to draft the appropriate letter to Wyndham Homes that if the problems identified by the Town Engineer have not been rectified within an appropriate amount of time action will be taken to call the bond and surety.

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Discussion: Commissioner Opuszynski mentioned a cease and correct. Dave Keating, Administrative Enforcement Officer feels there is nothing else that can be done tonight.

Vote: 5 in favor Abstained: 0 Opposed: 0

Beaver Control

Chairman Smith explained that Ed Bea is requesting that the work on the beaver control be done before it gets too cold. Jim Galligan, Town Engineer will get in touch with Ed Bea.

Pinesbridge Industrial Park – Lancaster Drive

Jim Galligan, Town Engineer is requesting to review the plans for Lancaster Drive, Pinesbridge Industrial Park.

Blackberry Hill

Paving to be done.

IWWC Regulations & Application Update

Motion was made by Commissioner Minnick and seconded by Vice Chairman Knapik to hold a Special Meeting on Thursday, November 4th at the Town Hall to discuss the proposed regulations and application.

Discussion: None Vote: 5 in favor Abstained: 0 Opposed: 0

Report of Accounts

Commissioner Opuszynski presented the budget report to the Commission.

Payment of Bills

M. Kempa and Nafis & Young

Motion was made by Commissioner Minnick and seconded by Vice Chairman Knapik to pay the bills as submitted.

Discussion: None Vote: 5 in favor Abstained: 0 Opposed: 0

Motion was made by Commissioner Minnick and seconded by Vice Chairman Knapik to authorize the payment of \$1,700 to Nafis & Young for drafting of the proposed regulations.

Discussion: None Vote: 5 in favor Abstained: 0 Opposed: 0

Membership

Chairman Smith noted that the Commission is in need of new members.

State of Connecticut Fees – nothing to report

Miscellaneous – none

Petitions from Commissioners – none

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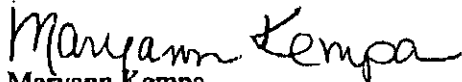
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Executive Session – none

Motion was made by Commissioner Opuszynski and seconded by Vice Chairman Knapik to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Maryann Kempa
Clerk

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