INLAND WETLANDS WATERCOURSES CONSERVATION
COMMISSION & AQUIFER PROTECTION AGENCY
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 21, 2019

I. REGULAR MEETING (7:30 P.M.)

1. Call to Order

Chairman Courtland Kinnie called the regular meeting of the Griswold Inland Wetlands
Watercourses Conservation Commission (IWWCC) to order at 7:30 P.M.

2. Roll Call

Present: Chairman Courtland Kinnie, Pavlos Karakasantis, Glen Norman (7:41), Pete Merrill,
Gary Serdechny, Kevin Franklin, Martin McKinney, Dawn Mattos, Town Planner & WEO
Mario Tristany and Recording Secretary Kate Lacasse, Town Attorney Ken Slater
4 People of Interest
Absent: Vice Chairman Robert Parrette, Larry Laidley

3. Determination of Quorum

Chairman Courtland Kinnie sat Dawn Mattos for Robert Parrette, and Martin McKinney for
Larry Laidley. It was determined that a quorum of the commission was seated.

4. Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of Minutes of the October 16, 2019 Regular Meeting

- Chairman Courtland Kinnie asked for any corrections or omissions.

- C. Kinnie stated the minute’s state he called the meeting to order, the minutes
should read Robert Parrette Called the meeting to order.

- G. Serdechny stated he made the motion to approve the minutes of the September
19, 2019 meeting. The minutes should state M. McKinney made the motion to
approve the minutes, seconded by, P. Karakasantis.
• G. Serdechny stated on page 2, under item A., second bullet, remove action to from the sentence. On page 4, bullet 9, the minutes should be corrected to read, the stated violations.

• **MOTION:** M. McKinney made a motion, which was seconded by, G. Serdechny to approve the meeting minutes of the October 16, 2019 Regular meeting, with the above mentioned corrections. The motion passed unanimously.

5. **Written Complaints** – None

6. **Communications** - None

7. **Applications**

A. **Application CC 03-20 Quinebaug River Church, 32 Slater Ave, Jewett City** – Activity within the established 150’ Upland Review for construction of a proposed church, community center and accessory café with associated site improvements.

   • Demian Sorrentino of Boundaries, LLC stated he was present to represent the application, as well as Pastor, Joshua George of Quinebaug River Church and two of his associates.

   • D. Sorrentino started his presentation by distributing Google Earth images of the site prior to the remainder of the building being demolished and the site partially reclaimed. D. Sorrentino stated a portion of the original building is still under this site, he’s proposing to build the site up and leave that material in place. D. Sorrentino stated that 80% of the 2 acre lot was either building or pavement at one time. The site had no means of storm water renovation when the property was the school or the town hall; water runoff went in the sewer or the Quinebaug River. D. Sorrentino stated when the lot lots were delineated, the inland wetland line was coincident to the high water mark of the Quinebaug River. The base flood elevation is 109.2, D. Sorrentino pointed out the 110 contour line stating flood waters at the base line elevation do not inundate the property. Storm water management will be placed within the small area that is considered a flood zone. Sheet 3 of the plans show the proposed layout of the site, the uses being proposed is a church, a community center and a small café. The building has a 6,000 sq. ft. foot print. D. Sorrentino distributed preliminary sketches of the intended building. D. Sorrentino stated the majority of the property is within the 150’ Upland Review Area. D. Sorrentino walked the commission through the plans and proposed site layout showing, the church on the upper level, a child education center on the lower level, parking, open and closed storm water management systems, lighting and landscaping, walkway, and a proposed splash pad to be built in the future, an outdoor recreation area. The grading/storm water management plan depict an at grade entrance, an entrance at the front of the building and another entrance at the rear of the building. D. Sorrentino discussed the placement of water quality basins and storm water retention and placement thereof. An erosion and sedimentation control plan is included in the plan set.
• The commission discussed the sites existing condition in great length.

• D. Sorrentino stated the applicant is on a tight financing deadline and would like to request the commission hold a special meeting to approve the application.

• **MOTION:** M. McKinney made a motion, which was seconded by G. Norman to accept and table application CC 03-20. The motion passed unanimously.

• **MOTION:** G. Norman made a motion, which was seconded by P. Merrill to hold a Special Meeting December 9, 2019 at 6:00 P.M. The motion passed unanimously.

8. **Reports from the Enforcement Officer**

   A. 11 Quiet Cove Lane – Update

   • M. Tristany state he spoke to Mary Laroux of Quiet Cove Home Owners Association. M. Tristany stated the property at 11 Quiet Cove Lane is in compliance at this time. M. Tristany stated the fence and the dry hydrant on the property remain to be issues, unfortunately these two matters don’t fall within the Inland Wetlands Commissions jurisdiction.

9. **Old Business** - None

10. **New Business** - None

11. **Reports from Commission Members** - None

12. **Conservation Commission Matters**

   A. C. Kinnic discussed Earth Day, stating he’s open to ideas for this year’s clean up day, or we can participate in the town wide Earth Day Cleanup event as we have the last two years.

13. **Adjournment**

   • **MOTION:** P. Merrill made a motion, which was seconded by G. Serdechny to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:41 P.M. The motion passed unanimously.

14. **Aquifer Protection Agency – Meeting Cancelled Due To Lack of Applications**

Respectfully Submitted,
Kate Lacasse
Recording Secretary