INLAND WETLANDS WATERCOURSES CONSERVATION COMMISSION & AQUIFER PROTECTION AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 21, 2019

1. **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 7:37 P.M.

2. **Roll Call**
   **Present:** Chairman Courtland Kinnie, Gary Serdechny, Glen Norman, Pete Merrill, Kevin Franklin, Pavlos Karakatsantis, Town Planner Mario Tristany, Jr., and Recording Secretary Kate Lacasse
   4 People of Interest
   **Absent:** Robert Parrette, Larry Laidly, and Martin McKinney

3. **Determination of Quorum**
   Chairman Courtland Kinnie sat Pavlos Karakatsantis for Larry Laidly and Kevin Franklin for Rob Parrette. It was determined the quorum of the commission was seated.

4. **Election of Officers**

   A. **Chairman** – Nominations for Chairman
   B. **Vice Chairman** – Nominations for Vice Chairman
   C. **Secretary** – Nominations for Secretary

   **MOTION:** G. Norman made a motion, which was seconded by G. Serdechny to re-nominate the 2018 officers for 2019 officers. The motion passed with C. Kinnie abstaining.

5. **Approval of Minutes**

   A. **Approval of Minutes of the January 17, 2019 Regular Meeting**
• Chairman Kinnie asked for any corrections or omissions.

• G. Norman stated on page 3 bullet 9 and page 4 bullet 2 should be corrected to February 21, 2019 from February 06, 2019.

• P. Merrill stated on page 4 bullet 7 the word sire should be corrected to site.

• **MOTION**: G. Serechek made a motion, which was seconded by, P. Karakatsantis to approve the meeting minutes of the December 20, 2018 Regular meeting with the above mentioned corrections. The motion passed with P. Merrill abstaining.

6. **Written Complaints** – None

7. **Communications**

   A. The Washington Post article dated December 26, 2018 regarding Dairy Farming.

   • The commission discussed the article regarding what may be the end of dairy farming.

8. **Applications**

   B. **Application CC 13-19 Stephen & Jennifer Rochette for property at 85 Osuga Lane**

   – Proposed removal of existing septic tank and leach field, removal of unsuitable soils, installation of new SSDS, site grading, installation of erosion and sedimentation control and installation of a 4’ X 32’ floating dock within 75 ft. Upland Review Area.

   • Chairman C. Kinnie asked if anyone was present to represent the application.

   • John Faulise of Boundaries, LLC was present to represent the application.

   • J. Faulise stated the applicant proposes to demolish the existing 2-bedroom trailer and two existing sheds, maintain the existing 2-car garage and construct a new 2-bedroom residence, remove the existing septic tank and leach field, construct a new subsurface sewage disposal system to serve the proposed residence, abandon the existing water supply well, install a new water supply well, construct new gravel driveways, perform sire grading, install erosion and sediment controls and a seasonal 4’X32’ floating dock.

   • Activity within the 75’ Upland Review Area is limited to: removal of existing septic tank and leach field: removal of unsuitable soils in the new SSDS area: placement of select fill for the new SSDS: installation of new SSDS, site grading and installation of erosion and sedimentation controls. A continues sediment fence barrier is to be installed downgradient of all proposed work per plan. J. Faulise stated the only activity proposed within the regulated area is the placement of the seasonal 4’X32’ floating dock. All other proposed construction associated with the project will be done outside of the 75’ Upland Review Area.
• J. Faulise stated the septic plan has been approved by Uncas Health Department. The Zoning Board is reviewing the project; the application will be continued to their March 06, 2019 meeting.

• Chairman C. Kinnie asked if the commission had any questions or comments. Hearing none a motion was made.

• **MOTION**: P. Merrill made a motion, which was seconded by G. Norman to approve application CC 13-19 with proper erosion and sedimentation control measures in place. The motion passed unanimously.

C. **Application CC 14-19 Stephen and Debra Frechette for property at 131 Latham Drive** – Proposed house construction, tie-in to septic tank, construction of an 8’X10’ accessory boathouse, site grading and installation of erosion sedimentation controls within the 75 ft. Upland Review Area.

• Chairman C. Kinnie asked if there was anyone present to represent the application.

• John Faulise of Boundaries, LLC stated he was present to represent the application.

• J. Faulise stated the property contained an 855 SF 1-Bedroom single-family residence that was demolished due to a fire in April of 2018, the property is now cleaned up. The applicant proposes to construct a new 854 SF 1-bedroom residence and an 80 SF accessory boathouse. The existing well and subsurface sewage disposal system will be utilized. Activity proposed with the 75’ upland review area is limited to: house construction; tie-in to the existing septic tank, construction of the 8’X10” accessory boathouse, site grading, and installation of erosion and sedimentation controls. 90 SF of disturbance at the pond shoreline for removal of timber retaining wall and placement of 16-20 FT of rip rap for shoreline stabilization is also proposed as depicted in the plan.

• J. Faulise stated the project was approved by the Zoning Board of Appeals at their February 6, 2019 Regular meeting. The Uncas Health Department reviewed and approved the septic plan.

• C. Kinnie asked if the timber replacement and rip rap work would be done above the high water level of the pond.

• J. Faulise stated yes the work is being done above the high water level. It was noted the elevation at which DEEP gets involved is elevation 159.52

• **MOTION**: G. Serdechny made a motion, which was seconded by G. Norman to approve application CC 14-19 with proper erosion and sedimentation control measures in place. The motion passed unanimously.

D. **Application CC 15-19 Sam Romanella for property at 9 Quiet Cove Road** – Proposed construction of a 400 SF. beach area, installation of a 30’ long floating dock and approximately 288’ of vinyl fencing.
• Chairman C. Kinnie asked if anyone was present to represent the application.

• Normand Thibeault of Killingly Engineering Associates was present to represent the application. N. Thibeault stated the applicant proposes to construct a 25 ft. beach area, install a 30 ft. long dock that will be anchored to the shore and will be removed seasonally, and installation of approximately 160 ft. of vinyl fencing within the regulated area.


• P. Merril asked how much organic material would be removed from the shoreline when constructing the beach area.

• N. Thibeault stated the impact report stated 12 inches of soil will be removed. Up to 30 yards of material will be removed.

• C. Kinnie asked if the material that is removed will be taken off site.

• N. Thibeault stated the material will be taken off site to be dumped.

• P. Merril asked if any trees will be removed to install the fence.

• N. Thibeault stated only minor vegetation will be removed.

• Chairman. C. Kinnie asked if the commission had any other questions or comments. Hearing none a motion was made.

• **MOTION:** G. Norman made a motion, which was seconded by G. Serdechny to table and accept application CC 15-19 to the next regular meeting held on March 21, 2019. The motion passed unanimously.

9. **Reports from the Enforcement Officer** – None

10. **Old Business** – None

11. **New Business**

   **A. Earth Day Suggested Project**
   • Chairman C. Kinnie stated that last year the commission took part in the Town wide Earth Day clean up put on by the Griswold Senior Center. C. Kinnie stated that the Town wide clean up was a success and the commission will likely take part this year.

   **B. Implementing penalty fees for work done without permitting.**
• M. Tristaniy stated Town Attorney Mark Branse sent information regarding Ordinance Establishing Citation Procedures and Fines for Inland and Watercourse Violations.

• The commission asked staff to research other towns to find if penalty fees are beneficial.

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

13. **Conservation Commission Matters** – None

14. **Adjournment**

  • **MOTION:** P. Merrill made a motion, which was seconded by G. Norman to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:42 P.M. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Kate Lacasse
Recording Secretary