INLAND WETLANDS WATERCOURSES CONSERVATION
COMMISSION & AQUIFER PROTECTION AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 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 7:36 P.M.

2. Roll Call
   Present: Chairman Courtland Kinnie, Gary Serdechny (7:47), Larry Laidly, Pete Merrill,
   Pavlos Karakatsantis, Town Planner Mario Tristany, Jr., and Recording Secretary Kate
   Lacasse
   5 People of Interest
   Absent: Robert Parrette, Kevin Franklin, Martin McKinney and Glen Norman

3. Determination of Quorum
   Chairman Courtland Kinnie sat Pavlos Karakatsantis for Robert Parrette. It was determined
   the quorum of the commission was seated.

4. Approval of Minutes

   A. Approval of Minutes of the February 21, 2019 Regular Meeting
      • Chairman Kinnie asked for any corrections or omissions.

      • MOTION: P. Merrill made a motion, which was seconded by, P. Karakatsantis to
        approve the meeting minutes of the February 21, 2019 Regular meeting. The
        motion passed with L. Laidly abstaining.

5. Written Complaints

   A. Written Complaint dated March 11, 2019 from Michael Roberts regarding dock
      placement at 52 Myrtle Drive.
• **MOTION:** L. Laidly made a motion, which was seconded by P. Merrill to add Michael Roberts on the agenda under New Business. The Motion passed unanimously.

6. **Communications**

7. **Applications**

A. **Application CC 15-19 Sam Romanella for property at 9 Quiet Cove Lane** – 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 owns 58 ft. frontage at 9 Quiet Cove Lane. The applicant Sam Romanella proposed construction consist of a 25 ft. beach area, installation 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.

• N. Thibeault read a project Impact Assessment Report by soil scientist Joseph R. Theroux for the record.

• N. Thibeault stated the up to 30 yards of material will be removed and taken offsite and replaced with clean fill. Construction of the beach area will not start until the water table is at its lowest.

• L. Laidly discussed the necessity of ground clearance from the bottom of the fence and asked how much vegetation will be removed when installing the fence.

• M. Tristany noted that typically vinyl fencing has at least 6 “of ground clearance.

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

• N. Thibeault amended the application to state the fence must sit at least 6 inches from the ground & be 16 ft. from the water’s edge.

• Chairman, C. Kinnie asked for specifics of the dock that is to be installed.

• N. Thibeault stated that he believes the dock will be anchored to the shore with pipes, precast concrete anchors. N. Thibeault sated he was unsure what type of material the dock would be constructed out of.
• The commission discussed approving the application with the following conditions:

1. Fence shall be installed with the minimum ground clearance of 6 inches to allow passage of reptilian and amphibians under the fence structure.

2. Fence shall end 16 ft. from the water’s edge.

3. Re-flag the conservation easement to insure that this area will not be impacted by the Beach and Fence construction.

4. Installation of Best Management Practice for Sediment and Erosion Control as determined by the site engineer.

5. Notification of the Wetlands Enforcement Officer Mario Tristany a minimum of two (2) days prior to the start of the Beach construction.

• Commission member L. Laidly asked Wetlands Enforcement Officer Mario Tristany to photograph the property after construction is complete.

• MOTION: P. Merrill made a motion, which was seconded by L. Laidly to approve application CC 15-19 with the conditions listed above. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Application CC 16-19 Earl Dean for property 238 Stone Hill Road – Requesting approval for activity within a wetland/watercourse and regulated area in order to dredge and dig out silt from the pond on his property. Material will be stored on site for one year and then moved to an offsite location. The pond is to be drained prior to any activity.

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

• Applicant Earl Dean and contractor Richard Geer were present to represent the application. E. Dean stated he’s applying to finish the work that he had previously been permitted.

• R. Geer stated he would be the contractor for the project. R. Geer stated his plan is to lower water level of the pond before beginning, he will use two excavators and two mats to pull the material up from the bottom of the pond, three excavators may be used in the deepest part of the pond. Three burms will be placed on the sides of the pond for erosion control purposes.

• C. Kinnie asked how many yards of material will be removed.

• R. Geer stated approximately 1000 yards of material will be removed from the pond. It may take up to three attempts to complete the project.
• C. Kinnie asked for property lines, location of the stockpile and hauling access to be noted on the site plan.

• **MOTION:** L. Laidly made a motion, which was seconded by G. Serdechny to accept and table application CC 16-19 to the April 18, 2019 Regular Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

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

9. **Old 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.

   • **MOTION:** G. Serdechny made a motion, which was seconded by L. Laidly to request Edmond Road and Bishop Crossing Road as the Wetlands Commission clean up area. The motion passed unanimously.

B. **Implementing penalty fees for work done without permitting.**

   • M. Tristany stated after last month’s meeting he researched a few other towns to determine the benefits of penalty fees. It was determined that most towns refrain from implementing fees due to the creation of an appeal Hearing Officer. Concern was the Wetlands Commission fine could be over turned. General discussion ensued.

   • The commission decided it was best to continue to its current penalty process.

10. **New Business**

    A. Tom Giard of Pachaug Pond Weed Control Association to discuss weed control on Pachaug Pond

    • **MOTION:** L. Laidly made a motion, which was seconded by P. Karakatsantis to add Tom Giard to the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

    • T. Giard that stated himself and many other property owners on Pachaug Pond have formed a Non- Profit organization named Pachaug Pond Weed Control Association to try and control the ever-growing weed problem. T. Giard stated the organization is raising money to purchase a pontoon style boat that would pull the weeds from the bottom of the pond. T. Giard stated DEEP does not regulate weed harvesting and recommend share the information with local Wetlands Commission.

    • General discussion ensued.
B. Written Complaint dated March 11, 2019 from Michael Roberts regarding dock placement at 52 Myrtle Drive.

- Michael Roberts was present. M. Roberts stated 52 Myrtle Drive is a public right of way that 36 deeded property owners have access to. In 2010 Stephen and Jennifer Rochette applied to place a dock on said property, the application was approved by the Inlands Wetlands Commission. Unfortunately the dock was not installed as proposed. The dock now encroaches on my property. In order for others to access the right of way they must walk through my property. M. Robert distributed copies of application CC 21-10, meeting minutes dated July 15, 2010, meeting meets of the August 19, 2010 regular meeting, September 19, 2013 meeting minutes and March 27, 2014 meeting minutes in which the property 52 Myrtle Drive was discussed. M. Roberts stated he would like to see the dock moved to the original permitted location.

- C. Kinnie stated he can certainly see how the dock encroaches on Mr. Roberts property and limits access for other deeded owners.

- The Commission discussed the need for legal guidance on the subject and asked Wetlands Enforcement Officer Mario Tristany to photograph the property to be reviewed at the April 18, 2019 Regular Meeting.

11. Reports from Commission Members—None

12. Conservation Commission Matters

A. Discussion regarding filling Regular Member vacancy.

- Chairman C. Kinnie stated he would like this discussion added to the April 18, 2019 Agenda as only one alternate member is in attendance tonight.

13. Adjournment

- **MOTION:** L. Laidly made a motion, which was seconded by G. Serdechmy to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:55 P.M. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Kate Lacasse
Recording Secretary