INLAND WETLANDS WATERCOURSES CONSERVATION COMMISSION & AQUIFER PROTECTION AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 25, 2019

1. **REGULAR MEETING (7:30 P.M.)**

1. **Call to Order**
   Secretary Larry Laidly called the regular meeting of the Griswold Inland Wetlands Watercourses Conservation Commission (IWWCC) to order at 7:33 P.M.

2. **Roll Call**
   Present: Gary Serdechny, Larry Laidly, Pete Merrill, Glen Norman (7:58), Kevin Franklin, Town Planner Mario Tristany, Jr., and Recording Secretary Kate Lacasse
   6 People of Interest
   Absent: Robert Parrette, Courtland Kinnie, Martin McKinney, and Pavlos Karakatsantis,

3. **Determination of Quorum**
   Secretary L. Laidly sat K. Franklin for Robert Parrette. It was determined the quorum of the commission was seated.

4. **Approval of Minutes**

   A. **Approval of Minutes of the March 21, 2019 Regular Meeting**

   - L. Laidly asked for any corrections or omissions.

   - P. Merrill stated that on page 5, under the first bullet it states 52 Myrtle Road is a public right of way, 52 Myrtle Road is an owner right of way.

   - **MOTION:** P. Merrill made a motion, which was seconded by, G. Serdechny to approve the meeting minutes of the February 21, 2019 Regular meeting with above mentioned correction. The motion passed with L. Laidly abstaining.

5. **Written Complaints** - None
6. Communications

A. Letter dated April 3, 2019 from Boundaries, LLC requesting modifications to application CC 13-19 for property at 85 Osga Lane.

- John Faulise of Boundaries, LLC stated he was present to represent the request for modifications to application CC 13-19.

- **MOTION:** G. Serdechny made motion, which was seconded by P. Merrill to add application CC 13-19 to the April 25, 2019 agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

- John Faulise stated application CC 13-19 for a lot on 85 Osga Lane was approved on February 25, 2019. If you recall we have looked at the property in terms of the size of the structure, the location of the existing septic system, upgrades to the new system, removal of the existing trailer and the construction of a new house. An application to the Zoning Board of Appeals for the structure that was proposed was met with some opposition. Since that time we have revised the plans to reduce house foot print by 910 SQ. FT. and pulled it back from Osga Lane to eliminate the front yard setback requirement. With the changes of the plan everything moves approximately 7 ft. closer to the pond. The original separating distance from the leech field to the edge of Pachaug Pond was 58.7 ft., it’s now being reduced to 52 ft. that’s a 6.7 ft closer to the pond. The rest of the project has not changed.

- J. Faulise submitted a demonstration plan with the current revisions.

- **MOTION:** G. Serdechny made a motion, which was seconded by P. Merrill to approve the changes to the plan for application CC 13-19 with proper erosion and sediment control in place. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Applications

A. **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.

- The applicant Earl Dean was present.

- Town Planner M. Tristany stated that at last month’s meeting the commission requested plan details such as measurements, property lines and stockpile location. The applicant has submitted those documents.
• **Motion:** G. Serdechny made a motion, which was seconded by K. Franklin to approve application CC 16-19 with the proper erosion and sedimentation controls in place. The motion passed unanimously.

B. **Application CC 17-19 176 Norman Road for Geer Tree Farm Property** - Requesting approval for residential activity within a wetland/watercourse in order to install an 18 ft. by 4 ft. Aluminum dock.

• **MOTION:** K. Franklin made a motion, which was seconded by G. Serdechny to move application CC 17-19 to the end of the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

C. **Application CC 18-19 Donald and Susan Garland for property 32 Myrtle Road** – Requesting approval for residential activity within the 75’ upland review area. Applicant proposes to remove a portion of the existing foundation and replace with a new concrete foundation, demolition of an existing 10’ X 14’ wood deck, and construction of a 10’ X 25.5 wood deck. Demolition and construction requires excavation within the 75’ Upland review area. Installation of a continuous row of silt fence is proposed to control erosion and sedimentation.

• John Faulise of Boundaries, LLC was present to represent the applicant. J. Faulise gave a presentation of the proposed construction. The property is located at 32 Myrtle Road, on the easterly shore of Pachaug Pond. The existing property currently has a single family, 2 bedroom house on it. The applicant proposes to put a second story addition onto the existing foot print and relocate the bedrooms to the second floor. The home remains 2 bedrooms so expansion of the septic system is not necessary, however demonstration of a code compliant system is. We’ve identified a location on the property for a new septic tank and leaching field will be installed, we are waiting on Uncas Health approval. The activities within the upland review area are removal of an existing deck, construction of a new 10 ft X 25.5 ft. wood deck, excavate and repair a portion of the existing foundation that is in poor condition. Sediment fence will be installed; all activity is contained within the fence.

• **MOTION:** G. Serdechny made a motion, which was seconded by P. Merrill to have Town Planner M. Tristany handle application CC 18-19 administratively. The motion passed unanimously.

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

9. **Old Business**

   A. **Earth Day Suggested Project**
• Commission Members agreed to meet on April 27, 2019 to clean Edmond Road and Bishop Crossing Road.

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

• Michael Roberts was present to represent his complaint.

• John Faulise of Boundaries, LLC asked to present on behalf of Stephen and Jennifer Rochette. J. Faulise stated that in April of 2018 the commission approved an application to reduce the impact to Mr. Roberts property by rotating a portion of the dock to the west. In addition this subject was part of a court trial which was rendered in favor of the Rochettes on March 28.

• J. Faulise submitted aerial photos of the docks configuration. J. Faulise stated that the images clearly show that the Rochettes dock does not compromise the ability to access to Mr. Roberts dock. Decided by the New London Superior Court it does not impede the access of the right of way owners. The Inland Wetlands Commission does not have jurisdiction on what happens in the pond, this is a civil matter.

• Town Planner M. Tristany stated he is waiting on guidance from the Town Attorney on this matter.

• Commission Members agreed to table the matter to the May 16, 2018 Regular Meeting.

10. **New Business** – None

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

12. **Conservation Commission Matters**

   A. Discussion regarding filling Regular Member vacancy.

   • Tabled to the May 16, 2019 Regular Meeting.

   B. **Application CC 17-19 176 Norman Road for Geer Tree Farm Property**-
   Requesting approval for residential activity within a wetland/watercourse in order to install an 18 ft. by 4 ft. Aluminum dock.

   • Applicant was not in attendance to represent the application.
• **MOTION:** G. Norman made a motion, which was seconded by P. Merrill to accept and table application CC 17-19 to the May 16, 2019 Regular meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

13. **Adjournment**

• **MOTION:** G. Serdechny made a motion, which was seconded by P. Merrill to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 P.M. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Kate Lacasse
Recording Secretary