INLAND WETLANDS WATERCOURSES CONSERVATION COMMISSION & AQUIFER PROTECTION AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MAY 16, 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 7:45 P.M.

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

3. Determination of Quorum
Chairman Courtland determined the quorum of the commission was seated.

4. Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of Minutes of the April 25, 2019 Regular Meeting
   - Chairman Courtland Kinnie asked for corrections of omissions.
   - MOTION: P. Merrill made a motion, which was seconded by G. Serdechny to approve the meeting minutes of the April 25, 2019 Regular meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Written Complaints – None

6. Communications – None
7. Applications

A. 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.

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

- Bowman Geer stated he was present. B. Geer stated he would like to install a 18 ft. X 10 ft. dock with a in the pond at the Geer Tree Farm property. The dock will have a 4 ft wide walkway running from the dock to the shore where it will be anchored by aluminum posts. B. Geer stated the dock will be constructed of marine grade aluminum frames with red cedar top. The dock will be used for personal use, fishing, swimming, and boating.

- **MOTION:** P. Merrill made a motion, which was seconded by G. Serdechny to application CC 17-19 as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Application CC 19-19 176 Norman Road for Geer Tree Farm, LLC and Geer Construction Realty, LLC – Requesting approval to install a wetland/watercourse crossing to enable vehicular and equipment access between 852 Voluntown Road and 72 Bitgood Road.

- **MOTION:** G. Serdechny made a motion, which was seconded by P. Merrill to add the application to the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

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

- Jake Faulise of Boundaries, LLC was present along with the applicants. J. Faulise stated his clients recently acquired the 852 Voluntown Road property and are now requesting a permit to install a 35 ft. gravel water crossing to provide access to 72 Bitgood Road for agricultural purposes. Construction will consist of placing a 48 in. concrete pipe in the watercourse bed. Fill will be placed as required to accommodate the crossing. Proposal includes installation of riprap aprons at the inlet and outlet of the proposed culvert pipe during construction, and stone check dams for erosion and sediment control.

- J. Faulise submitted a storm water narrative for the record.

- Chairman Courtland Kinnie asked the commission if they had any further questions. Hearing none a motion was made.
• **MOTION:** G. Norman made a motion, which was seconded by P. Merrill to accept and table the application to the June 20, 2019 Regular meeting. The motion passed.

C. Application CC 20-19 John Sutherland and Layne Whitley Sutherland for property at 620 Bethel Road – Applicant requests permit to grade a portion of the property, fill, and lay grass seed within the 75’ Upland Review Area.

• **MOTION:** G. Norman made a motion, which was seconded by P. Merrill to add application CC 20-19 to the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

• Chairman Courtland Kinnie asked is anyone was present to represent the application,

• John Sutherland was present. J. Sutherland stated he is requesting a permit to use an excavator to grade the area near the pond on his property, bring in approximately 25-30 tri-axles of fill, plant trees, and re-seed. J. Sutherland stated in addition he plans on adding a portion of driveway. Silt fence will be installed to prevent erosion.

• The commission discussed the amount of fill that will be placed and proper installation of a silt fence.

• **MOTION:** G. Norman made a motion, which was seconded by P. Merrill to accept and table application CC 20-20 to the June 20, 2019 Regular meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

8. **Reports from the Enforcement Officer**

• Wetlands Enforcement Officer M. Tristaniy stated he has visited the Quiet Cove deeded right of way and has some concerns. The deed specifically states, no signs, no structures. Furthermore the access is gated which is a potential  issue for EMS and First responders that may need to access the pond in an emergency.

9. **Old Business**

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

• Town Planner M. Tristaniy stated Town Attorney recommended not acting on this matter, as it’s still an active court case.
10. **New Business** – None

11. **Reports from Commission Members**
   - Chairman C. Kinnie thanked commission member P. Merrill and G. Serdechny for taking part in the towns Earth Day Cleanup.

12. **Conservation Commission Matters**
   
   A. Discussion regarding filling Regular Member vacancy.
   
   - Tabled to the June 20, 2019 Regular Meeting.

13. **Adjournment**
   
   - **MOTION:** G. Serdechny made a motion, which was seconded by P. Merrill to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:33 P.M. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Kate Lacasse
Recording Secretary