INLAND WETLANDS WATERCOURSES CONSERVATION COMMISSION & AQUIFER PROTECTION AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 20, 2018

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 7:31 P.M.

2. Roll Call

Present: Chairman Courtland Kinnie, Vice Chairman Robert Parrette, Martin McKinney, Lauren Churchill, Pete Merrill, Town Planner Mario Tristaniy, Jr., and Recording Secretary Kate Lacasse
6 People of Interest
Absent: Glen Norman and Gary Serdechny

3. Determination of Quorum

Chairman C. Kinnie appointed alternate member Martin McKinney to sit for regular member Glenn Norman. It was determined that a quorum of the Commission was seated.

4. Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of Minutes of the August 16, 2018 regular Meeting.

- Chairman Kinnie asked for any corrections or omissions.

- **MOTION:** R. Parrette made a motion, which was seconded by L. Churchill, to approve the meeting minutes of the July 19, 2018 Regular Meeting, with P. Merrill abstaining.

5. Written Complaints – None
• Applicant R. Klimasewiski was present. R. Klimasewiski stated his contractor has started installing a 6’ vinyl fence along his property line. The property has been surveyed by Boundaries, LLC.

• Chairman C. Kinnie read a letter from property abutter Alice Fairy against the installation of the fence.

• Chairman C. Kinnie asked how the fence posts will be secured in the ground and if any vegetation will be removed in order to install the fence.

• R. Klimasewiski stated the fence posts with be anchored by concrete, no vegetation will be removed when installing the fence.

• R. Parrette asked the applicant how many feet from the water line will the fence be placed.

• R. Klimasewiski stated he was unsure how many feet from the water line the fence would sit.

• The commission requested additional information and proper site plans.

• **MOTION:** McKinney made a motion, which was seconded by L. Laidley to accept and table application CC 08-19 to the next regular meeting on October 18, 2018. The motion passed unanimously.

E. Application CC 09-19 Sam Romanella 9 Quiet Cove Road- Proposed removal of vegetation within the 75 ft. Upland Review Area and to construct a foot path to the edge of Pachaug Pond.

• Town Planner M. Tristany stated he received a complaint that Mr. Romanella was placing fill and material within the established conservation area. Mr. Romanella had started roughing in a pathway on his property to Pachaug Pond.

• **MOTION:** R. Parrette made a motion, which was seconded by L. Laidley to put application CC 09-19 on the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

• Norman Thibeault, of Killingly Engineering Associates was present to represent the applicant. N. Thieabult stated the intent is to construct a 8’ gravel path to access the water. The project has been started, ground vegetation has been removed. N. Thibeault stated the property was staked at the time of construction.

• Chairman C. Kinnie asked if any trees have been removed within the upland review area.

• N. Thibeault stated no trees have been removed that he is aware of.
6. Communications

A. Letter Dated September 31, 2018 regarding application CC 19-17, 232 Stone Hill Road.

- Jason Snide, permit holder of application CC 19-17 was present. J. Snide stated, the owner of the pond would like to bring in more equipment and machinery to expedite the project. J. Snide wishes to withdraw his permit on October 12, 2018 as he will no longer be over seeing the work.

- Chairman C. Kinnie stated that J. Snide could legally withdraw his permit.

- Commission agreed the property owner should be notified the permit will no longer be effective as of October, 12, 2018.

- **MOTION:** R. Parrette made a motion, which was seconded by L. Laidley to rescind application CC 19-17 238 Stone Hill Road. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Letter Dated September 10, 2018 regarding Inland Wetland Enforcement Officer from Todd Babbitt First Selectmen.

- Letter from First Selectman Todd Babbitt stated he would like the commission to reappoint Town Planner M. Tristany as Wetlands Enforcement Officer.

- **MOTION:** L. Laidley made a motion, which was seconded by L. Churchill to reappoint Town Planner M. Tristany as Wetlands Enforcement Officer. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Jennifer and Stephen Rochette, Memorandum of Decision and Judgment for property 52 Myrtle Road.

The document was sent to Commission members for informational purposes only as the Commission had reviewed several Myrtle Road applications

7. Applications

A. Application CC 05-19 Ecos Energy for Property at 1240 Voluntown Road - Proposed clearing and site work within the 150 ft. Upland Review Area.

- **MOTION:** L. Laidley made a motion, which was seconded by R. Parrette to table application CC- 05-19 to the end of the regular business portion of the agenda. The motion passed with M. McKinney abstaining.

B. Application CC 06-19 Ecos Energy for Property at 1219 Voluntown Road - Proposed clearing and site work within the 150 ft. Upland Review Area.
• **MOTION**: L. Laidley made a motion, which was seconded by R. Parrette to table application CC- 06-19 to the end of the regular business portion of the agenda. The motion passed with M. McKinney abstaining.

C. Application CC 07-19 Michael and Diane Howley 202 Kenwood – Proposed installation of a 49'X 49' aluminum dock with an 18” entrance ramp within the 75 ft. Upland Review Area.

• Applicant M. Howley was present. M. Howley stated the Dock will be 16’X14’ with a 6’ ramp, 116 total square feet.

• R. Parrette asked how the dock will be secured, will it be standing on legs.

• M. Howley stated that the dock will be augered into the bottom of the lake; the dock will not be permanent, it will be removed yearly.

• M. Howley stated he submitted a letter to the commission, with his application, asking to have his application fee reimbursed. M. Howley stated when he submitted his first application he was not told it was incomplete, the application was denied. M. Howley stated he submitted a second application a second application fee.

• Chairman C. Kinnie stated the commission is unable to refund the state fee that is included in the application fee.

• **MOTION**: M. McKinney made a motion, which was seconded by L. Laidley to reimburse half of the $100.00 town application fee to the applicant M. Howley.

• **MOTION**: L. Laidley made a motion, which was seconded by R. Parrette to accept and table application CC 08-19 to the next Regular meeting on October 18, 2018. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Application CC 08-19 Robert Klimasewiski 38 Myrtle Road – Proposed installation of a 6 ft. fence along the property line within the 75ft. Upland Review Area.

• T. Planner M. Tristany stated he received a complaint a fence was being installed within the review area without proper permitting.

• **MOTION**: M. McKinney made a motion, which was seconded by L. Laidley to place application CC 08-19 on to the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.
• The commission informed N. Thibeault if the homeowner wishes to install a dock or beach area, he must return to Inland, Wetland, and Watercourse Conservation Commission for approval.

• Chairman C. Kinnie suggested doing a site walk on the property to ensure there hasn’t been any tree removal within the Upland Review Area.

• **MOTION:** M. McKinney made a motion, which was seconded by L. Laidley to schedule a site walk for property 9 Quiet Cove, application CC 09-19. The motion passed unanimously.

• Chairman C. Kinnie asked Town Planner M. Tristany to set a date for the commission to do the site walk.

• **MOTION:** R. Parrette made a motion, which was seconded by L. Laidley to have Town Planner M. Tristany handle the application CC 09-19 administratively. The motion passed with M. McKinney abstaining.

• The commission stated they would like Town Planner M. Tristany to inform the applicant that any work done before permitting has been received will not be tolerated and applicant will be subject to a fine.

F. Application CC 05-19 Ecos Energy for Property at 1240 Voluntown Road - Proposed clearing and site work within the 150 ft. Upland Review Area.

• **MOTION:** L. Laidley made a motion, which was seconded by R. Parrette to accept and table application CC- 05-19 to the October 18, 2018 Regular Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

G. Application CC 06-19 Ecos Energy for Property at 1219 Voluntown Road - Proposed clearing and site work within the 150 ft. Upland Review Area.

• **MOTION:** L. Laidley made a motion, which was seconded by R. Parrette to accept and table application CC- 06-19 to the October 18, 2018 Regular Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

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

9. **Old Business** - None

10. **New Business** - None

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

12. **Conservation Commission Matters**
- The commission discussed establishing fines and repercussions for work started before permitted, as well as applications that are not completed or lacking information when submitted.
- Audio recorder malfunctioned at 9:12pm.

13. **Adjournment**

  - **MOTION:** R. Parrette made a motion, which was seconded by L. Laidley, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:18 P.M. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Kate Lacasse
Recording Secretary