

# **TOWN OF KENT INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION**

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## **SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

**The Kent Inland Wetlands Commission held a special meeting on October 5, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Kent Town Hall, 41 Kent Green Boulevard, Kent, CT.**

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Werner called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

### **2. ROLL CALL AND APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATES, IF REQUIRED**

Commissioners Present: Lynn Werner, Chairman; Marge Smith, Vice Chairman, Eric Cieplik, Fred Hosterman and Rex Newton.

Staff Present: Donna Hayes, Land Use Administrator  
Jennifer Calhoun, Land Use Clerk

### **3. READING OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

#### **A. Regular Meeting Minutes, August 24, 2015.**

Ms. Smith noted that the word "all" should be stricken from the 5<sup>th</sup> paragraph on page 2.

*Mr. Newton moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of August 24, 2015 as amended above. Mr. Cieplik seconded and the motion carried unanimously.*

### **4. APPLICATIONS**

### **5. OLD BUSINESS**

#### **5.1. Application #1114-15, WMC Consulting Engineers for the Town of Kent, replacement of existing metal culvert with a precise concrete box culvert, Carter Road over Kent Falls Brook, Map 14 Blocks 21 & 22 Lots 9, 23 & 22.**

Mike Fanning, Engineer with WMC Consulting Engineers was present for the application. Mrs. Hayes stated that at the last meeting the Commission agreed to send her their comments or questions. No questions or comments were sent.

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Ms. Werner asked whether an open-bottom culvert was like a bridge and why it could not be an option for this site. Mr. Fanning stated that with an open-bottom culvert they would need to still consider scouring and address fishery concerns.

The Commission had no further questions or comments.

*Mr. Cieplik moved to approve application #1114-15. Mr. Newton seconded and the motion carried unanimously.*

**5.2. Application #1115-15, Joseph Ramirez for Robert Courtier Trustee, 85 Davis Road, construction of 2 car garage in regulated area, Map 16 Block 22 Lot 17.**

Mrs. Hayes noted that she walked the site and took pictures for the Commission. Ms. Werner stated that there was a very steep slope down to the lake from this site. She asked if they were going to bring in fill and Mrs. Hayes noted that the proposal showed that. Mrs. Hayes added that Mr. Ramirez had met with Bill Jenks, the building inspector, and he suggested a design with storage under the garage that would require a lot less fill. The Commission agreed that would be a better proposal, but were not against the proposal at hand because of the erosion control measures proposed.

Mr. Ramirez arrived at the meeting at this time. He noted that he spoke with the property owner and he was not fond of the proposal with storage underneath because large equipment would cross the manicured lawn to access the storage.

It was noted that 3 trees would need to be removed for the proposal. A large wooded buffer remained between the proposed garage and the lake.

There were no further comments and/or questions from the Commission at this time.

*Ms. Smith moved to approve application #1115-15. Mr. Newton seconded and the motion carried unanimously.*

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

**6.1. Modification to Application #1101-15, Janina Kean, President/CEO, for High Watch Recovery Center, Inc., 62 Carter Road, construction of 2-story dormitory with associated utilities, site work and geo-thermal wells; modification to include relocation of two septic tanks to 100' upland review area, Map 14 Block 22 Lot 7.**

John Mack from Stewart Somers was present for the modification. He noted that they would like to change the location of the septic tanks. He added that Torrington Area Health had told them they needed to be moved because of the location of the underground LP tanks. They are now proposed to be within the regulated area and 80 feet from the wetlands.

Ms. Werner questioned the topography between the septic tanks and the wetlands. It was noted by Mrs. Hayes that it drops off slightly. Temporary silt fence, haybales and silt fencing are proposed. The proposed location is currently lawn area.

The Commission had no further questions or comments.

*Mr. Newton moved to approve the modification to application #1101-15. Mr. Cieplik seconded and the motion carried unanimously.*

7. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE COMMISSION

A. WRITTEN

7.A.1. CACIWC 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting and Environmental Conference

7.A.2. DEEP Continuing Education Workshop: Soils Overview

It was noted that Mr. Hosterman would like to attend these events.

B. VERBAL

7.B.1. Notice of Hearing and Order to Show Cause, Docket #FIC 2015-279, Pamela Dudgeon-Eisenlohr against Chairman, Inland Wetlands Commission, Town of Kent; Inland Wetlands Commission, Town of Kent; and Town of Kent, 41 Kent Green Boulevard, P.O. Box 678, Kent, CT 06757.

Ms. Werner thanks Mrs. Hayes for her report and for attending the FOI hearing.

Mrs. Hayes stated that the process was as follows: Ms. Dudgeon-Eisenlohr would say something, then the hearing officer would ask her or Mrs. Joyce Kearns, Administrative Assistant to the First Selectman, a question and then either of them would answer. The hearing officer then closed the hearing and she will be getting the decision in November from the FOI Commission. She stated that she and Mrs. Kearns would attend that hearing.

Ms. Werner noted that the Commission is not aware of any wrong-doing and hopefully the FOI Commission agrees.

8. ADJOURNMENT

*Ms. Smith moved to adjourn at 6:28 p.m. Mr. Newton seconded and the motion carried unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted,

  
Jennifer Calhoun  
Land Use Clerk

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