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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

The Kent Inland Wetlands Commission held a regular meeting on July 23, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Kent Town Hall, 41 Kent Green Boulevard, Kent, CT.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Werner called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL AND APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATES, IF REQUIRED

Commissioners Present: Lynn Werner, Chairman; Eric Cieplik, Paul Yagid, Fred Hosterman, Marge Smith

Staff Present: Donna Hayes, Land Use Administrator and Tai Kern, Land Use Clerk

Ms. Smith moved to add to the agenda 4.A. application #1179-18F, 6.A. extension #1057-13 and 7.B. vacancy. Mr. Yagid seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

3. READING OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

3.A. Regular Meeting Minutes, June 25, 2018.

A correction to the spelling of "Osborne" was made and the word impervious was corrected to pervious on page 4, 2nd paragraph.

Ms. Smith moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes, June 25, 2018 as amended. Mr. Yagid seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

4. APPLICATIONS

4.A. Application #1179-18F, Jamie Lintner, Forest Works, LLC, for John E. Casey, Trustee, forestry operation, North Main Street, Map 10 Block 42 Lots 4 & 5; Map 19 Block 42 Lots 8 & 43; and Map 4 Block 42 Lot 1.

Jamie Lintner came forward and reviewed a plan to harvest approximately 68 acres. He explained that they will need to cross seasonal drainage areas in two places using timber mats. All harvested wood will be carried out rather than dragged off site. They expect to clear approximately 40 percent of the site. This activity will take place the end of October.

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There will be no clear cutting in any particular area. This will all be selective cutting. Some cutting will take place within 100 feet of the wetlands.

Donna Hayes agreed to view the site prior to the next meeting. Mr. Lintner will forward to the Land Use Office a photo of an example of a typical crossing that will be used.

Mr. Yagid moved to continue application #1179-18F, Jamie Lintner, Forest Works, LLC, for John E. Casey, Trustee, forestry operation, North Main Street, Map 10 Block 42 Lots 4 & 5; Map 19 Block 42 Lots 8 & 43; and Map 4 Block 42 Lot 1. Mr. Cieplik seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

5. OLD BUSINESS

5.A. Application #1174-18, Wyrick Associates for Ellen and Tom Ryan, 21 Halls Lane, addition of two-car garage with connector to house built on slab, Map 9 Block 22 Lot 34.

Donna Hayes reported that she viewed the site and shared photos. She found it to be gently sloping and did not have any concern as long as the appropriate erosion control is used.

Ms. Smith moved to approve application #1174-18, Wyrick Associates for Ellen and Tom Ryan, 21 Halls Lane, addition of two-car garage with connector to house built on slab, Map 9 Block 22 Lot 34. Mr. Cieplik seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

5.B. Application #1175-18, David Birnbaum for 33 Camps Road, LLC, 0 Camps Road, installation of dry hydrant in existing pond, Map 17 Block 30 Lot 11.

A letter dated July 11, 2018 from Gary Hock, Assistant Chief of the Fire Department, was read aloud for the record noting the need for this dry hydrant. David Birnbaum and Bruce Osborne came forward and reviewed the plan and noted the pull-off area for the fire truck. They would like to begin work once the inflow dries in September or October. It will take one day for the installation. Donna Hayes agreed to view the site once the work begins.

Mr. Cieplik moved to approve application #1175-18, David Birnbaum for 33 Camps Road, LLC, 0 Camps Road, installation of dry hydrant in existing pond, Map 17 Block 30 Lot 110. Mr. Yagid seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

5.C. Application #1176-18F, Adam Osborne for High Watch Recovery Center, LLC, 47 Carter Road, after the fact forestry operation, Map 14 Block 21 Lot 17.

Mr. Cieplik moved to table until later on the agenda application #1176-18F, Adam Osborne for High Watch Recovery Center, LLC, 47 Carter Road, after the fact forestry operation, Map 14 Block 21 Lot 17. Ms. Smith seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

5.D. Application #1178-18, Kent School Corporation, 1 Macedonia Road, construction of gate house and entry gate systems at three campus locations Map 4 Block 10 Lot 1.

Dave Bjorkland, Professional Engineer, came forward and reviewed the plan to install a gate house and two gate systems. The small guard house will be manned and will monitor the other two gates. The guard house is entirely within the

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setback area and is within the flood plain. They have filed their application with regard to the flood plain. A roadway, sidewalks, and additional lighting will be added to the area. The sidewalk and roadway will be an impervious area; however, they are proposed to be in previously disturbed areas. Additional volume in the grass area will compensate for construction within the flood plain. There will be no impact upon wetlands or the Housatonic River. All work will blend into the existing grades.

Mr. Bjorkland reviewed the plan for the one entry gate on Schaghticoke Road which is within the regulated area. He advised that utilities will be run along the side of the bridge. A trench 1 ½' wide and 2 feet deep will be dug in the parking area to run conduit. He advised that there will be virtually no impact.

Ms. Smith moved to approve application #1178-18, Kent School Corporation, 1 Macedonia Road, construction of gate house and entry gate systems at three campus locations Map 4 Block 10 Lot 1. Mr. Cieplik seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

5.C. Application #1176-18F, Adam Osborne for High Watch Recovery Center, LLC, 47 Carter Road, after the fact forestry operation, Map 14 Block 21 Lot 17.

Fred Hosterman recused himself at 7:37 p.m.

There was no one present to represent the applicant. It was noted that a property management plan was requested at the last meeting and has not yet been received. A letter from Linda and Daniel Palmer was discussed. It was agreed that the downstream impacts and calculations of impacts from the site is a good question.

Donna Hayes reported that penalties can be levied upon appeal to the civil court systems. The group discussed whether they can deny this application and require restoration. Chair Werner noted that they will need to know their legal options. Donna Hayes asked that specific questions be forwarded to her via e-mail so that she can provide them to the Town's Land Use Attorney. Chair Werner requested that Donna Hayes follow up with High Watch to find out why they were not present this evening.

Mr. Cieplik moved to continue application #1176-18F, Adam Osborne for High Watch Recovery Center, LLC, 47 Carter Road, after the fact forestry operation, Map 14 Block 21 Lot 17. Ms. Smith seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.A. Request for two (2) year extension of Permit #1057-13, Rick Osborne for Town of Kent, realignment of existing roadway with full depth reconstruction for approximately 650 linear feet, Fuller Mountain Road, Map 2 Block 7/9, Lot Fuller Mountain Road R.O.W.

Rick Osborne came forward to request a 2-year extension on the original permit. There will be no changes to the original plan.

Mr. Cieplik moved to grant a request for a two (2) year extension from August 25, 2018 of Permit #1057-13, Rick Osborne for Town of Kent, realignment of existing roadway with full depth reconstruction for approximately 650 linear feet, Fuller Mountain Road, Map 2 Block 7/9, Lot Fuller Mountain Road R.O.W. Mr. Yagid seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

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7. **COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE COMMISSION**

A. WRITTEN

- 7.A.1. Email from Craig Bibb regarding applications to the Town of Washington for hardscaping on Lake Waramaug.

Mr. Bibb could not be present at tonight's meeting. The Commission agreed to let Washington know that this Commission received concerns regarding this project. It was also noted that direct notification to neighboring properties is not required. Donna Hayes agreed to contact Janet Hill, Land Use Administrator for Town of Washington, to further discuss.

- 7.A.2. DEEP invitation to Forested Wetland Soils Workshop, August 14 or 15, 2018. - Confirmed received

- 7.A.3. Monthly Financials – July '17 – June '18.

It was noted that this the IWC came in under budget for fiscal year

B. VERBAL

Mr. Ken Johnson has expressed an interest in the open position on the Wetlands Commission. Mr. Johnson came forward noting that he is hearing impaired and finds that the echo in the conference room will make it difficult to serve on this commission. The group agreed that the next meeting on August 27th will be held upstairs to determine if that room's acoustics are more accommodating.

Jim Gillespie, Certified Forester, came forward and invited the Commission to a workshop he will be having at his property.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Smith moved to adjourn at 8:06 p.m. Mr. Yagid seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted.

Tai Kern

Tai Kern,
Land Use Clerk

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