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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

The Kent Inland Wetlands Commission held a regular meeting on March 28, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Kent Town Hall, 41 Kent Green Boulevard, Kent, CT.

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Werner called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL AND APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATES, IF REQUIRED

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

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

3. READING OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

3.A. Regular Meeting Minutes, February 22, 2016.

Mr. Yagid noted that in the adjournment he did not make the motion and second it. It was noted that Mr. Cieplik seconded.

Ms. Smith noted that Ms. Gillespie should be change to Mr. Gillespie on page 2.

Mr. Yagid moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of February 22, 2016 with the changes stated above. Ms. Smith seconded the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Yagid moved to add to agenda, item 6.A. John Suscovich, Farm Manager, for 33 Camps Road LLC, agricultural exemption for the creation of cart path to connect north eastern orchard to north western pasture, 33 Camps Road, Map 17 Block 28 lots 30 and 31. Mr. Cieplik seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

4. APPLICATIONS

4.A. Application #1124-16, Catherine M. Mazza, 14 Judd Avenue, addition of screened porch, removal of 9' x 9' deck, general landscaping, Map 19 Block 13 Lot 32.

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Cathy Mazza was present for the application. She said that she purchased the house 5 years ago and had rented it. She would like to construct a screened in porch.

Ms. Werner asked how close it was to the river and Ms. Mazza stated it was 52'. They would also be removing an existing deck on the property. She added that she would like to plant some native oaks and fir trees to hold the bank.

Ms. Smith mentioned that it would be an improvement to the property.

Mr. Hosterman noted that there had been work done before this meeting. Ms. Mazza stated that the landscaping got started before permits by miscommunication.

Mr. Hosterman asked if she would be planting on the house side of the silt fence. Ms. Mazza noted that she would.

The Commission and Ms. Mazza discussed the plantings between the house and river and Ms. Werner asked that a more specific planting plan be submitted prior to the next meeting.

Mr. Yagid moved to table application #1124-16. Ms. Smith seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

- 4.B.** Application #1127-16, Town of Kent, Camps Flat Road (multiple locations), removal of guide wire; installation of new railings and associated site work, Map 12 Blocks 40 & 37, Lots 16, 14 & 15.

Mr. Rick Osborne, Road Foreman for the Town of Kent, was present for the application. Mr. Osborne explained with the removal and installation of the guide wire and railings, they would need to fill the edge of the road, remove guide wire, install new railing, add 30 yards process stone under the rail and 120 yards of fill to reslope. He would then seed and mulch the site.

All associated work is within the regulated area. Ms. Werner asked how close he would be to wetlands and Mr. Osborne noted that it would be 25'. Ms. Werner asked Mr. Osborne about erosion controls. Mr. Osborne noted that he would place silt fence at the lower portion of the disturbed area. Ms. Werner asked to make a note in the file that the silt fencing would be installed between the work zone and wetlands and that it won't be in the wetlands.

Mr. Cieplik moved to table application #1127-16. Mr. Yagid seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

5. OLD BUSINESS

- 5.C.** Replacement of Carter Road Culvert over Kent Falls Brook.

Rick Osborne was also present for discussion of the culvert. The State has not signed the permit Mr. Osborne noted that they received a verbal approval, but need to come up with more money. He thinks they will be going to a town meeting to do so. If they try to go out to bid again, they could lose the grant money. They also considered utilizing a metal box instead of concrete box, but again, they could not rebid the project. Last week the DEEP Fisheries division approved the plan. They continued with a discussion about the tree removal and the bats in the trees. Mrs. Hayes stated that she did not realize how shocking the tree removal was going to be and wanted to bring it to the Commission's attention.

Ms. Werner noted that the stream needs to be restored and the culvert/road does also. Ms. Smith stated that sometimes you have to be shocked if it's all for the good.

Ms. Werner wondered when the work would start and Mr. Osborne noted that they should be able to start in June.

The Commission agreed to leave this item on the agenda.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.A. John Suscovich, Farm Manager, for 33 Camps Road LLC, agricultural exemption for the creation of cart path to connect north eastern orchard to north western pasture, 33 Camps Road, Map 17 Block 28 lots 30 and 31.

Mr. Suscovich explained that he was here to see if the work he is proposing would be considered an agricultural exemption. He explained that he would like to clear paths for recreational and educational use. He showed the trail on a plan and it is in the wetlands. Mr. Suscovich explained that as he clears the trail, he would like to place down wood chips to prevent the sprouting of invasive species.

Ms. Smith thought that the prior farmer had rerouted things and that it was not a fully functioning wetland any longer.

Right now, Mr. Suscovich has pasture based livestock, but he would like to have ruminants in the future. He noted that he could raise pigs in the woodlot and the trail would be helpful for removing them with the trailer.

Ms. Werner read the agricultural exemption regulation.

The Commission, after some discussion, decided that wood chips were permeable and would break down and therefore would not be considered filling a wetland in this case. Mr. Suscovich added that the woodchips would only be a couple of inches deep.

Mr. Suscovich explained that the trail would be 10-12' wide so that he could get his tractor with a bucket and be able to turn around. The wood chips would be as wide as the tractor.

Mr. Hosterman asked about erosion and Mr. Suscovich noted that erosion was not a problem and that there were trees all around the path.

Ms. Smith stated that she felt he was not constructing a road and was not filling the wetlands. The Commission agreed.

Mr. Cieplik made a motion to consider the creation of a cart path to connect the north eastern orchard to the north western pasture exempt under the agricultural regulations. Mr. Yagid seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

7. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE COMMISSION

A. WRITTEN

7.A.1. DEEP Permit Applications for the Use of Pesticides in State Waters for: Wolf Pond

Mrs. Hayes noted that she sent an email to Valerie Bodner of the DEEP and expressed the Commissioner's concerns about treating cattails. Mrs. Hayes was told that they are 350 applications behind and that as soon as they get to those applications, she would contact Mrs. Hayes.

7.A.2. Monthly Financials: July 2015 – February 2016

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A. VERBAL

Ms. Werner noted that a meeting she spoke about with Darcy Winther at the last meeting, was canceled.

Mrs. Hayes explained the wetlands mapping process to Mr. Hosterman.

Mrs. Hayes stated that she received a letter about an event held by the Cary Institute.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Cieplik moved to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. Mr. Yagid seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Jennifer Calhoun
Land Use Clerk

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