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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

The Kent Inland Wetlands Commission held a regular meeting on June 27, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Kent Town Hall, 41 Kent Green Boulevard, Kent, CT.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Wener called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL AND APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATES, IF REQUIRED

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

Staff Present: Donna Hayes, Land Use Administrator

3. READING OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

3.A. Regular Meeting Minutes, May 23, 2016.

Ms. Smith commented that Mr. Klingebiel's name had been misspelled on page 2, agenda item 5.A.

Mr. Cieplik moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes, May 23, 2016, as changed. Mr. Hosterman seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

4. APPLICATIONS

4.A. Application #1132-16F, Adam Osborne for Nancy Wilsea, 211 Kent Hollow Road, forestry operation, Map 16 Block 27 Lot 1.

Mr. Osborne presented the application to the Commission. He explained the work that was planned on being done explaining that he planned on taking out approximately 60,000 board feet which equates to approximately 150 trees. In addition, some smaller trees will need to be removed in order to fell the larger trees. There will be no clear cutting, but there will be some selective culling and the removal of some toppled trees. According to his plan, Mr. Osborne said that there will be no wetland crossing.

The Commission then tried to compare the map that Mr. Osborne presented to the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses map that Ms. Hayes had presented. After discussion, Ms. Werner asked Mr. Osborne to please submit an overlay map of the projected work site on the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses map so

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that the Commission can have a better understanding about whether or not any wetlands would need to be crossed or if the landing area would need to be relocated.

It was decided that a site walk be scheduled for July 11th at 5:00 p.m. to determine whether or not the proposed landing would have to be relocated.

Mr. Cieplik moved to continue Application #1132-16F, Adam Osborne for Nancy Wilsea, 211 Kent Hollow Road, forestry operation, Map 16 Block 27 Lot 1 to the next regular meeting and to schedule a site walk for 5:00 p.m. on July 11, 2016. Mr. Hosterman seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

5. OLD BUSINESS

- 5.A.** Modification to application #1129-16, Steven Abbate, 99B Cobble Road, removal of beaver dam from driveway culvert, modification to include possible repair or replacement of culvert in Cobble Creek, Map 10 Block 22 Lot 2.

Mr. Abbate was present and explained that the original beaver dam that was located at the intake side of the culvert had damaged the existing culvert. While the culvert strength was not compromised, Mr. Brian Neff, Professional Engineer, advised Mr. Abbate that about a 3' area on the bottom of the culvert should be replaced and that the work would normally be considered maintenance.

Mr. Cieplik moved to approve Modification to application #1129-16, Steven Abbate, 99B Cobble Road, removal of beaver dam from driveway culvert, modification to include possible repair or replacement of culvert in Cobble Creek, Map 10 Block 22 Lot 2. Mr. Hosterman seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

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

Ms. Hayes explained the conversation she had with First Selectman Adams. He told her that the State had signed off on the permits which were now in the hands of the Army Corp of Engineers with an anticipated sign off date before July 15; the successful bidder can now be award the contract; the engineering company is looking for a place to store fill from the work site and have proposed the empty State lot just north of Kent Falls; and, the Town was given permission to do some preliminary work at the site.

Ms. Werner expressed concern over the spoils placement and hoped that property siltation controls would be installed.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- 6.A.** Modification to Application #1131-16, South Kent School Corporation, 0 Bulls Bridge Road, installation of artificial turf, modification to include the installation of field lighting, Map 6 Block 38 Lot 2.

Ms. Hayes explained that when the South Kent School came before them for the installation of the artificial turf, no lighting was proposed. Since the approval, the School has decided to add 4 poles; 2 on each of the long sides of the field. According to the map that was prepared, only one pole will be within the regulated area. Ms. Hayes went on to explain that she had asked the engineering company to present a new map showing the location of the pole with regard the regulated area, but had not received it as of the meeting date. Ms. Hayes also advised the Commission that Planning & Zoning had approved the

installation of the artificial turf, but that a public hearing would be held on July 14 with regard to the lighting.

Ms. Smith moved to continue Modification to Application #1131-16, South Kent School Corporation, 0 Bulls Bridge Road, installation of artificial turf; modification to include the installation of field lighting, Map 6 Block 38 Lot 2 to the next regular meeting. Mr. Cieplik seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

7. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE COMMISSION

A. WRITTEN

- 7.A.1.** June 7, 2016 letter from William Arnold, President The Kent Land Trust, regarding pesticide application on 10 acre area surrounding pond on Skiff Mountain South Preserve.

The Commission accepted the letter and thanked Mr. Arnold for the information.

No action taken.

- 7.A.2.** DEEP Legal and Administrative Update Workshop

Ms. Hayes told the Commission that she had attended the update workshop and reported that there were no legislative changes; a public act had been signed and contained a small blurb about the management of running bamboo; the DEEP was hoping to make their model regulations available by the end of July, but was doubtful that would be the case; and, an attorney for the DEEP reviewed some court case decisions which could possibly affect the way future cases could be decided.

- 7.A.3.** *The Capitol Update – June 2016*

No action taken.

B. VERBAL

Ms. Werner told the Commission that at a recent event where Roberta Willis spoke she hammered home the point that representatives are not hearing from their constituents and that it is important for them to reach out to the younger legislators and educate them with regard to issues that are of importance to them. As a Commission, Ms. Werner felt that was something that should be communicated whenever possible. Ms. Smith agreed.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Cieplik moved to adjourn at 7:36 p.m. Ms. Smith seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna M. Hayes, CZEO
Land Use Administrator

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