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**TOWN OF KENT  
INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION**

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

The Kent Inland Wetlands Commission held a regular meeting on October 26, 2015 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 7:00 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, alternate.

Staff Present: None

*Mr. Yagid moved to elevate Mr. Hosterman to voting status. Mr. Cieplik seconded and the motion carried unanimously. Ms. Werner thanked Mr. Cieplik for taking the meeting minutes.*

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

Special Meeting Minutes, October 5, 2015. Ms. Smith noted on Page 3, Section 7B-1 that the word "thanks" should be changed to "thanked".

*Mr. Yagid moved to approve the special meeting minutes with change noted. Mr. Cieplik seconded and the motion carried unanimously.*

**4. APPLICATIONS**

**4.A.** Application #1116-15, Ralph R. Mackin Jr., Architects for Eric and Marleen Donnenfeld, 39 Spectacle Ridge Road, additions to existing residence, Map 16 Block 25 Lot 24.

Mr. Mackin pointed out the changes being made to the existing residence. Ms. Werner asked how far the residence is from the lake. Mr. Mackin stated 55 feet and all proposed changes would not be any closer to the lake. This includes two existing porches that will have roofs extended or added. Mr. Mackin noted

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that a garage will be extended by 12.5 feet on the other side of the house away from the lake. Ms. Werner asked how much the roof area will be increased. Mr. Mackin stated approximately 1300 square feet. Ms. Werner asked where the runoff currently goes. Mr. Mackin stated that the runoff will be directed to 2 existing spreaders that they plan to refurbish and rebuild since they are quite old. They plan to enlarge the spreader on the garage side of the building to accommodate the increased runoff. Ms. Werner asked what "refurbish and rebuild" meant in this instance. Mr. Mackin stated that they will recalculate and resize the spreaders for the additional runoff, cleaning and adding stone. Ms. Werner asked about a rain garden. Mr. Mackin stated that they were reviewing both options. Ms. Werner inquired if both a rain garden and spreader could be used. Mr. Mackin stated that they would look at both and send information to Donna Hayes before the next meeting so she is able to review and ask any questions so that the commission has all necessary information before the next scheduled meeting. Mr. Mackin then pointed out erosion controls for the work and where the rain garden would be placed.

*Mr. Cieplik moved to table application #1116-15. Mr. Yagid seconded and the motion carried unanimously.*

5. **OLD BUSINESS**

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

- 6.1. Mike Gawel for Anderson Acre Farm, LLC, 1 Anderson Acres Road, request for farming exemption to repair interior of high tunnel #3 located 28' from watercourse, Map 16 Block 24 Lot 16. Mr Gawel explained the construction plan for updating the hoop barn and the radiant heat. Mr. Gawel explained that the water used to water the plants would all be captured in the structure in an 18' strip of stone and would leach in to the soil and not runoff. Ms. Werner asked if they were within wetland soil. Mr. Gawel stated "no" the only wetlands was the nearby stream. Mr. Gawel explained the map legends to the commission to show where the wetlands soils were and there would be no disturbance in the wetlands.

*Mr. Cieplik moved to consider item 6.1. a farm exemption as defined in the Kent Inland Wetlands and Watercourses regulations. Mr. Yagid seconded and the motion carried unanimously.*

- 6.2. Kent Greenhouse for Anderson Acre Farm, LLC, 1 Anderson Acres Road, request for farming exemption to install irrigation line to back field and correct drainage issues around high tunnels #1 and #2, Map 16 Block 24 Lot 16.

Ms. Werner recused herself from item 6.2.

Mr. Richard Crouch with Kent Greenhouse explained the plan to place a 2" Poly pipe irrigation line within a 4" Poly sleeve approximately 12-18" deep from the water wells to the tunnels. Also, Mr. Crouch explained the possibility of putting the waterline 42" deep for a frost free line. Mr. Yagid asked what is in the area where the irrigation line will be dug. Mr. Crouch stated that the area is all rocky soil. Mr Yagid asked if there was ground water. Mr. Crouch stated that, no, it was all surface water. Ms. Smith asked what machines would be used to dig the trench. Mr. Crouch stated that they would use a trencher for the 12-18" dig and a track machine for the deeper line. Ms. Smith asked what the plan was in

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case of a heavy rain. Mr. Crouch stated they would only dig 20 feet at a time and back fill as the went so there would be no problem with erosion in case of a heavy rain. Mr. Yagid explained he thought a track machine would be better. Mr. Crouch also explained they were planning an 18" strip with stone to handle water running off of the poly tunnels to allow the water to leach into the soil.

*Mr. Yagid moved to consider item 6.2. a farm exemption as defined in the Kent Inland Wetlands and Watercourses regulations. Mr. Cieplik seconded and the motion carried unanimously.*

- 6.3. Approval of 2016 Regular Meeting Calendar. Ms Werner suggested postponing discussion so everyone may check their calendars.

*Mr. Cieplik moved to table the approval of the 2016 regular meeting calendar to next month. Ms. Smith seconded and the motion carried unanimously.*

7. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE COMMISSION

WRITTEN

- 7.A.1. Financials: July through September, 2015.

The Commission received this information. No action taken.

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.

No action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

*Mr. Yagid moved to adjourn at 7:37p.m. Mr. Cieplik seconded and the motion carried unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted,



Eric Cieplik  
Kent Inland Wetlands Commission Secretary

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