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UNAPPROVED MINUTES
Thursday, March 8, 2018 7:30 PM
Canoe Brook Senior Center
11 Cherry Hill Road, Branford, CT

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Present: Peter Bassermann, Suzanne Botta, Sandra Kraus, Rick Ross and John Kelly.

Absent: Jim Goggin, Richard Greenalch, Eric Rose and James Sette.

Staff Present: IWEO Diana Ross & IW Asst. Jaymie Frederick

Chairman Bassermann called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. All Commissioners present were seated.

No additions to the agenda, however, date corrections are identified in the minutes below.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Comm. Kraus motioned to accept the February 8th regular meeting minutes, Comm. Kelly seconded. Motion passed (3-0-2); Comm. Botta and Comm. Ross abstained due to absence.

Comm. Kelly motioned to approve the minutes [Site Walk of March 1st, 2018], Chairman Bassermann second, motion passed (2-0-3); Comm. Botta, Comm. Kraus and Comm. Ross abstained due to absence.

OLD BUSINESS:

IW#18.02.01 – Juniper Point Association – management of invasive species

Chairman Bassermann stated it was a good site walk; plan has a lot of merit and should be beneficial.

Comm. Kelly stated he was satisfied; plan makes sense and they seem to know what they are doing.

Chairman Bassermann stated the site is covered in invasives, they will hand cut as it is too wet to bring in machines. They are expecting re-vegetation to occur after the cut. It is a long term project and the association has endorsed the project to occur over a period of time. They have a window of time available before bird nesting they need to meet if they are going to start this year.

EO Ross stated they are going to wait to come up for re-vegetation of the area.

EO Ross stated there are inland wetlands up by the road that the Commission has jurisdiction over. The Commission has no jurisdiction over the tidal wetlands; looking at impacts to inland wetlands only.

Comm. Kelly motioned to approve IW#18.02.01, Comm. Kraus seconded. Motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

ENFORCEMENT:

Consider Lifting:

202-250 Laurel Hill Rd – CC#05.04.01

EO Ross stated this was issued to the public works director at the time for piling asphalt millings and spreading them on the trail. There were drainage issues that washed the millings off into the wetlands. There have been some drainage improvements over time. They did stop spreading the millings and the pile is gone now. A plan was developed to mitigate but there were no funds to carry out the mitigation. If there is any work to be done could speak with current public works staff.

Commission discussed that the work was ceased and any work that needs to be done would be separate from this order.

Comm. Botta motioned to lift CC#05.04.01, 202-250 Laurel Hill Rd, Comm. Ross seconded. Motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

573 East Main St – CC#04.03.01

EO Ross stated the order was for clearing, grading, removal of topsoil and filling within upland review area without a permit. He was to apply for a permit for removal of topsoil or soil is to be spread back into areas where it was removed from and site is to be stabilized. A buffer from the wetland is to be proposed as part of the application. EO stated the Commission did not get everything. The site is now covered in vegetation and stable, at this point doesn't know if the violation will be pursued anymore.

Comm. Kelly asked if you can ignore the enforcement order to fourteen years and have it go away.

Comm. Botta stated that she shares the concern. She is not inclined to lift this without him having done nothing. When the owner is motivated to do something then it will be addressed.

Commission determined that they are not inclined to do anything at this time, if the owner wants it removed he can come to the Commission and it can be addressed then.

616 East Main St – CC#03.08.01

EO Ross stated this was inspected in 2012, it was ok at that point but she wanted to go back one more time to check that the vegetation had stabilized. The water overflow has been redirected, it looked ok in 2012 and in the aerial it looks like it has stabilized.

Comm. Kraus motioned to lift this [CC#03.08.01] Comm. Ross seconded. Commission discussed evidence for lifting the order. Comm. Botta asked EO if all conditions have been met. EO Ross stated that everything is done, read the November 2nd, 2012 letter. Motion passed (5-0-0).

Review current list of other open Cease and Correct orders

Staff passed out a list of open cease and correct orders to update the Commission. A lot of these will be followed up on this spring. A list of notice of violations will be brought to the Commission after updating statuses.

FOR RECEIPT:

Request for renewal/extension of permit – IW#09.06.01 – 83 Rose Hill Rd – 10 lot open space subdivision (Beacon Hill Rd)

Correction was made that this item will be discussed at 4/12/18 meeting (not 9/12/18 as identified on the agenda) so that the owner could be present for discussion. Staff is looking to clarify renewal/extension request process. Currently the application form has a check box for renewal/extension however the form is not conducive for providing the information the Commission needs to consider such a request.

ADMINISTRATIVE APPROVALS:

10 Howard Ave – foundation for residential addition

EO Ross stated the Commission saw this.

CORRESPONDENCE & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Site Development Considerations for Changing Weather Patterns, symposium 3/22/18

Date was corrected from the agenda; the symposium is to be held 3/22/18 (not 9/22/18 as identified on the agenda). Staff will send out a last call email with information on the symposium.

State DOT Project #14-174: realignment of SR 740, replacement of outlet control structure from Lidyhites Pond

It was corrected from the agenda that this is in reference to SR 740 (not SR 140).

EO Ross explained the Commission does not have jurisdiction but can comment.

Comm. Botta stated it would be nice if they installed a box culvert instead of a pipe.

ADJOURNMENT: Comm. Kraus motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:18, Comm. Botta seconded. Motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Respectfully Submitted,



Jaymie Frederick, Inland Wetland Assistant