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MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, January 15, 2014 7:00 p.m.
LOCATION: MONTVILLE TOWN HALL, *Council Chambers*

1. **Call to order:** Chairman Brush called the January 15th Inland Wetlands meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. **Roll call:** In attendance were Commissioners Brush, O'Bday, Riske, Houk and Deranleau. Staff present Colleen Bezanson.

3. **Minutes**

- a. Approve the minutes of the November 20th meeting

A MOTION was made by COMMISSIONER O'Bday seconded by COMMISSIONER Riske to approve the minutes from the November 20th, 2014 meeting.

Voice Vote 4-1-0. Commissioner Deranleau abstained. MOTION CARRIED.

4. **Public Hearings:** None

5. **Show Cause Hearings:** None

6. **Remarks from the public relating to items on the agenda:**

Chairman Brush asked three times if there were any remarks from the public relating to items on the agenda. There were none.

7. **Old Business:**

- a. **Doreen Mrowka:** An application for the construction of a 1,856 sq. ft. automotive repair facility with parking on the property located at 96 Route 163, Uncasville, Ct. As shown on Assessor's Map 73 Lot 55A.

Colleen Bezanson gave a breakdown of the plan. She stated that the property was a residence until recently when the house was demolished. The proposed plan would have parking in the upland review area. A wall had already been placed on the wall by the applicant on an abutting piece of property. She stated that comments from Soil Scientist, Bob Russo were attached. Uncas Health indicated that the well met their requirements. However, proof is need that the well driller will be able to drill there. Staff had concerns regarding the Flood Way/flood zone and if additional Federal permits were needed in addition to the wall being placed on the abutting property. Commissioner Brush had visited the site. A discussion was held.

Bob Schuch, of Schuch Engineering addressed the Commission. He stated that they were in the works of addressing Bob Russo's letter. He indicated that a pollution was in the works. He gave detail of the pollution plans. Mr. Schuch also stated that Mr. Mrowka was working on getting the rights or purchasing the property.

Attorney Bill McCoy addressed the Commissioner he stated that the stretch of area has been treated as owned by the railroad. A discussion was held.

Bob Schuch also stated that the wall was not part of the plan and was placed outside of the site plan. He requested that the matter be postponed until the next meeting.

Colleen Bezanson requested an extension from the applicant. The applicant granted the extension. Further discussion was held.

A MOTION was made to continue the item until the next meeting by COMMISSIONER O'Bday seconded by COMMISSIONER Houk.

Voice Vote 5-0. MOTION CARRIED.

- b. **Edward Demuzzio:** An application for drainage work on the property located at 260 Leffingwell Rd, Uncasville, Ct. As shown on Assessor's Map 61 Lot 11.

Ms. Bezanson gave a breakdown of the application. She stated that this had come before the Commission as a violation. The applicant had worked with soil scientist and engineer to develop a plan. Commissioners Brush and Houk had gone out to look at the site. A discussion was held.

A MOTION was made by COMMISSIONER HOUK and Seconded by COMMISSIONER O'BDAY as follows; After giving due consideration to all relevant factors including those in Section 10 and or Section 4 of the Montville Inland Wetland Regulation and Section 22a-41 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I move to approve application 214 IWC 21 **Edward Demuzzio:** An application for drainage work on the property located at 260 Leffingwell Rd, Uncasville, Ct. As shown on Assessor's Map 61 Lot 11. as depicted on the plan titled "260 Leffingwell Rd Proposed Drainage Maintenance Area" and the application and narrative dated 11/7/14.

Standard Reasons for Approval

1. The environmental impact of the proposed project does not have a significant effect on the inland wetland's and watercourse's capacity to support fish and wildlife, to prevent flooding, to supply and protect surface and groundwater, to control sediment, to facilitate drainage, to control pollution, to support recreational activities, and to promote public health and safety.
2. The Commission has determined that the relationship between the short-term uses of the environment and the maintenance and enhancement of long-term productivity will have no impact on the surrounding wetland system
3. The proposed activity will not have irreversible and irretrievable commitments of resources.
4. The proposed project will not change the character and or add degree of injury to, or interference with, safety, health, or the reasonable use of property, including abutting or downstream property.
5. The proposed activity use is suitable to the area.
6. The applicant has taken all feasible measures to mitigate the impact of any aspect of the proposed regulated activity.

Voice Vote 5-0. MOTION CARRIED.

8. New Business:

- a. **Donny Jacobowitz:** An application for remediation for work without a permit on the property located at 314 Route 163, Uncasville, Ct. As shown on Assessor's Map 82 Lot 62.

COMMISSIONER RISKE RECUSED HIMSELF AT 7:22 PM.

Colleen Bezanson stated that the applicant was filling and grading without a permit. His intent was to create a parking area for excess vehicles. Trees had been chopped down and material pushed to one side. The sediment fence in place needs to be reinforced. She stated that the Commission may want to have a site walk. A discussion was held.

A MOTION was made to continue to the next meeting by COMMISSIONER O'Bday and seconded by COMMISSIONER Houk.

Voice Vote 5-0. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER RISK RESUMED AT 7:26 PM.

- b. **Hull Forest Products/Boltz:** An application for a timber harvest on the property located at 376 Raymond Hill Rd, Uncasville, Ct. As shown on Assessor's Map 32 Lot 7.

Ms. Bezanson gave a breakdown of the plans. She stated that there will be 3 crossings needed for the project. The crossings will be corduroy bridges. 42 cords/22,780 board feet will be removed. She stated that the Commission may want to go on a site walk.

Chris Cassedei of Hull Forest Products addressed the Commission. He stated that they would be using existing roads and no new ones would be created. Commissioner Deranleau wished to go on a site walk on the property. A discussion was held.

A MOTION to continue to the next meeting was made by COMMISSIONER O'Bday and seconded by COMMISSIONER Riske.

Voice Vote 5-0. MOTION CARRIED.

9. Correspondence:

- **CT Land Use Laws Workshop**
- **Letter from the CT Department of Energy & Environmental Protection regarding the Tentative Determination to Approve an Application for 401 Water Quality Certification for Algonquin Gas**
- **Letter from the CT Department of Energy & Environmental Protection regarding aquatic pesticide permit applications**
- **NorthEast Utilities notice of vegetation management within ROW**

10. Other Business:

- a. Release of the existing bond amount in the amount of \$1,506.02 for John Diamantini on the property located at 1399 Old Colchester Rd, Oakdale, Ct. As shown on Assessor's Map 44 Lot 4-3.

Ms. Bezanson gave a breakdown of the past occurrences. She stated that this had been a 3-4 year process. The Diamantinis had a stipulated agreement to have a specific amount of plantings on

their property. Ms. Bezanson provided pictures from 2012 of the property and the placement of the new plantings at the time. The majority of the original mandated plantings were no longer present. She also provided new photographs taken from approximately the same angles as the previous ones. Chairman Brush had gone out to the property as requested by the Diamantinis. Chairman Brush gave a breakdown of the issue. He stated that part of the stipulated agreement was that there would be no vehicles in the beach area. A discussion was held. A decision was made to contact the Town Attorney and hold an Executive Session at next months meeting.

b. Election of Officers

A MOTION was made by COMMISSIONER HOUK and Seconded by COMMISSIONER O'Bday to keep the Officers in their existing positions.

Voice Vote 5-0. MOTION CARRIED

11. Executive Session: None

12. Adjourn

A MOTION was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 pm.

Voice Vote 5-0. MOTION CARRIED.

**Respectfully submitted by, Heidi-Lee Jacobs, Minutes Clerk for the Town of Montville.
AN AUDIO RECORD OF THIS MEETING IS ON FILE IN THE MONTVILLE TOWN
CLERK'S OFFICE.**