# TOWN OF MONTVILLE INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION

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# MEETING MINUTES 7:00 p.m. March 21, 2013 LOCATION: MONTVILLE TOWN HALL, Council Chambers

- **1. Call to order:** Chairman Brush called the March 21, 2013 Inland Wetlands Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- **2. Roll call:** In attendance were Commissioners Brush, Taylor, Bartholomew and O'Bday. Absent were Commissioners Riske and Beauchene. Staff present was Colleen Bezanson, Inland Wetland Agent/Planner II
- 3. Minutes
  - a. Approve minutes of February 21st meeting.

**Motion** made by Commissioner Taylor seconded by Commissioner O'Bday to approve minutes of the February 21, 2013 meeting.

# Discussion, None, voice vote, 4-0, all in favor, motioned carried

b. Approve minutes of the March 3rd Special Meeting.

**Motion** made by Commissioner O'Bday seconded by Commissioner Bartholomew to approve minutes of the March 3, 2013 special meeting.

Discussion, None, voice vote, 4-0, all in favor, motioned carried

- 4. Public Hearings: None
- 5. Show Cause Hearings: None
- 6. Remarks from the public relating to items on the agenda:

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

- 7. Old Business: None
- 8. New Business:
- a. **NDKLP Montville Associates, LLC**: Request for the renewal of permit 203 IWC 11 for the regulated activities on the property located at 2040 Route 32, Montville, Ct.

Colleen Bezanson stated that the property was the vacant lot located next to Chili's. The site plan and permit is for a 54 unit hotel. The majority of the wetlands have been worked on. She stated that there is still work to be done in the buffer area associated with drainage, grading and parking for when the hotel does go up. Ms. Bezanson stated that this is the last renewal for the project. An attorney's letter was provided. She stated that it was the same exact plan that was approved in 2003. A discussion was held.

**Motion** made by Commissioner Taylor seconded by Commissioner O'Bday as follows; I make a motion to renew application 203 IWC 11 **NDKLP Montville Associates:** An application for a 54 unit hotel within the regulated area on the property located at 2040 Route 32 Montville, CT. As shown on Assessor's Map 103 Lot 1A as depicted on the plan titled "Sire Plan Improvement Location Plan Proposed 54 Unit Hotel Prepared for Paul Cipriani Norwich New London Tpke Prepared by Harris & Clark Sheets 2 thru 5 revised to 1-13-98 (DOT comments)" and the application and narrative April 21, 2003 until 2007.

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This renewal is only for the activity described in the above referenced plan and narrative. Any alteration to that plan or narrative will require additional approval by the Inland Wetlands Commission.

# **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.

#### Discussion, None, voice vote, 4-0, all in favor, motioned carried

# 9. Commissioner's Comments: None

# **10.** Correspondence:

- Connecticut Association of Inland Wetland Commission Winter 2012 addition of the Habitat
- EC Conservation District Information for Plant Sale

### 11. Other Business:

a. Schedule public hearing for changes to the Town of Montville Inland Wetland Regulations Section 11

Colleen Bezanson stated that there were changes to section 11 and requested a Public Hearing be scheduled for May 2, 2013. This would give her time to post the Public Hearing. A discussion was held.

**Motion** made by Commissioner O'Bday seconded by Commissioner Taylor to schedule a Public Hearing for May 2, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

#### Discussion, None, voice vote, 4-0, all in favor, motioned carried

b. Request for a preliminary site-walk for the reconstruction of the Montville Bridge.

Colleen Bezanson stated that it was Staff's suggestion to schedule a preliminary site walk. The reason being for some of the larger projects, especially this one, it is a Town project and has multiple agencies that it has to deal with. She stated that if the Commission decided to have a Public Hearing it would be beneficial for the Town Engineer to know, in case there were any specific concerns that the Commissions' issues could be addressed prior to the Public Hearing. Ms. Bezanson stated that she believed a preliminary site walk would move the project along. A discussion was held.

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**Motion** made by Commissioner Taylor seconded by Commissioner Bartholomew to schedule a special meeting/site walk for Tuesday, April 2, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

Discussion, None, voice vote, 4-0, all in favor, motioned carried

12. Executive Session: None

13. Adjourn

**Motion** made by Commissioner Taylor and seconded by Commissioner Bartholomew to adjourn the March 21, 2013 meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Discussion, None, voice vote, 4-0, all in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

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.

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