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MEETING MINUTES
7:00 p.m. April 18, 2013
LOCATION: MONTVILLE TOWN HALL, *Council Chambers*

1. Call to order: Chairman Brush called the April 18, 2013 Inland Wetlands Meeting to order at 7:01 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 March 21st meeting.

Motion made by Commissioner O'Bday seconded by Commissioner Bartholomew to approve minutes of the March 21, 2013 Inland Wetland meeting.

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

4. Public Hearings: None

5. Show Cause Hearings:

a. **George and Teri Taylor:** Work within a regulated area without a permit on the property located at 107 Jerome Rd, Montville, Ct. As shown on Assessor's Map 67 Lot 30.

Colleen Bezanson distributed the Staff report and Cease and Desist order, as well as a copy of the property owner's description and photos to the Commission. She read the reports into record. Ms. Bezanson stated that an anonymous complaint about work at property located at 107 Jerome Rd, Montville, CT had been given to DEEP. After Staff inspection of the property a Cease and Desist had been issued to George and Teri Taylor. Mr. Taylor complied and stopped all activity. Ms. Bezanson indicated that she had used the state map to locate the wetlands on the property. A discussion was held.

Mr. Taylor of 107 Jerome Rd, Montville, CT addressed the Commission and signified that he wished to work with the Commission regarding the issue.

Colleen Bezanson stated that Staff suggested a site walk be held on the property. A discussion was held.

Motion made by Commissioner O'Bday and seconded by Commissioner Bartholomew to schedule a site walk on Thursday, May 9, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

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

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. **Town of Montville:** Work in conjunction with the City of Norwich for the reconstruction of the Montville Rd Bridge located off of Montville and Leffingwell Rds.

Commissioner Brush, Taylor and O’Bday had completed a site walk on the property at different times.

Colleen Bezanson stated the applicant had requested replacement of the 8ft culvert. She stated that in 2008 the bridge had washed out during a storm. The proposed project is to reconstruct the bridge/culvert with 2 precast concrete culvert boxes with wing walls. One culvert box will be 16 ft wide, which will carry the main flow channel, and the other will be 12 ft wide which will enable fish passage during low flow. Ms. Bezanson distributed the Staff report and applicant’s plans to the Commission. She then read the Staff report into record. Ms. Bezanson asked the Commission to contemplate as to whether they thought the project was a significant activity or had public interest.

Town Engineer, Brian Long and Soil Scientist, Bob Russo of CLA Engineers Inc. addressed the Commission. Mr. Long stated that the 8 ft. steel culvert was beyond repair and the pipe was not structurally sound. He stated that the construction of a 12ft culvert would be done first. Mr. Long indicated that water would be blocked off while work was in progress. Mr. Long stated that one the 12ft culvert was in place a copper damn would divert that water. He then gave a breakdown of the plan.

Mr. Russo stated that the road had washed out and the pipe was gone. He directed the Commission to the photos they had been provided. Mr. Russo indicated that there was a protected fresh water mussel species on the property. In order to protect the species the work would be done to comply with DEEP recommendations from the initial start up to finish. Mr. Russo stated that 1,810 sq ft of the work being done on wetlands would be in Montville, with a total being 3000 sq ft for the project. Mr. Russo gave a in depth breakdown of the plan. A discussion was held.

Colleen Bezanson read the following:

"Significant Activity" means any activity, including, but not limited to, the following activities which may have a major effect or significant impact on the area for which the application has been filed or on another part of the inland wetland or watercourse system:

Ms. Bezanson posed the following significant activity criteria question.

1. Any activity involving a deposition or removal of material which will or may have a major effect or significant impact on the regulated area or on another part of the inland wetland or watercourse system; or

Voice Vote, 4-0. All Commissioners voted “yes”

Motion made by Commissioner O’Bday and seconded by Commissioner Bartholomew to schedule a Public Hearing during the regular meeting on May 16, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

Discussion, None, voice vote, 4-0, all in favor, motion carried. Public hearing scheduled.

Commissioner Brush requested a description of the protected mussels for the public hearing. A discussion was held.

9. Commissioner’s Comments: None

10. Correspondence:

- CT Wildlife
- Memo from Town Clerk pertaining to cell phone usage during Commission meetings

11. Other Business: None

12. Executive Session: None

13. Adjourn

Motion made by Commissioner O'Bday and seconded by Commissioner Bartholomew to adjourn the April 18, 2013 Inland Wetland meeting at 7:50 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.