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MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, November 20, 2014 7:00 p.m.
LOCATION: MONTVILLE TOWN HALL, *Council Chambers*

1. Call to order: Chairman Brush called the October 16, 2014 Inland Wetland Meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

2. Roll call: Commissioners present were, Brush, Riske, O'Bday and White (Houk). Commissioners absent, Houk and Deranleau. Staff present Colleen Bezanson.

3. Minutes a. Approve the minutes of the October 16th meeting

Commissioner Brush stated that the correct spelling of the street name was Nobble Hill Road.

A MOTION was made by COMMISSIONER White seconded by COMMISSIONER Riske to approve the amended minutes from the October 16, 2014 meeting. Voice Vote 4-0. MOTION 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 relating to items on the agenda. There were **NONE**.

7. Old Business: a. SAMG Associates LLC: An application for subdivision review and work within a regulated area on the property located at 1784 Route 85, Oakdale, Ct. As shown on Assessor's Map 11 Lot 3A.

Colleen Bezanson stated at the last meeting the applicant granted the Commission an extension. The applicant had provided a dewatering plan. She stated that the Town Soil Scientist and Town Engineer had Numerous pipes will be prone to clogging and flooding and had recommended alternative design box culvert(s) or something with a greater opening to pass water under the driveway. They had also requested evidence from DEEP and Army Corps of that the design meets the Category I. The Town Engineer's belief is that it is Category II. The DEEP stream crossing guidelines have also not been met by the design. No new information had been provided to Staff as of the time of the report discussed at tonight's meeting. MS. Bezanson stated that the Town Engineer's comments had not been addressed. With the exception of the dewatering addition this was the same plan that the Commission had denied back in June and a email had been received from Army Corps. A discussion was held. On October 29 the letter requested from Bob Russo stating the DEEP guidelines had been provided to the Commission.

Bob Russo, Soil Scientist addressed the Commission. He gave a breakdown of the plans and addressed the Commission questions concerning openness ratio. A discussion was held.

Mr. Reynolds, for the applicant addressed the Commission in response to the letter provided. He stated the with regard to the DEEP guidelines the Commission should understand that they were just guidelines not standards. There were just guidelines with what the DEEP approves. He stated that this project would be different than the DEEP guidelines. A discussion was held.

A MOTION was made by COMMISSIONER White 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 **DENY** application 214 IWC 12 **SAMG Associates LLC**: An application for subdivision review and work within a regulated area on the property located at 1784 Route 85, Oakdale, Ct. As shown on Assessor's Map 11 Lot 3A as depicted on the plan titled "Subdivision Plan 1784 Hartford New London Turnpike (Route 85) Montville, Ct Prepared for SAMG Associates, LLC Old Lyme Ct Prepared By Reynolds Engineering Services Inc. Lebanon, Ct revised to 8/1/14 and the application and narrative dated 8/10/14.

Reasons for Denial are the four stated reasons as provided by the Town Engineer.

1. On page 6 of the SCG, CTDEEP Indicates. "For new or replacement stream crossing projects, the Inland Fisheries Division typically recommends the placement of clear span bridges or bottomless arch culverts for the crossings of perennial watercourses." The applicant needs to indicate, with adequate cost estimates, why this fundamental guideline cannot be met. The documentation provided to date does not include such an analysis. It may be possible to pour footings outside of the stream and wetland, widen and restore the stream channel, and place a precast concrete slab, or use other means to span the resource.
2. The culvert should have a width that spans an area 1.2 times the bank full width of the stream. This guideline is not met and in fact the bank full width of the stream is not given. It may be possible to place a single culvert that is 1.2 times the bank full width of the stream and meet all of the CTDEEP guidelines.
3. Multiple culverts are discouraged where design criteria can be met with a single. The applicant has not demonstrated that design criteria can be met with a single culvert. It appears probable to CLA that a single precast concrete box culvert or pipe arch could be employed at this crossing. In any case, this guideline is currently not met. It is also possible that twin box culverts, or bottomless arches may meet the design criteria and be cost effective.
4. The culvert should have an openness ration of ≥ 0.25 . This guideline not met. For whatever design is chosen, this guidelines should be met and the calculation needs to be provided.

Voice Vote 4-0. MOTION DENIED.

b. **Town of Montville:** An application for work within a regulated area in conjunction with the replacement of the culvert at the intersection of Raymond Hill Road and Lynch Hill Road.

Colleen Bezanson stated that this was a Basic culvert replacement. There were drainage issues in the area and the existing culvert had collapsed causing safety issues. To resolve the issue the old culvert would be replaced with 24" CMP under Raymond Hill Rd and A new pipe will be installed under Lynch Hill Rd to maximize flow capacity.

Bob Russo, Soil Scientist addressed the Commission. He gave a breakdown of the plans. Mr. Russo explained that the hole in the road was currently covered with a steel plate. He stated that the existing pipe would be replaced with three new ones to maximize flow. He would like to begin work as soon as possible. A discussion was held.

A MOTION was made by COMMISSIONER White 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 17 **Town of Montville:** An application for work within a regulated area for the drainage repairs under the intersection of Raymond Hill Rd and Lynch Hill Road Oakdale, Ct. As depicted on the plan titled "Raymond Hill & Lynch Hill Roads Intersection Drainage Improvements Prepared By CLA Engineers 317 Main St Norwich, Ct. dated July 2014" and the application and narrative dated 10/9/14.

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 4-0. MOTION CARRIED.

c. **Hull Forest Products/Johnson:** An application for a timber harvest with crossings on the property located at Nobble Hill Rd, Oakdale, Ct. As shown on Assessor's Map 61 Lot 2.

Colleen Bezanson stated that the area had been logged in 1988. There were skid trails created then and would be used. There will be a total of four crossings. Ms. Bezanson stated that pictures of the area had been provided by the applicant.

A MOTION was made by COMMISSIONER White seconded by COMMISSIONER Riske 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 16 **Hull Forest Products/Johnson:** An application for a timber harvest with crossings on the property located at Nobble Hill Rd, Oakdale, Ct. As shown on Assessor's Map 61 Lot 2 as depicted on the plan titled "Timber Harvest Map Property of H.L Johnson Noble Hill Rd Prepared by C. Casadei Hull Forest products, Inc. September 2014"and the application and narrative dated 9/24/14.

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 4-0. MOTION CARRIED.

d. **Steven Biltcliffe:** An application for the construction of a garage within the review area on the property located at 27 Maiville Drive, Oakdale, Ct. As shown on Assessor's Map 11 Lot 37.

Ms. Bezanson explained that the garage was already built. The building permit was mistakenly issued without any other permits being filed. The applicant thought he had all the need permits. The area was stabilized and grass is already growing. The wetland area has not been disturbed. Staff requests that because the applicant was trying to do the right thing and has been held up finishing the project, that the Commission consider waving the fee. A discussion was held.

A MOTION was made by COMMISSIONER White 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 19 **Steven Biltcliffe:** An application for work within a regulated area for the construction of a garage within a regulated area on the property located at 27 Maiville Dr, Oakdale, Ct. As shown on Assessor’s Map 11 Lot 37 as depicted on the plan titled “27 Maiville Dr Proposed Activity Map dated October 9, 2014 and the application and narrative dated 10/9/014.

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 4-0. MOTION CARRIED.

e. **DW Transport:** An application for work within the regulated area on the property located at 152 Route 163, Uncasville, Ct. As shown on Assessor’s Map 72 Lot 54A.

Colleen Bezanson stated both properties were zoned industrial. The applicant wanted to remove debris from the property that had accumulated over the years. Debris and trees were removed from the wetlands area for security reasons as well as safety reasons. A discussion was held.

A MOTION was made by COMMISSIONER White seconded by COMMISSIONER Riske 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 18 **David Waddington:** An application for work within a regulated area for the maintenance purposes on the properties located at 152 Route 163 and 17 Pequot Rd, Uncasville, Ct. As shown on Assessor’s Map 72Lots 54A & 54B as depicted on the plan titled “152 Route 163 Wetlands Map dated October 8, 2014 and the application and narrative dated 10/8/14.

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 4-0. MOTION CARRIED.

8. New 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.

Ms. Bezanson stated that the property was used as a residence until the house was demolished. To avoid slumping of the property into the wetland area blocks were placed on the property at that time. A portion of the proposed area was in the upland review area. A letter had been provided to the Commission with the Town Engineer's comments. Staff suggested a sitewalk.

Attorney McCoy representing the applicant addressed the Commission. He stated that the building was outside the upland review area. He gave a breakdown of the plans. A discussion was held.

A MOTION was made by COMMISSIONER O'BDay seconded by COMMISSIONER Riske to set a sitewalk on December 13 at 10:00 am.

Voice Vote 4-0. 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 stated this had come to the Commission as a violation. A tenant was concerned because the area under her trailer was flooding and she was afraid it would cause mold to build up under her trailer. The applicant has filed an application and will clean the area out by hand and replace the rep rap as needed. Ms. Bezanson stated that the applicant should be required to let the Commission know when maintenance is conducted. The Commission requested that the applicant add this to his narrative. A discussion was held.

Continued until the next meeting.

9. Correspondence:

- Habitat

Commissioner White announced that although he was sorry to, he will be resigning effective immediately due to family and work issues. The paperwork will be filed. A discussion was held.

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 stated that Ms. Diamantini had called the office and stated that they had forgotten the Commissioners were coming out to their property. She asked if the Commissioners had taken a look while they were there.

Commissioner Brush did not feel that was appropriate. A discussion was held. Colleen would contact Ms. Diamantini and asked if she was available on December 13 at 11:00 am.

b. Approval of 2015 meeting dates

A MOTION was made by COMMISSIONER White seconded by COMMISSIONER Riske to approve the 2015 meeting dates.

Voice Vote 4-0. MOTION CARRIED.

c. Election of Officers

Postponed to the next meeting.

11. Executive Session: None

12. Adjourn

A MOTION was made by COMMISSIONER O'Bday seconded by COMMISSIONER Risk to adjourn the November 20, 2014 meeting at 8:06 pm.

Voice Vote 4-0. 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.