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MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, November 19, 2015 7:00 p.m.
LOCATION: MONTVILLE TOWN HALL, *Council Chambers*

1. **Call to order.** Secretary/Acting Chairman Philip Houk called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.
2. **Roll call.** In Attendance: Secretary Philip Houk, Jeffrey Greiner, Howard V. Riske, Jr., Sandra Berardy and Scott C. Deranleau. Absent: Chairman Douglas Brush and Vice-Chairman Charles H. O’Day. Also in attendance: Liz Burdick, Zoning & Wetlands Officer and Colleen Bezanson, Asst. Planner.
3. **Minutes.**
 - a. Approve the Minutes of the October 22nd Meeting

Upon MOTION by Riske, Seconded by Greiner, it was voted to APPROVE the October 22, 2015 meeting minutes. In Favor: Philip Houk, Jeffrey Greiner & Howard V. Riske, Jr. Opposed: None. Abstained: Sandra Berardy & Scott C. Deranleau.

4. **Public Hearings. None.**
5. **Show Cause Hearings:**
 - a. **Marion Stanavage:** Cease and Desist Order for the clearing of trees on the property located at 20 Connecticut Boulevard, Montville, CT as shown on Map 97, Lot 128.

Zoning & Wetlands Officer Liz Burdick updated the Commission with a staff report, including inspection reports, photographs and staff reports from the Town Engineer & Soil Scientist. Burdick advised since the 10/22/2015 meeting, the property owner, through her representative son, Dan Stanavage had submitted a site plan showing flagged wetlands and the existing limits of tree clearing; he had seeded disturbed soils with conservation mix per Soil Scientist, Robert Russo; and that he had carefully blocked drainage swales to allow water flow and prevent flooding per Town Engineer, Thomas Cummings. Additionally, she made the following recommendations to the Commission, which she had reviewed with Mr. Stanavage prior to the meeting:

1. The Cease & Desist Order remain in place and that the site be monitored by staff and/or other licensed, qualified professional hired by the property owner for ninety (90) days to insure that the drainage swales are functioning properly after heavy rain storms;
2. The property owner or her representative provide the Commission with a monthly status report during monitoring period;
3. That a passbook bond in the amount of \$2500.00 be posted with the Town of Montville until such time as disturbed wetlands areas are permanently stabilized with vegetative cover; and
4. The property owner pay the costs of the Town to its Town Engineer and Soil Scientist for inspections and reports related to the disturbances to the wetlands areas and drainage swales in accordance with Section 20.6, which, through 11/16/15, total \$1,037.50 plus costs for follow-up inspection on 11/19/2015 and future inspections as requested by the WEO and/or Public Works Dept. during the monitoring period.

Dan Stanavage addressed the Commission and provided a history of his family's ownership of the property. He stated the site is a drainage area for over 100 acres from Montville Manor and he has future plans for addressing that issue. He stated he took full responsibility for the unauthorized tree clearing and that he did not have a problem paying for the costs of inspections and reports from the Town Engineer & Soil Scientist, but that he did not feel it was necessary to post a bond as recommended by the ZWO and that he gave his word he would make sure the site was permanently stabilized. He requested the Commission allow him to remove stockpiled logs from the upper portion of the site and advised he would not use a machine, but would complete the work himself by hand. There was discussion by the Commission regarding staff's recommendation of a site stabilization bond.

Upon MOTION by Jeffrey Greiner, Seconded by Howard V. Riske, Jr., it was voted to UPHOLD the Cease & Desist Order for Tree Removal Activity in Wetlands Areas taking place at 20 Connecticut Boulevard in Montville, CT, as shown on Assessor's Map 97, Lot 128, with the following conditions:

- 1. The Cease & Desist Order shall remain in place and that the site be monitored by staff and/or other licensed, qualified professional hired by the property owner for ninety (90) days to insure that the drainage swales are functioning properly after heavy rain storms;**
- 2. The property owner or her representative provide the Commission with a monthly status report during monitoring period;**
- 3. That a passbook bond in the amount of \$2500.00 be posted with the Town of Montville until such time as disturbed wetlands areas are permanently stabilized with vegetative cover as approved by Staff;**
- 4. The property owner pay the costs of the Town to its Town Engineer and Soil Scientist for inspections and reports related to the disturbances to the wetlands areas and drainage swales in accordance with Section 20.6, which, through 11/16/15, total \$1,037.50 plus costs for follow-up inspection on 11/19/2015 and future inspections as requested by the WEO and/or Public Works Dept. during the monitoring period; and**
- 5. That additional stockpiled trees shall be marked and reviewed with staff prior to removal.**

IN FAVOR: Philip Houk, Jeffery Greiner, Howard V. Riske, Jr., Scott C. Deranleau. OPPOSED: Sandra Berardy. ABSTAINED: None.

- 6. Remarks from the public relating to items on the agenda. None.**
- 7. Old Business. None.**
- 8. New Business. None.**
- 9. Correspondence. None.**
- 10. Other Business:**

a. Approval of 2016 Meeting Dates

Upon MOTION by Sandra Berardy, Seconded by Jeffrey Greiner, it was voted unanimously to APPROVE the 2016 IWWC Meeting Schedule.

b. Election of Officers

Upon MOTION by Jeffery Greiner, Seconded by Howard V. Riske, Jr., it was voted unanimously to TABLE the Election of Officers to the December 17, 2015 meeting.

- 11. Executive Session: None.**
- 12. Adjourn.**

Upon MOTION by Scott Deranleau, Seconded by Sandra Berardy, it was voted unanimously to ADJOURN the meeting at 7:57pm

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Burdick
Zoning & Wetlands Officer