# TOWN OF MONTVILLE INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2020 – 4:30 P.M.

LOCATION: Remotely utilizing GoToWebinar

Due to the Corona 19 pandemic and per State of Connecticut, Governor Lamont Executive order 7B, the Town of Montville will be following the suspension of in-person open meeting requirements. The Montville Inlands Wetlands Commission conducted the April 23, 2020 meeting remotely utilizing GoToWebinar. The public and applicants could make comments at the appropriate time by registering with GoToWebinar.

#### A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Brush called the meeting to order at 4:30. Chairman Brush read the rules for the web based meeting.

## B. ROLL CALL

**Present:** Chairman-Doug Brush, Vice-Chairman Charles O'Bday III Commissioner, Jessica LeClair, Anthony Tufares, (leaves meeting at 4:35), Matthew Emilyta,

**Absent:** Commissioner Sandra Berardy, Alt. Vacancy, Alt. Vacancy

**Attending:** 

- C. MINUTES: Approval of Minutes from the January 16, 2020 Regular Meeting MOTION: (Brush/Emilyta) to table the January 16, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes. Vote: Approved Unanimously. (This item was discussed at the end of the meeting)
- 4. REMARKS FROM THE PUBLIC (not relating to items on the agenda)-none

## 7. OLD BUSINESS:

A. 219IWC6-1499 & 1505 Hartford Pike (Rte.85), (Map 5, Lot 23A & 24A) Applicant: Deer Run Stable LLC, Owner: Asif Choudhry & Deer Run Stable LLC, an application for work within a regulated area in conjunction with the development of a gasoline station/convenience store.

D. Brush stated a Public Hearing would have to be rescheduled due to the present Covid 19 pandemic. He suggested rescheduling for the May meeting.

Attorney H. Heller, 736 Route 32, Uncasville, stated the applicant would be willing to wait until the May meeting to reschedule the public hearing. He stated there is a lot of public interest and exhibits which would be difficult to present remotely.

J. LeClair would like Public Hearing procedures sent to the members.

MOTION: (Brush/LeClair) to table the public hearing for 219IWC6-1499 & 1505 Hartford Pike (Rte.85), (Map 5, Lot 23A & 24A) Applicant: Deer Run Stable LLC, Owner: Asif Choudhry & Deer Run Stable LLC, an application for work within a regulated area in conjunction with the development of a

gasoline station/convenience store until the May 21, 2020. Vote: Approved Unanimously.

B. 220IWC1-Chesterfield Road (Map 29 Lot 66) Applicant: Chris Casadei c/o Hull Forest Products, Inc. Owner: Zachary Cash, an application for timber harvest with wetland crossings.

Chris Casadei, Hull Forest Products stated there were 4 crossings on the project. All crossings including Fox Brook will have bridges and corduroy mats. He stated there will be a small amount of timber crossing Fox Brook. C. Casadei expects the harvest to start at the end of May or beginning of June. In response to the commissions request he will notify staff when he is ready to install the bridge(s).

MOTION: (Brush/LeClair) approve application 220IWC1-Chesterfield Road (Map 29 Lot 66) Applicant: Chris Casadei c/o Hull Forest Products, Inc. Owner: Zachary Cash, an application for timber harvest with wetland crossings with the standard conditions. Vote: Approved Unanimously.

C. 220IWC2-234 Simpson Lane (Map 38 Lot 49) Applicant JWR Associates, Owner Jeanette C. Pieniadz-an application for a 9 lot subdivision with regulated activities.

Chairman Brush stated he did a drive by of the proposed subdivision and stated the project is on an empty field.

Attorney H. Heller, 736 Route 32, Uncasville, stated the field is relatively flat and the only work proposed in a regulated area was a driveway with culvert. The area of disturbance is approximately 1200 sq. ft. The property is mostly low, successional growth. The applicant is proposing a culvert under the driveway due to an intermittent stream.

Bob Russo, CLA Engineers stated he reviewed the application and made comments which the applicant has addressed. Other than the driveway on the one lot there are no other activities in regulated areas.

MOTION: (Brush/O'Bday) to approve 220IWC2-234 Simpson Lane (Map 38 Lot 49) Applicant JWR Associates, Owner Jeanette C. Pieniadz-an application for a 9 lot subdivision with regulated activities with the standard conditions. Chairman Brush stated the approval was for the application as well as a sub-division approval.

Vote: Approved Unanimously.

### 8. NEW BUSINESS:

A. 220IWC3-189 Doyle Rd (Map 57 Lot 30-5) Owner/Applicant Preston Handler. Determination if permit required for the removal of small trees and pruning of large trees along water body embankment to allow for view of the lake.

Richard Cullen, Tomorrows Trees stated the purpose of the activity is to open up the scope and view of the lake. He will be taking approximately 3-4 small swamp maples with diameters 10 inches or less. He will be pruning 3 larger trees. The work will all be done by hand and no disturbance of the underbrush or lake shore. The commission requested he not disturb the underbrush by clearing.

- B. MOTION: (Brush/O'Bday) the commission determines the work described in application: 220IWC3-189 Doyle Rd (Map 57 Lot 30-5) Owner/Applicant Preston Handler and according to the presentation is considered maintenance, therefore does not require a permit. Vote: Approved Unanimously.
- C. 220IWC4-312 & 314 Butlertown Rd. (Map 1 Lots 16, 17) Owner: Steven Logan, Applicant: B&W Paving & Landscaping, LLC. An application for work within regulated areas in conjunction with the development of a material storage area.

Ellen Bartlett, Greenscape Design, 317 Main St. Norwich, stated that the proposed work is 2 rear lots created by a previous subdivision. The property is across from Lombardi business park. The lower lot (212 Butlertown Rd.) was approved for storage of construction materials. B&W Paving has the option to buy 214 Butlertown Rd and would like to expand the construction storage area to 214 Butlertown Rd. They are proposing installing 2 sedimentation basins and swales to control the water. Through the middle of the site is an intermittent stream. On the other side of the stream is 3 acres of upland review areas. They are proposing a crossing at the narrowest part of the stream, approximately 400 ft of wetlands will be filled for the crossing.

The proposed swale is a diversion swale to direct water away from the stockpiles. The commission discussed a site visit but due to the current situation, Chairman Brush stated he would be willing to visit the site and take photographs.

MOTION: (Brush/O'Bday) to table application 220IWC4-312 & 314 Butlertown Rd. (Map 1 Lots 16, 17) Owner: Steven Logan, Applicant: B&W Paving & Landscaping, LLC. An application for work within regulated areas in conjunction with the development of a material storage area until the May meeting. Vote: Approved Unanimously.

### 9. CORRESPONDANCE:

- A. Eversource trimming in Right of Way
- B. Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC pipe inspection
- 10. OTHER BUSINESS: none
- 11. ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: (Brush/Emilyta) to adjourn at 5:19. Vote: Approved Unanimously

Respectfully Submitted Sue Spang Recording Secretary