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**INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JUNE 13, 2016, 7:00 PM
TOWN HALL ANNEX, 57 MAIN STREET, ELLINGTON, CT**

PRESENT: Chairman Ken Braga, Vice Chairman Ron Brown, Art Aube, Steve Hoffman, Mary Beth O'Neill, Jean Burns, and Alternate Ben Lorenzet

ABSENT: Hocine Baouche

STAFF

PRESENT: John Colonese, Assistant Town Planner/Wetlands Enforcement Officer and Troy Ciesco, Recording Clerk

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Braga called the June 13th, 2016, regular meeting of the Ellington Inland Wetlands Agency to order at 7:00 PM in the Town Hall Annex, 57 Main Street, Ellington, CT.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS (ON NON AGENDA ITEMS): NONE

III. PUBLIC HEARINGS: (READING OF LEGAL NOTICE):

1. IW201603 – Henry Aberle Jr. Estate, owner/applicant request for a permit to conduct regulated activity for the replacement of a culvert, grading and improvements associated with a 13-lot subdivision known as Aberle Farm Estates at 175 Mountain Street, APN 047-035-0000.

TIME: 7:01 PM

SEATED: Braga, Brown, Aube, Hoffman, O'Neill, Burns, Lorenzet

Rachel Dearborn of Landmark Surveys was present to represent the application. She briefly reminded the commission about the proposed activity and explained that wetlands will be disturbed to install a new drainage pipe, but the new pipe will not be within the wetlands. However they will use riprap around the ends of the pipe to control erosion which may enter the wetlands.

John Colonese, Assistant Town Planner/Zoning and Wetlands Enforcement Officer, read the letter from the Town Engineer regarding this application into the record. He noted the Town

Engineer's letter will primarily pertain to the Planning and Zoning Commission review of the application.

Ms. Dearborn described how the drainage from the town road reaches the pond on the applicant's property and explained that the driveway to lot 13 will be raised significantly. Commissioner Brown asked for further clarification on the drainage improvements. Ms. Dearborn stated that the high side of the driveway will have riprap and the low side will have a swale. Commissioner Brown asked if Ms. Dearborn was confident that such would handle the stormwater runoff, and she answered in the affirmative.

Commissioner Hoffman briefly discussed the drainage in the surrounding area and asked Ms. Dearborn about the plans for the pond. Ms. Dearborn stated that it will be cleaned and maintained as a farm pond. She then mentioned that the Conservation Commission recommended an agricultural easement to satisfy the open space requirement and showed the area of the easement on the map, which includes the pond in question.

Commissioner Hoffman asked about the size of the pipe that will go under the driveway of lot 13. Ms. Dearborn stated that it will be a 15" ADS or RCP pipe.

Commissioner Brown asked if there was a way to ensure the riprap and swale on the sides of the driveway will not be impacted. Ms. Dearborn noted that the Town Engineer had recommended a drainage easement in the area but that the details of such had not been discussed.

Peter Hany of 203 Mountain Street expressed his support for the application.

Judy Godek of 167 Ellington Avenue expressed concern over flooding in her basement and wondered about the impact the driveway for lots 11 and 12 would have on drainage. Ms. Dearborn reviewed the area and explained the swale that will be used to slow down stormwater before reaching the catch basin.

Commissioner Hoffman recused himself from consideration of this application.

MOVED (O'NEILL) SECONDED (AUBE) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR IW201603.

MOVED (HOFFMAN) SECONDED (AUBE) AND PASSED THAT THE AGENCY FINDS NO FEASIBLE AND PRUDENT ALTERNATIVES EXIST BASED ON THE PLANS AS PRESENTED, AND TO APPROVE WITH CONDITIONS IW201603 – Henry Aberle Jr. Estate, owner/applicant request for a permit to conduct regulated activity for the replacement of a culvert, grading and improvements associated with a 13-lot subdivision known as Aberle Farm Estates at 175 Mountain Street, APN 047-035-0000.

CONDITIONS:

- 1. Approval based on Boundary Survey dated 2/24/16 and Subdivision Plans dated 4/18/16, both revised through 5/18/16, prepared for Aberle Farm Estate by Landmark Surveys, Job No. 201511-4;**
- 2. Silt fence shall be installed and inspected by the wetlands agent prior to construction, and shall remain operational until the site is stabilized;**

3. Limit of wetlands shall be marked in the field with wetlands placards every 50 feet excluding the pond.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

1. S201603 – Sandra Gottier, owner/Todd Gottier, applicant, pursuant to CGS 8-26(e), request for referral to the Planning & Zoning Commission on a 3-lot resubdivision application involving land regulated as an inland wetland or watercourse on property located at 34 Minor Hill Road, APN 150-034-0000.

Mr. Colonese briefly reviewed the application with the commission and pointed out the location of the wetlands. No concerns were raised in regards to wetlands impact.

MOVED (HOFFMAN) SECONDED (O'NEILL) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO MAKE A POSITIVE REFERRAL TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION ON S201603 – Sandra Gottier, owner/Todd Gottier, applicant, pursuant to CGS 8-26(e), request for referral to the Planning & Zoning Commission on a 3-lot resubdivision application involving land regulated as an inland wetland or watercourse on property located at 34 Minor Hill Road, APN 150-034-0000.

V. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

1. Approval of the May 9, 2016 regular meeting minutes.

MOVED (BURNS) SECONDED (AUBE) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE the May 9, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes as written.

2. Correspondence/Discussion:
 - a. Presentation on Vernal Pools, Wednesday June 29th at 7pm, Enfield Town Hall
 - b. Invasive Plant Symposium, Tuesday October 11th 8am-4:30pm, UConn (Storrs)

SO NOTED

VII. ADJOURNMENT:

MOVED (O'NEILL) SECONDED (HOFFMAN) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE JUNE 13, 2016 REGULAR MEETING OF THE INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY AT 7:24 PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Troy M. Ciesco, Recording Clerk