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**INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2016, 7:00 PM
TOWN HALL ANNEX, 57 MAIN STREET, ELLINGTON, CT**

PRESENT: Chairman Ken Braga, Art Aube, Steve Hoffman, Hocine Baouche, and Alterhate Ben Lorenzet

ABSENT: Vice Chairman Ron Brown, Mary Beth O'Neill and Jean Burns

STAFF

PRESENT: John Colonese, Assistant Town Planner/Wetlands Enforcement Officer and Savannah Blantz, Recording Clerk

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Braga called the November 14th, 2016, regular meeting of the Ellington Inland Wetlands Agency to order at 7:01 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. IW201610 – Benjamin Luginbuhl, owner/applicant, request for a permit to conduct regulated activity for grading and filling associated with a single family home, including mitigation of wetlands and watercourses on property located at 32 Ellsworth Lane, APN 118-004-0002.

TIME: 7:02 PM

SEATED: Braga, Aube, Hoffman, Baouche, Lorenzet

George Logan of Rema Ecological Services, LLC presented the commission with a series of photographs of the current conditions of the property located at 32 Ellsworth Lane, including an aerial photograph of the pre-existing conditions of the property from 2009. He also presented the commission with a detailed report of the condition of the subject wetland and a plan for restoration and enhancement that will occur over a 3 year period. The two major objectives of this plan include: restoration and enhancement of pre-existing wetland functions and values (i.e. prior to clearing), specifically aquatic and wildlife habitat functions, recreation and education/scientific values, and mitigation for potential indirect impacts to

wetland functions and values due to the proposed regulated activities within the wetlands upland review area.

Chairman Braga expressed interest in having the silt fence and hay bales located on the eastern side of WBR-A. Mr. Logan stated that the silt fence and hay bales could be located on both the eastern and western sides of WBR-A.

Commissioner Hoffman asked Mr. Logan if there are any concerns regarding the septic system flow migrating towards the wetlands. Mr. Logan responded that it will not migrate towards the wetlands.

Commissioner Aube presented the idea that if this property should be sold before the 3 year completion period, the new owner should be responsible for completing this plan. By consensus, the commission agreed with this statement.

Mr. Logan offered to send memos to the Inland Wetland Agency over the next 3 years on the status of completion.

MOVED (HOFFMAN) SECONDED (AUBE) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR IW201610.

MOVED (AUBE) SECONDED (HOFFMAN) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO MAKE A FINDING OF NO FEASIBLE AND PRUDENT ALTERNATIVE AND TO APPROVE WITH CONDITIONS IW201610 – Benjamin Luginbuhl, owner/applicant, request for a permit to conduct regulated activity for grading and filling associated with a single family home, including mitigation of wetlands and watercourses on property located at 32 Ellsworth Lane, APN 118-004-0002.

CONDITIONS:

- 1. Approval based on Wetland Restoration & Enhancement Plan and Impact Analysis by Rema Ecological Services LLC dated 11-7-16.**
- 2. Wetland Restoration and Enhancement Plan shall be monitored for three years after implementation. It is the responsibility of the property owner to engage the services of a certified soil scientist to monitor the implementation of the plan.**
- 3. Erosion and sedimentation control measures shall remain operational until the site is stabilized.**
- 4. Silt fence and hay bales must be on the eastern side of WBR-A.**
- 5. If property is sold before the plan is completed, the new property owner will be responsible for completion.**

IV. NEW BUSINESS: NONE

V. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

1. Approval of the October 17, 2016 regular meeting minutes.

MOVED (AUBE) SECONDED (LORENZET) AND PASSED (BAOUCHE ABSTAINED) TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER 17, 2016 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES AS WRITTEN.

2. Approval of the 2017 Meeting Schedule

BY CONSENSUS, THE COMMISSION APPROVED THE 2017 MEETING SCHEDULE.

VI. ADJOURNMENT:

MOVED (AUBE) SECONDED (HOFFMAN) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE NOVEMBER 14, 2016 REGULAR MEETING OF THE INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY AT 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Savannah Blantz", followed by a small mark that looks like "1/2016".

Savannah Blantz, Recording Clerk

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