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INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY REGULAR MEETING MINUTES MAY 11, 2020 7:00 PM VIA ZOOM MEETING

PRESENT: Chairman Ken Braga, Vice Chairman, Ron Brown, Art Aube, Jean Burns, Steve Hoffman, and Katherine Heminway

ABSENT: Hocine Baouche

STAFF

PRESENT: John Colonese, Assistant Town Planner/Wetlands Enforcement Officer and Barbra Galovich, Recording Clerk

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Ken Braga called the Ellington Inland Wetlands Agency meeting to order at 7:05pm.

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

III. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Gregory Gale, owner/ Gale Construction, Inc., applicant, request for a five year extension of Wetlands Permit IW201502 to conduct regulated activity for grading and related drainage improvements associated with an excavation permit for gravel removal at 90 Sadds Mill Road, APN 079-002-0000.

Jim Holden, Holden Brothers LLC, 20 Griswold Road, Ellington, CT was present to represent the request.

Chairman Braga read the request into the record and stated he is in favor of the five year extension of the wetlands permit. He asked if any of the agency members had concerns pertaining to the request for extension. No concerns were raised.

MOVED (BURNS) SECONDED (HEMINWAY) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO EXTEND FOR FIVE YEARS WETLANDS PERMIT IW201502 – Gregory Gale, owner/ Gale Construction, Inc., to conduct regulated activity for grading and related drainage improvements associated with an excavation permit for gravel removal at 90 Sadds Mill Road, APN 079-002-0000.

2. Sanford Cohen, owner/applicant, request for extension of acceptance IW201213 to remove silt and debris from ditches associated with active agricultural fields at 162 Abbott Road (APN 060-007-0000) and 107 Frog Hollow Road (APN 060-006-0000).

Sandford Cohen, 61 Frog Hollow Road, Ellington, CT was present to represent the request.

Chairman Braga read the request into the record and stated he is in favor of the extension of the agricultural exemption. He asked if any of the agency members had any concerns pertaining to the request for extension. No concerns were raised.

MOVED (BURNS) SECONDED (HOFFMAN) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO EXTEND FOR TWO YEARS AGRICULTURAL ACCEPTANCE IW201213 – to remove silt and debris from ditches associated with active agricultural fields at 162 Abbott Road (APN 060-007-0000) and 107 Frog Hollow Road (APN 060-006-0000).

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Hastillo Properties, LLC owner/ TYMAC Holdings, LLC, applicant, pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. 8-26(e), request for positive referral to the Planning & Zoning Commission on a 17-lot subdivision application (S202003) involving land regulated as an inland wetland or watercourse at property located on Tripp Road, APN 023-001-0000.

Mark Peterson, Gardner & Peterson Associates, LLC, 178 Hartford Turnpike, Tolland, CT was present to represent the request.

Chairman Braga read the request into the record stated he is in favor of the referral. John Colonese, Assistant Town Planner/Wetlands Enforcement Officer, stated according to the resubdivision plans, there will be no activity within 100 feet of the wetlands as identified by Richard Zulick, Certified Soil Scientist. There were no concerns from agency members.

MOVED (BURNS) SECONDED (HEMINWAY) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO MAKE A POSITIVE REFERRAL TO THE PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION PURSUANT TO CONN. GEN. STAT. 8-26(e) – Hastillo Properties, LLC owner/ TYMAC Holdings, LLC, applicant, for a 17-lot resubdivision application (S202003) involving land regulated as an inland wetland or watercourse at property located on Tripp Road, APN 023-001-0000.

2. **IW202004** – MJS Leasing LLC & Chilson Realty Co. owners/ Town of Vernon & Town of Ellington applicants request for a map amendment and permit to conduct regulated activity for the construction of four full-size soccer fields, parking and access roads, concession and restroom buildings, and associated site improvements on properties along the east side of Windermere Ave near the Vernon town line, at APNs 011-033-0000 and 019-005-0005.

David Smith, Town Engineer, Town of Vernon, 55 West Main Street, Vernon, CT was present to represent the application.

Mr. Colonese explained to the agency the location and the proposed activity of the project. He suggested the agency send the application to North Central Conservation District for review and comment, and the agency agreed.

BY CONSENSUS, THE AGENCY ADDED TO THE AGENDA, RECEIVED, AND SCHEDULED A PUBLIC HEARING ON JUNE 8, 2020, 7:00 PM, FOR IW202004 – MJS Leasing LLC & Chilson Realty Co. owners/ Town of Vernon & Town of Ellington applicants request for a map amendment and permit to conduct regulated activity for the construction of four full-size soccer fields, parking and access roads, concession and restroom buildings, and associated site improvements on properties along the east side of Windermere Ave near the Vernon town line, at APNs 011-033-0000 and 019-005-0005.

V. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

1. Approval of the March 9, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes.

MOVED (BURNS) SECONDED (HOFFMAN) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE MARCH 9, 2020 MEETING MINUTES AS WRITTEN.

2. Correspondence/Discussion:

- a. Corrective Order, dated January 31, 2020 for violation of the wetlands regulations on property located at the corner of Crystal Lake Road & Burbank Road, APN 128-041-0001.

Mr. Colonese stated an inspection was conducted today and the deposited material has been graded as ordered by the agency. Commissioner Burns inquired about the next step of the project. Mr. Colonese said the applicant would have to return to the agency to request an agricultural exemption to build the greenhouse.

VI. ADJOURNMENT:

MOVED (BURNS) SECONDED (HOFFMAN) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE MARCH 9, 2020 REGULAR MEETING OF THE INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY AT 7:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbra Galovich, Recording Clerk