EAST LYME INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY MEETING OF MONDAY 16 OCTOBER 2017

PRESENT

Members:

Cheryl Lozanov, Chairwoman, Harold Clarke, Vice Chairman, Phyllis Berger,

Secretary, Todd Bellucci

Absent:

Jesse Baldwin and Jack Chomicz

Staff:

Gary Goeschel II, Director of Planning/Inland Wetlands Agent

Ex-officio - Paul Dagle

Mary Jane Gaudio, Recording Secretary

CALL TO ORDER: C. Lozanov called the East Lyme Inland Wetlands Agency Meeting of October 16, 2017, to order at 7:00 p.m.

C. Lozanov let the public know that Todd Bellucci was sitting in as an alternate.

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- I. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA. None.
- II. PUBLIC HEARINGS. None.
- III. PUBLIC DELEGATIONS. None.

Claudio Kotani was told by the town to start with the Inland Wetland Commission about the issue she has with balloon releases at McCook's Beach. She feels there should be a ban on the balloon releases because pieces of the balloons are ending up in the water and will affect the fish and sea life. She realizes there is a state law that each person can release 9 balloons a day but thinks the town should ban it. She also mentioned that the lit lanterns being released can cause fires. G. Goeschel said she should address natural resources, zoning commission, and Board of Selectman. G. Goeschel said he would take the discussion off-line with her.

MOTION (1):

H. Clarke motioned to move Item C. Enforcement - Line items 1 and 2 from under VIII. Reports to discuss after public delegations as there were many people in attendance for this issue.

IV. REPORTS

A. Enforcement

- 1. Cease, Desist and Restore Order: 301 Chesterfield Road, Aces High R.V. Park; 310 Chesterfield, LLC, Owner, c/o Pat Quinn; Clearing, grubbing, grading, and filing on the land within the 100-feet of a watercourse without an Inland Wetlands Permit.
 - G. Goeschel said that he walked the site with Bob Russo.
 - B. Russo introduced himself as the soil scientist for this site and explained that the plan is drawn, signed and stamped. He said that the erosion and sedimentation are working properly. Matts were installed and woodchips were placed on slopes. He said the property has been stabilized.
 - B. Russo explained that the owner had originally removed some waste (tires) and then later removed vegetation not realizing he was doing anything wrong. No wetland fill was done grading only.

- B. Russo showed the Commission a picture of the property from 2004 and explained that the top left is where the trailers are parked.
- B. Russo proposed his restoration plan for the site as shown below.

1. Restore wooded buffer and leaving a trail for people to use.

2. Predominately vegetated in picture – wants to restore that with some young trees, shrubs, and native seed (upland seed mix) spread throughout the area.

3. He will provide the place and phone number of where the seed will be purchased.

4. The topsoil is in good condition. There are some topsoil piles on the property that will be used for the spring planting (April timeframe).

5. B. Russo will oversee and provide annual reports for 2 years.

6. B. Russo explained that it will be removed but not right now.

- 7. C. Lozanov asked about the pipe and if it will be removed. She said that erosion was occurring on top. When the pipe is removed will that be built back up? B. Russo said they will take silt fence out and smooth out and seed it. It will not happen before the site has vegetation grown back.
- 8. C. Lozanov asked about the 55-gallon steel drums will they be removed. B. Russo explained that they have been there since 2002 before P. Quinn acquired the property. She would like it removed and believes because they are so old it shouldn't require any big equipment to remove them. G. Goeschel and B. Russo will review it and work on how it will be removed.
- 9. The Commission would like to see a visual of the RV park the way it is now.
- 10. G. Goeschel spoke with Mohullen about removing old campers off-site and he has agreed to do it.
- 11. G. Goeschel said the Commission needs to decide on when planning should start. C. Lozanov thinks it should wait until Spring as long as the ground is seeded and stabilized. B. Russo agreed.
- 12. C. Lozanov asked G. Goeschel about the growth plan the Commission usually does a 5 year, not 2-year plan.
- 13. G. Goeschel said this will remain on the agenda until Spring 2018 when work starts. G. Goeschel said to modify the restoration plan monitoring period be extended to 5 growing seasons.
- MOTION (2): H. Clarke moved to accept the Restoration Plan as amended to the five year monitoring period for 301 Chesterfield Road, Aces High R.V. Park; 310 Chesterfield, LLC, Owner, c/o Pat Quinn. Seconded by P. Berger. Motion passed (4-0-0) unanimous.
- 2. Cease, Desist, and Correct Order 13 Green Valley Lakes Rd; for the installation of a dock which encroaches approximately 20-feet into a watercourse located on an abutting property, and the clearing, grading, removal and deposition of material on the land within 100 feet of a wetlands (upland review area) has been conducted without an Inland Wetlands Permit, at property located at 13 Green Valley Lakes Rd, Assessor's Map #14.0, Lot #62, East Lyme, Connecticut.
 Issue resolved applied for a permit.
- 3. 8 Giants Neck Road.
- 4. 4 Colton Road
- 5. P. Berger asked about **Tree that needs to be replaced in Blackpoint.** G. Goeschel said he would look into it.

B. Chairman's Report

- C. Lozanov asked if G. Goeschel to do research on setbacks of the buffer to wetlands.
 J. Baldwin had mentioned at last meeting that Waterford has a setback buffer of 75 feet. G. Goeschel will look into.
- 2. C. Lozanov asked about J. Baldwin asking proximity of outfalls to wetlands? There is nothing in regulations about distance. Should we consider adding something? G. Goeschel noted that we can't be less strict then DEEP. G. Goeschel will look into.
- 3. G. Goeschel mentioned that is anyone wanted to attend the CIACAC Conference they need to sign up with Jennifer Lindo by November 18th, 2017.

C. Inland Wetlands Agent Report

- 1. Administrative Permits Issued
- 2. Commission Issued Permits
 - 65 Quarry Dock Road
 - 24 South Beachwood

D. Correspondence

1. Received Habitat handout – will discuss at next meeting.

V. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES.

- A. Meeting Minutes of August 14, 2017 Special Meeting.
- **MOTION (3):** H. Clarke moved to accept the meeting minutes of August 14, 2017. Seconded by P. Berger. Motion passed (4-0-0) unanimous.
- B. Meeting Minutes of August 17, 2017 Special Meeting.
- **MOTION (4):** H. Clarke moved to accept the meeting minutes of August 17, 2017. Seconded by P. Berger. Motion passed (4-0-0) unanimous.
- C. Meeting Minutes of August 23, 2017 Special Meeting.

Corrections: Add Vice Chairmen after H. Clarke under members attending meeting. Change spelling of Zamarca to Zamarka.

- **MOTION (5):** H. Clarke moved to accept the meeting minutes of August 23, 2017. Seconded by P. Berger. Motion passed (4-0-0) unanimous.
- D. Meeting Minutes of August 28, 2017 Special Meeting.
- **MOTION (6):** H. Clarke moved to accept the meeting minutes of August 28, 2017. Seconded by P. Berger. Motion passed (4-0-0) unanimous.
- E. Meeting Minutes of September 11, 2017 Special Meeting.

 H. Clarke info on fill that was discussed with Dubicki doesn't appear to be in the minutes. Approval of minutes is tabled until November 13th meeting. The recording secretary will review the tape for information.

- VI. EX-OFFICIO REPORT. None.
- VII. PENDING APPLICATIONS. None.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Orchard's Bond Release.

- 1. G. Goeschel explained that they are looking for a release of \$50,000 Bond from wetlands as that work in that areas has been completed. G. Goeschel requested that the Commission release the bond as all regulated activities are completed.
- MOTION (7): H. Clarke moved to release the Orchard's Inland Wetlands Bond in the amount of \$50,000 as all regulated activities are complete. Seconded by P. Berger. Motion passed (4-0-0) unanimous.

B. 2018 Meeting Calendar

- 1. G. Goeschel presented the IWA meeting for 2018.
- 2. C. Lozanov requested a change of meeting dates for September 10 to September 17 and April 9 to April 2.
- MOTION (8): P. Berger moved to approve the 2018 Meeting Calendar as amended. Seconded by H. Clarke. Motion passed (4-0-0) unanimous.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations Update on Status of Changes.
 - 1. G. Goeschel said that he met with Zamarka and they went through the regulations. There are a lot of question marks. Zamarka will continue to go through and will reconvene next month with G. Goeschel.

X. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION (9): P. Berger moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 pm. Seconded by H. Clarke. Motion passed (4-0-0) unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted: Mary Jane Gaudio Recording Secretary

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