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**INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
February 23rd, 2015
BETHEL MUNICIPAL CENTER – 6:30 P.M.
DENIS J. RIORDAN MEETING ROOM D**

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman D. Goodrich; J. L'hernault; L. Ferguson; L. David; K. Stevens and B. Cavagna, Inland Wetlands Agent.

ABSENT: P. Samardak and P. Perrefort

Chairman Goodrich called the meeting to order.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

The Grand/Whiteacrea/Grand Street/Site Plan/Regulated/Activity

The following correspondence was submitted:

- Response Letter to Benjamin Doto, III, P.E. from Environmental Planning Services, dated October 26, 2014.
- Response Letter to Benjamin Doto, III, P.E. from Environmental Planning Services, dated February 21, 2015.
- Response Letter to Planning & Zoning Commission and Inland Wetlands Commission from Wright-Pierce the Town of Bethel's Consulting Engineer, dated February 11, 2015.
- Environmental Assessment from GEI Consultants, dated February 18, 2015.
- Environmental Site Assessment from GEI Consultants, dated September 2012.

Attorney Peter Olson presented an overview of the project on behalf of The Grand/Whiteacre. Mr. Olson presented Chair Goodrich with certification of notification to property owners.

Eric Davison, Registered Soil Scientist from Environmental Planning Services gave an overview of his recoded reports, dated October 26, 2014 and February 21, 2015. He stated, "Due to the site-use history which significantly altered the plant community, soil structure and natural runoff patterns of the site, coupled with the fact that the wetlands present are piped, channelized and un-vegetated, the ecological value of both the URA (Upland Review Area) and the wetlands themselves are very low." He presented landscaping and storm water recommendations. He informed the Commission of a site walk visit scheduled for March 7th at 10:30 a.m.

Benjamin Doto, Civil Engineer gave an overview of the project and the changes that have been made in response to the recorded correspondence.

Ellen Hines, Landscape Architect, gave an overview of the plantings proposed for the project to restore it to a natural balance of species.

Public Input:

Allan Liberty	8 Grand Street
Anita Kennedy	17 Grand Street
Betsy Davidson	1 Division Street
Diane Ryan	13 Karen Drive

B. Cavagna requested E. Hines check with GEI Consultants to clarify the capabilities of implementing the landscape plan and limiting the use of white pines in the plan. She, also, requested reviewing other storm water quality implementation ideas.

J. L'hernault requested the presenters determine what types of chemicals are stored outside by the hardware store in Dolan Plaza, located in close proximity to the watershed.

The Public Hearing will be continued at the next Inland Wetlands Commission meeting scheduled for March 23, 2015.

Recess from 7:58 p.m. to 8:01 p.m.

BUSINESS MEETING:

MINUTES:

Motion by K. Stevens, seconded by J. L'hernault, to approve the minutes from January 29, 2015. Vote, All in Favor, motion passed unanimously.

INVOICES: None

WORK SESSION:

TOLL BROTHERS CT/MAPLE AVE EXTENSION/SUBDIVISION/SITE PLAN/PLUMTREES ROAD/REGULATED ACTIVITY

B. Cavagna opened the discussion by stating that at the last meeting the public hearing was closed. Discussion ensued. The Commission agreed to have an acceptance proposal written.

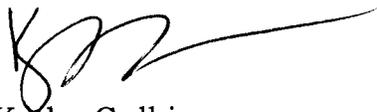
NEW BUSINESS:

Inland Wetlands Agent Report: B. Cavagna reported no new business and updated the Commission on the following:

- Maple Avenue property in regards to the turtle survey.
- Franc Property – closed for the winter for safety purposes.

D. Goodrich made a motion to adjourn at 8:18 p.m., seconded by L. David. Vote, All in Favor, motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Kathy Galbis
Recording Secretary