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Inland Wetlands Commission Regular Meeting Minutes – November 25, 2024 7:00 p.m.

Clifford J. Hurgin Municipal Center Meeting Room “D” and Hosted
by “Google Meet”

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: D. Monroe, *Chair*; N. Jordan, *Vice-Chair*, K. Seaman, *Secretary*; and P. Perrefort

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: D. McCollum, *Inland Wetlands Agent*; Attorney C. Andres, *Land Use Counsel*; and A. Martinez, *Recording Secretary*

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: L. Ferguson; and J. Oldham

MEETING TO ORDER: D. Monroe called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and the Commissioners and Staff introduced themselves. D. Monroe read the Electronic Device Meeting Policy

Agent McCollum asked the Commission to amend the Business Meeting on the Agenda by adding an invoice to reimburse N. Jordan \$100.00 and to have it come out of the Commissions Education Funding regarding CACIWC’s 47th Annual Meeting & Environmental Conference, Saturday, November 16, 2024.

Motion by P. Perrefort, seconded by N. Jordan, to amend the Meeting Agenda by adding the title “Commissions Education Funding regarding CACIWC’s 47th Annual Meeting & Environmental Conference, Saturday, November 16, 2024” to the Business Meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Agent McCollum asked the Commission to amend the Business Meeting on the Agenda by adding Special Meeting Minutes dated 10/26/24.

Motion by P. Perrefort, seconded by N. Jordan to amend the Meeting Agenda by adding the title, “Special Meeting Minutes, 10/26/24” to the Business Meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

IWV-2024-01 #107 Plumtrees Road – excavation of soil material from a watercourse (Notice of Violation issued 04/16/2024)

Agent McCollum stated he sent the property owners an Agent Approval Application and is hoping to have an update for the Commission at the Special Meeting, on 12/09/24.

NEW BUSINESS:

IWC-2024-01 #9 Putnam Park Road - Fill 2' x 2' area of possible poorly drained soils at location of old above-ground pool (Application Accepted 09/23/2024, Public Hearing Opened 10/28/2024, Public Hearing Closed 10/28/2024, Deliberation Period Expires 12/02/2024)

D. Monroe sat P. Perrefort for all remaining votes during the Meeting.

P. Perrefort stated he reviewed the Regular Meeting video on 10/28/24 and is up to date.

Agent McCollum briefly discussed the Public Hearing from the Regular Meeting on 10/28/24.

Agent McCollum distributed draft “Resolution of Approval” with conditions. Discussion ensued.

Motion by P. Perrefort, and seconded by N. Jordan to Approve the permit with conditions one through eight.

Reasons:

This decision is based on the previously-listed submission data and testimony given during the site plan reviews by licensed professionals, technical experts, and Land Use Department Staff. The aforementioned approval is also based on the following reasons one through two. Motion passed unanimously.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

MINUTES: Motion by P. Perrefort, seconded by K. Seaman, to approve Regular Meeting Minutes of October 28, 2024. Motion passed unanimously.

SPECIAL MINUTES: Commission request to table discussions on Special Meeting Minutes for October 26, 2024 to Special Meeting on 12/09/24.

Motion by P. Perrefort, seconded by N. Jordan to table discussions on Special Meeting Minutes for October 26, 2024 to Special Meeting on 12/09/24.

INVOICES: Motion by P. Perrefort, seconded by N. Jordan, to approve payment of \$100.00 to be reimbursed to N. Jordan from the Commissions Education Fund for CACIWC’s 47th Annual Meeting & Environmental Conference, Saturday, November 16,

2024 payment. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by P. Perrefort, seconded by N. Jordan, to approve payment of \$496.00 to the Danbury NewsTimes for invoices related to legal noticing. Motion passed unanimously.

STAFF REPORT:

Agent McCollum stated P. Importa resigned October 1, 2024, and D. Carter, *First Selectman*, will appoint a resident per Bethel Town Charter to fill the vacant seat.

Agent McCollum distributed a handout describing the Election of Officers to be discussed and voted on at the Special Meeting on 12/09/24.

#7 Rockwell Road - Bjorken, Mark v. Inland Wetlands Commission of the Town of Bethel, DBD – CV24 – 6050584 – S (Judicial District of Danbury)

Agent McCollum stated this is a place holder in every Agenda going forward requested by a resident until there is something scheduled. Staff is waiting to be notified by Attorney C. Andres with the hearing schedule at Danbury Supreme Court.

CACIWC – 2024 Annual Meeting & Environmental Conference

Agent McCollum stated N. Jordan attended the Conference on November 16, 2024. Discussion ensued.

COMMISSION COMMENTS:

Commission requested Inland Wetlands Regulations be tabled to the next meeting on December 9, 2024 or January 27, 2024.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by D. Monroe seconded by N. Jordan to adjourn at 7:46 p.m. Motion passed unanimously

Respected submitted,


Amanda Martinez
Recording Secretary