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Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission

Regular Meeting Minutes Draft
April 1, 2010

Chairman Matthew Berger called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.
Commission Members Present: Jeffrey Stritar, H. Lee Reichart, Deborah Downie, Nate Trumbull. and Chairman Matthew Berger.
Commission Members Absent: Amanda Lindberg, Nick Salerno and Alisa Morrison, Alternate
Staff Present: Candace Palmer, WEO

Correspondence: *None*
Call for Public Comment: *None*
Consent Agenda: *None*

New Business:

IW #10-07 Aquarion Water Co. of Conn. – Seeking a permit to demolish existing well house and construct a new well house at location of existing well within the 100' upland review area. Property located at 229 Lantern Hill Rd., Stonington. Assessor's Map 169 Block 1 Lot 5. Zone GBR-130. *Application was accepted and scheduled for sight walk on May 1, 2010.*

Old Business

IW #10-04 Meryl Wiener (Brian Kent) – Seeking a permit to construct a new deck and planter within the 100' upland review area and to provide access across the wetlands to a proposed dock. Property located at 149 Wamphassuc Rd., Stonington. Assessor's Map 127 Block 16 Lot 5F. Zone RR-80 & RC-120.

Brian Kent of Kent/ Frost Landscape Designers described the application to build a 4 foot wide elevated walkway to be built 4 feet above the wetlands to extend from a new dock. It is intended to be environmentally sensitive. A diamond precast structure with diagonal footings which would avoid posthole excavation. He referred to a letter from Richard Snarski, Registered Soil Scientist in which he believes the construction would not have a significant impact on the function and values of the wetland. The boardwalk will allow sufficient light for the plants to survive. The construction is proposed in an area which is not presently cleared. Ms. Downie asked how the footings will be placed. Mr. Kent said they actually could be carried in and would be installed during the driest time of the year.

Ms. Downie made a motion to approve the application with 3 stipulations: 1. All hay bales are to be staked with two stakes per bale; 2. All sediment and erosion control measures are to be inspected within 24 hours after a storm event and repaired as

needed; 3. Staff should be notified prior to the start of work to inspect sediment and erosion control measurements.

Mr. Stritar seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

IW #10-06 Alan Strunk – Seeking a permit for construction of a single family residence, installation of a driveway and related grading within the upland review area. Property located at 485 New London Turnpike, Stonington. Assessor's Map 117 Block 1 Lot 1D. Zone RR-80

Mr. Berger noted that he serves on a Democratic Committee with Mrs. Strunk whose name does not appear on the application and did not see a conflict of interest nor did any other Commission member.

Art Hayward was present to discuss the measured drawings.
Don Fortunato Registered Soil Scientist described the intended plant material.
Mr. Trumbull asked if the width of the driveway was standard, Mr. Hayward stated that at 12 to 15 feet wide it was a standard size.
Ms. Downie made the motion to approve with one stipulation: Staff should be notified prior to the start of work to inspect sediment and erosion control measurements.
Mr. Reichart seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Public Hearings: *8:00 p.m. There were no Public Hearings*
Regulations: *Possible regulation changes being discussed include rock wall replacement program for all areas not just scenic roads.*
Enforcement Officer's Report: *Discussion of Notice of Violation for Grandview Farms.*
Review of Outstanding Minutes: *March 4, 2010, Mr. Reichart made the motion to approve. Mr. Trumbull seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved with Ms. Downie and Mr. Stritar abstaining. Site walk (Special Meeting) March 27, 2010. Ms. Downie made the motion to approve. Mr. Reichart seconded. The motion was unanimously approved with Mr. Berger and Mr. Stritar abstaining.*
Adjournment: *Mr. Stritar made the motion to approve. Mr. Reichart seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.*

Jeffrey Stritar, Secretary