Inland Wetlands Commission Regular Meeting Final Minutes June 7, 2018

Stonington Police Station, 173 South Broad St., Pawcatuck, CT

Seated for the meeting were Alisa Morrison, Nick Salerno, Raul Ferreira, and Dennis Unites. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

New Business:

IW #18-03-Stonington Cemetery Association (Lynn Callahan, Agent) - Seeking a permit to grade, fill and remove impacted trees in the upland review area. Property located on 345 North Main Street, Stonington. Assessor's Map 80 Block 2 Lot 1, Zone RR-80. Accepted and scheduled for July 5, 2018.

IW #18-04 Brent & Melissa Marr - Seeking a permit for construction of a 750 sq. ft. addition to a single family residence in the upland review area. Property located on 30 Deans Mill Rd., Stonington. Assessor's Map 124 Block 1 Lot 6, Zone RR -80/RA-40 Applies. Accepted and scheduled for July 5, 2018.

IW #18-05 Kevin & Melissa Breault (Michael Scanlon, Agent) - Seeking a permit for a resubdivision creating one additional new single family residential lot with 6.45 cubic yards of fill for a wetland crossing and driveway located in the upland review area. Property located on 731 New London Turnpike, Stonington. Assessor's Map 89 Block 1 Lot 1B, Zone RR-80. Accepted and scheduled for public hearing on July 5, 2018. The site walks were scheduled for Saturday, June 30, 2018.

Old Business:

IW#18-02 Philip Monte - Seeking a permit to pave existing gravel driveway for an existing single-family residence as required by IW#02-19. Property located on 162 Nautilus Way, Stonington. Assessor's Map 148 Block 3 Lot 3F, Zone RR-80.

Mr. Monte presented the application. The current permit prohibits non-pervious driveways with <8% slope in order to prevent run-off into wetlands. This property is on the side of the property without wetlands. Multiple homeowners on this side of the subdivision have been granted relief for this.

Mr. Unites moved to approve the application, seconded by Mr. Ferreira, all in favor 4-0, motion approved.

Public Hearing:

IW #18-01 Claudia Peresman (Gregg Fedus, Agent) - Seeking a permit for a subdivision creating two additional new single family residential lots. Construction of a common drive with activity and filling in the wetlands and upland review area. Property located on 90 Farmholme Road, Stonington. Assessor's Map 59 Block 1 Lot 5, Zone RR-80. Rescheduled from May 3, 2018.

Gregg Fedus of Fedus Engineering presented the application. The applicant is proposing to create a common driveway for two lots in the rear of the property. A crossing over the wetland is necessary to reach these two lots. The applicant is trying to keep fill to a minimum and protect the wetlands during construction. Alternatives were considered, but they felt this was the least disruptive because there is already an old farm crossing in existence. Ms. Morrison asked why they did not consider running it up the far side of the lot. Mr. Fedus responded that it would be close to the neighbors, this access has the best sightlines and has an existing crossing. Mr. Unites asked for clarification that if the proposed home location was moved would it come back to the commission. Ms. Palmer clarified that if the proposed home was closer to the wetlands it would definitely be brought back for an individual permit.

Public Comment in Favor.

Virginia Carija, mother of the property owner spoke in favor of the application.

No Public Comment Against.

General Public Comment.

Ann Baldelli, inquired if they coming in on the existing driveway, and would like to see where the driveway is proposed.

Rebuttal.

Mr. Fedus reviewed the driveway further.

Ms. Morrison closed the public hearing.

Mr. Salerno moved to approve the application, seconded by Mr. Ferreira, all in favor 4-0, motion approved.

Regulations Discussions:

21 Hewitt Road – Wetlands Enhancement

Ms. Palmer reviewed enhancements made to a piece of property with the property owner which have been reviewed by a soil scientist.

Other:

Ms. Morrison discussed the membership of the CACIWC and directed staff to review the budget and see if it is possible to join. If there is not they will speak with the board of selectmen to get additional funds.

Minutes:

Mr. Ferreira moved to approve the minutes of the March, 1, 2018 meeting, April 28, 2018 and June 2, 2018 meetings, seconded by Mr. Unites, all in favor 4-0, motion approved.

Mr. Ferreira moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Unites, all in favor 4-0, the meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Nick Salerno, Secretary