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June 20, 2018, 7:00 p.m.

The Lyme Inland Wetlands Agency held a public hearing and regular meeting on Wednesday, June 20, 2018 at 7:00 p.m., Lyme Town Hall, 480 Hamburg Road, Lyme, CT.

MEMBERS PRESENT Paul Armond Chairman, Sue Hessel seated for Roger Dill, Beverly Crowther, Priscilla Hammond, Ben Kegley, Patrick Crowley, Tom Reynolds, Bernie Gigliotti, Patsy Turner Secretary, and Jennifer Thomas Secretary

Absent Members: Roger Dill, Steven Kurlansky (alternate)

Site Walk: Ben Kegley (Eames), Beverly Crowther (Thomas)

Seat Alternate Member

Armond: Alternate member Sue Hessel was seated for absent regular member Roger Dill.

REGULAR MEETING

Sue Tiffany, Hamburg Road, Tax Map 26 Lot 34; an application to repair the spillway on the existing farm pond.

Gigliotti: David Tiffany had a family emergency and cannot attend the meeting.

Armond: This application will be held until next month.

Joshua Abrams, 155 Joshuatown Road, Tax Map 18 Lot 8; an application to create a recirculating watercourse within a wetland and regulated area utilizing water from an existing pond.

Armond: This application was approved last month.

Gigliotti: This item was mistakenly put on the Agenda.

Carol Ochsenfeld, 35-1 Ferry Road, Tax Map 8 Lot 44; an application for construction of a new septic system within a regulated area.

Present at the meeting was Carol Ochsenfeld.

Ochsenfeld: The application was presented last month.

Armond questioned whether a letter has been received from George Calkins, the Town Sanitarian.

Gigliotti: We have not received a letter from George Calkins.

Kegley: Did George Calkins design this?

Gigliotti: Yes, he did design this.

Gigliotti made an attempt to reach George via phone call to receive a verbal approval, but the attempt was unsuccessful.

Armond: This application will be held until next month.

Polly Richter, 236 Beaver Brook Road, Tax Map 45 Lot 8; an application for construction of a boat dock Cedar Lake.

Present at the meeting was David Cook.

Armond called for any comments.

Crowther made a motion to accept the application for the boat dock in Cedar Lake as submitted. The motion was seconded by Hammond and was passed unanimously by all members seated.

James and Elizabeth Eames, 65 Tantumorum Road Tax Map 20 Lot 21; an application for a temporary wetland crossing and timber harvest within a regulated area.

Present at the meeting was James Eames.

Armond questioned which of the members went on the site walk.

Gigliotti: Ben Kegley attended the site walk.

Armond called for comments from Kegley.

Kegley: The proposed crossing is the most logical point. It looks like it was modified and prepared for the last logging and is quite firm. There appears to be no other way to get back to the location.

Gigliotti: The crossing will be corduroy logs which will be removed after the project is complete.

Armond called for any additional comments from the commission.

Armond entertained a motion to approve the application as presented.

Hammond moved the motion and Reynolds seconded. The motion was passed unanimously by all members seated.

Joseph and Jennifer Thomas, 151 Blood Street, Tax Map 40.1 Lot 23; an application for construction of a boat dock in Rogers Lake.

Present at the meeting were Jennifer Thomas and Joseph Thomas.

Jen Thomas: The proposed dock will be 40 feet in length, with 38-39 feet in the water. There will be an "L" shape at the end. The dock will be constructed of an aluminum frame and cedar decking with pads resting on the lake bottom. The structure will be removed in the winter.

Crowther: There is a well-established stone staircase that extends to within three feet of the proposed location of the dock.

Crowther questioned whether a material list was brought.

Jen Thomas supplied some product materials from the dock company website and reiterated that the materials would be aluminum and cedar.

Jen Thomas: Approval was given from the Rogers Lake Authority at the June meeting. The Authority requested a solar light be installed at the end of the dock and compliance will be made with that request.

Hessel: Will a 40 foot dock be a possible problem for the rowers?

Jen Thomas: It should not be a problem. The Rogers Lake Authority performed a site visit and measured the distance and does not believe it to be an issue. The property is in a bit of an inlet.

Joe Thomas: The lake protrudes out.

Crowther: The question is valid but in viewing the property and in the plans provided, one can see the inlet. The 40 feet does not extend too far.

Hessel questioned whether there are power boats on the lake.

Armond: There are power boats allowed with restrictions.

Gigliotti: During the site walk, power boat and rowing skulls came by and were well away from the proposed location of the dock.

Armond called for further questions or comments from the commission. The application will be seen again next month.

PUBLIC HEARING

Public Hearing to receive comments concerning revisions to the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations. The Regulations have been revised to conform to the current DEEP model regulations and to incorporate the latest DEEP advisories.

Armond called the Public Hearing to order at 7:24 p.m.

Memorandum from Michael Carey dated June 18, 2018 was entered into the Public Hearing record.

A discussion was had among the Commission with regards to each suggestion made in the Memorandum, and the Commission agreed to adopt or deny each suggestion based on the current DEEP model regulations and advisories.

Armond called for any additional comments for the public hearing record.

Crowther: A call was taken by a concerned towns person over whether the revised regulations would affect Whalebone Cove. Perhaps a statement should be crafted explaining the change in jurisdiction of the Commission once the new regulations are adopted.

Armond: Selectman Kiker has been supplied answers to a list of questions regarding the regulation revisions. The Selectman may be planning to put something out to the public.

Gigliotti: The Planning and Zoning Commission will be assuming many of the responsibilities that have been lifted from the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency.

Armond called for any additional comments, and with there being none the public hearing was closed and regular meeting opened at 8:02 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

Act on revisions to the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations.

Crowther: How should the Commission respond to questions regarding the revisions?

Armond: The Commission should wait to see if the Selectmen address the revisions to the public.

Crowley: The Selectmen have a wide reach within the town. An announcement from the Selectmen will have the broadest reach.

Armond: I have made it clear to John Kiker that this is a big change with regards to jurisdiction. The DEEP has assured that these regulations are a top priority for them.

Gigliotti: Who will oversee the septic systems in these areas.

Reynolds: Applicants will still need to go through the Town Sanitarian.

Armond entertained a motion to accept the new regulations, having duly reviewed the regulations and the proposed amendments that were discussed in the public hearing, the motion was moved by Reynolds, and Crowley seconded.

Armond called for further discussion.

The motion was passed unanimously by all members seated.

OLD BUSINESS

Joseph and Jennifer Fouquette, 509-1 Hamburg Road Tax Map 38 Lot 6.

Gigliotti: Joe Fouquette has passed away. The violation is still outstanding.

Armond questioned whether a record of the violation was attached to the land record.

Gigliotti: The violation is in the street file but not the land record. A notice can be added to the land record.

Armond: Attaching a record of the violation to the land record will alert any person performing a title search of an outstanding issue.

Crowther: A notice should also be sent to the wife alerting her that the violation is being attached to the land record.

NEW BUSINESS N/A

APPROVAL OF OUTSTANDING MINUTES

A motion was made by Armond to approve the minutes of the May 2018 meeting. Crowley moved the motion, seconded by Crowther, and the minutes were accepted with 1 abstention from Hessel.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Thomas, Secretary