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NORTH BRANFORD CONSERVATION & INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES AGENCY

Wednesday, June 24, 2015
6:30 p.m.
Town Hall- 909 Foxon Road

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Scavo called the meeting to order at 6:39 P.M.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Stephen Scavo, Regular Member, Chairman
Frank Brigano, Regular Member
Gerry Fischbach, Regular Member
Ashley Joiner, Regular Member
Lisa DePonte, Regular Member

Absent: William Galdenzi, Alternate Member

Town Staff Present: Carey Duques, Town Planner and Wetland Officer

3. MINUTES - Meeting of May 27, 2015

Minutes from May 27, 2015- Member Brigano made a motion to approve the minutes of April 22, 2015, seconded by Member DePonte. With all in favor, motion passed.

4. PUBLIC HEARING:

A. IWWA Application #2015-2 Proposed Amendments to Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations for the Town of North Branford. The Amendments are being proposed to the entire Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations so the new Regulations will be based on a template provided by the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection including recent legislative updates. The last time the Regulations were updated was in 1994.
Applicant/Owner: Town of North Branford IWWA.

Town Planner Carey Duques gave a background of recent work done on the regulations. She explained that she along with Town Engineer Kurt Weiss worked using the DEEP's 2006 model regulations and included all legislative changes up to 2015. Ms. Duques explained the new draft regulations and that bolded font was not in the State's Regulations template.

Members discussed expanding the upland review area to 200 feet along the Farm River.

Members were directed to proposed language regarding enforcement and Ms. Duques gave reasoning for the language. There was also discussion regarding fees for work done prior to an application as well as other violations.

Town Planner Duques suggested she make recommended revisions, post them to the Town Website and keep the Public Hearing open so members could vote on the regulation changes at the next public hearing.

Members discussed a suggestion by Town Planner Duques to simplifying the fee schedule. Members discussed possible changes to come more in line with surrounding town's fee schedule and make the process easier for both the Town and resident applicants.

Town Planner Carey Duques submitted a new proposed application to each member and reviewed the information it contained. Members discussed the suggested application and its simplification. Members also discussed past practices for minor applications and the addition of designated agent in the regulations. It was suggested a fee be added for non-regulated visits to sites.

Town Planer Carey Duques stated she would make proposed changes and submit them to each member for review before the next meeting.

2. POSSIBLE ACTION ON PUBLIC HEARING ITEM

A. IWWA Application #2015-2

Member Joiner made a motion to continue the public hearing until July 29, 2015, seconded by Member Fischbach. With all in favor, motion passed.

6. WETLAND ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT

Town Planner Carey Duques submitted photos of a recent residential project in town for discussion.

On another matter Ms. Duques informed the members she had received a call regarding illegal dumping behind 855 Forest Road, after a site visit she is working with the property owner for removal and cleaning.

An update on 50 Fowler Road was given informing members that the State made a surprise inspection and the applicant passed the inspection. Ms. Duques also informed members that the applicant's wetlands approval would expire in October, and they are looking for blasting approval. The State approval would be issued by July 10th, which will allow the applicant to start blasting on July 11th. Ms. Duques gave an overview of a timeline with approval expirations and her suggestions for the applicant.

Regarding the pig farm site visit, Ms. Duques informed members she would be visiting the site on June 25th along with representatives from East Shore Health District, Southwest Conservation District, and the Department of Agriculture.

Ms. Duques informed members that the State submitted a voucher for their training program, which is online. Member DePonte accepted the voucher to take the training program.

7. OTHER BUSINESS- None

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Member Brigano moved, seconded by Member DePonte to adjourn at 7:26 p.m. With all in favor motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Mary Caruso, Recording Secretary

Steven Scavo, Chairman