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## MINUTES REGULAR MEETING NORTH BRANFORD CONSERVATION & INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES AGENCY

Wednesday, April 27, 2016  
6:30 p.m.  
Town Hall - 909 Foxon Road

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Scavo called the meeting to order at 6:40 P.M.

### 2. ROLL CALL

Present: Stephen Scavo, Regular Member, Chairman  
Gerald Fischbach, Regular Member  
Lisa DePonte, Regular Member

Absent: Frank Brigano, Regular Member  
Ashley Joiner, Regular Member  
William Galdenzi, Regular Member

Town Staff Present: Carey Duques, Town Planner and Kurt Weiss, Town Engineer

### 3. MINUTES – Special Meeting of March 30, 2016

**Tabled until next meeting.**

### 4. NEW BUSINESS

- A. IWWA Application #2016-2**, Site plan review for road and drainage improvements including replacement of existing stone culvert on **Great Hill Road**. *Applicant: Town of North Branford, Kurt Weiss, Town Engineer*

Kurt Weiss, Town Engineer representing the Town overviewed the plan for the road and drainage improvements pointing out town owned land and water authority owned property. Mr. Weiss explained the existing condition and how the improvements will affect the area. This work is planned for the summer, with a bid going out for a contractor. Mr. Weiss

showed the proposed phasing of the work in two parts to allow access to all homeowners during construction.

Members discussed all aspects of the project with Mr. Weiss addressing all questions.

MOTION: Member Fischbach moved, seconded by Member DePonte to approve IWWA Application #2016-2, for road and drainage improvements including replacement of the existing stone culvert on Great Hill Road with 94 linear feet of 48" RCP within the existing roadway, inlet and outlet channel; work includes associated filling and grading of the piped channels and road shoulders, drainage and roadwork including reconstruction of approximately 240 linear feet of Great Hill Road. Approximately 2,200 square feet (excluding the roadway) of upland review area located within 100 feet of the wetlands and 1,000 sq ft of watercourse will be altered, Map 38 and 26C, Lot 1 and 16-1 respectively, R-40 zone. Owner: Town of North Branford, South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority, and Charles and Lucille Tomaso; Applicant: Town of North Branford c/o Kurt Weiss, Town Engineer as contained in submitted application documents, plan entitled "Roadway and Drainage Improvements Great Hill Road North Branford, Connecticut" Sheets 1-6 Prepared By: Nafis and Young Engineers, Inc. dated 9/14/15 with the following standard conditions:

#### STANDARD IWWA CONDITIONS

1. Regulated activities granted shall be implemented by the permittee in accordance with the timing, location, duration and intent as proposed and approved by the Agency.
2. Notice of transfer of ownership of property must be given to the Agency prior to or at the time of filing of deed with Town Clerk. Failure to do so may invalidate the permit.
4. All sedimentation and erosion control measures shall be installed prior to or upon issuance of this permit and inspected by the Town Engineer prior to commencing work. These controls must be maintained during and after construction and removed upon site stabilization.
5. The permit must be signed and filed with the Town Clerk. A copy of the signed permit with the Town Clerk's Attestation must be returned to the Agency's office.

The permit shall be good for five (5) years from date of approval. The permittee shall have the permit readily available and shall produce it for inspection upon request.

The permit is issued only for those activities approved by the Inland Wetlands and Watercourse Agency.

6. The Agency's agent be notified in writing forty-eight (48) hours prior to the start of any construction.
7. During the duration of the regulated activity, the Chairman of the Agency or the Inland Wetlands Enforcement Officer shall have permission to enter upon the subject property at reasonable times for the purposes of viewing and inspecting the conduct of said activity.
8. No work other than maintenance of sediment and erosion control shall be performed during significant rainfall of one (1) inch or more within a twenty-four (24) hour period. All work shall

be performed between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. No work may be conducted on legal holidays or weekends without the expressed approval of the Agency.

10. Prior to the issuance of the permit, the permittee and his contractor shall meet with the Agency's designated staff -- the Wetlands Enforcement Officer and Town Engineer -- to review the conditions of approval and the construction program to be used in conjunction with the approved regulated activity.
11. The Agency has determined that there are no feasible or prudent alternatives.
12. The Agency has determined that the proposed regulated activities are not deemed significant.

**With all in favor, motion passed, 3-0**

## **5. OTHER BUSINESS**

### **A. Applications reviewed by the Duly Authorized Agent/Wetland Officer**

Town Planner Carey Duques reported on 157 White Hollow Road for a shed application, which was filed after the fact. Ms. Duques gave members a brief update on the process the homeowner went through installing the shed without appropriate permits. It was noted that Ms. Duques was sensitive to the fact that this was the first review done under the newly approved regulation of a review by duly authorized agent/Wetland Officer. Ms. Duques reviewed the language of the new regulation with the members.

Members discussed the drainage swale, brush and debris in the buffer area and the best course of action to ensure a more natural surrounding. It was suggested the applicant clean up the area to free it from all debris.

Ms. Duques stated the applicant would still have to apply for a Building Permit, Zoning Permit and to East Shore Health District.

Ms. Duques overviewed how the department became aware of the work being done. Members agreed with Ms. Duques' plan to send out a letter approving the shed with the condition of removing the bricks and debris located near the swale.

### **B. Discussion regarding proposed amendment to IWWA regulations, deed restrictions and a definition of conservation area.**

Town Planner Carey Duques gave members a brief history of recent research conducted on the proposed changes and how they relate to actual practice. Ms. Duques suggested the Agency consider each application as a case-by-case review of special conditions. Due to the uniqueness of each application this will give the Agency flexibility. Members agreed and decided to not take action to amend the regulations at this time.

### **C. Table at North Branford High School Environmental Fair**

Town Planner Carey Duques informed members the fair would be held on May 20<sup>th</sup> at the high school. Ms. Duques overviewed the theme of the Agency's table as farming and how it affects the wetlands.

Members discussed potential future themes.

## **6. WETLAND ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT**

Town Planner Carey Duques reported on an upcoming EPA survey on the state of the Nation's Wetlands. She informed members one of the chosen sites to be studied is located in Northford adjacent to Lake Gaillard.

Town Planner Carey Duques reported that DEEP has rendered their decision for the Propane Application; a public hearing is potentially pending.

Ms. Duques distributed a recent newsletter to each member.

## **7. ADJOURNMENT**

**Member Fischbach moved, seconded by Member DePonte to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 pm. With all in favor, motion passed.**

Respectfully Submitted,

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Mary Caruso, Recording Secretary

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Steven Scavo, Chairman