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MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, May 19, 2016 – 7:00 P.M.

LOCATION: MONTVILLE TOWN HALL, *Council Chambers*

- A. **Call to order.** Chairman Douglas Brush called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- B. **Roll call.** In attendance: Chairman Douglas Brush, Secretary Philip Houk, Jeffrey Greiner, Howard V. Riske, Jr., Sandra Berardy, Scott Deranleau. Absent: Charles O’Bday III. Also present: Liz Burdick, Wetlands Enforcement Officer.
- C. **Minutes.** Approve the Minutes of the April 21, 2016 Regular Meeting.

Upon MOTION by Berardy, Seconded by Riske, it was voted to APPROVE the minutes of the April 21, 2016 meeting. In Favor: Houk, Riske, Berardy, Deranleau and Greiner. Opposed: None. Abstained: Brush.

- D. **Public Hearings.** None.
- E. **Show Cause Hearings.** None.
- F. **Remarks from the public not relating to items on the agenda.** None.

G. **Old Business:**

1. **20 Connecticut Blvd** (Map 97 Lot 128), Oakdale, CT – Property Owner: Marion Stanavage - Update ongoing enforcement action – Cease & Desist Order for clearing of trees in regulated areas (*Cont. from 4-21-2016*).

WEO Liz Burdick addressed the Commission and reviewed that, at its November 19, 2015 Regular Meeting, the Montville Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission voted to uphold a Cease & Desist Order for tree removal activity taking place at 20 Connecticut Boulevard in Montville, CT, as shown on Assessor’s Map 97, Lot 128, with the conditions. She stated to date, there has been no additional activity at the site, disturbed soils have been restored with Conservation Mix to the satisfaction of the Town’s Soil Scientist; the seed has started to grow and the required bond in the amount of \$2500.00 has been posted. Subsequently, Staff recommends the Commission lift the Cease & Desist Order with the condition the bond remain in place until October 31, 2016 and/or until such time as the site has been permanently stabilized with vegetative cover to the satisfaction of Town staff.

Upon MOTION by Houk, Seconded by Riske, it was voted unanimously to lift the Cease & Desist Order for tree removal activity at 20 Connecticut Boulevard, Map 97, Lot 128, Oakdale, CT upheld by the Commission on 11/19/2015 due to the facts there has been no additional activity at the site, disturbed soils have been restored with Conservation Mix to the satisfaction of the Town’s Soil Scientist; the seed has started

to grow and the required bond in the amount of \$2500.00 has been posted with the following condition: the bond remain in place until October 31, 2016 and/or until such time as the site has been permanently stabilized with vegetative cover to the satisfaction of Town staff.

2. 216IWC6 – Fitch Hill Road from #281- #359, Applicant/Property Owner: Town of Montville – Fitch Hill Road Drainage Improvements (*Cont. from 4-21-2016 - Dec. Req. Date 6-24-2016*).

Town Soil Scientist provided a review of the project with the Commission. There was brief discussion about the construction of the improvements relative to the location of existing gas lines.

Upon MOTION by Berardy, Seconded by Greiner, it was voted to APPROVE the application as follows:

After giving due consideration to all relevant factors, including those in Section 10 of the Montville Inland Wetland Regulations and Section 22a-41 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I move to approve Application# 216IWC6, submitted by the Town of Montville for a permit to conduct road improvements to Fitch Hill Road from #281 to #359, as submitted and as more fully described in the Application, dated 04-14-2016 and as shown on a plan entitled “ Town of Montville, Fitch Hill Road Drainage Improvements Plan, Prepared by CLA Engineers, Inc., Dated April 2016”.

Standard Reasons for Approval:

- 1. The environmental impact of the proposed project does not have a significant effect on the inland wetland's and watercourse's capacity to support fish and wildlife, to prevent flooding, to supply and protect surface and groundwater, to control sediment, to facilitate drainage, to control pollution, to support recreational activities, and to promote public health and safety.*
- 2. The Commission has determined that the relationship between the short-term uses of the environment and the maintenance and enhancement of long-term productivity will have no impact on the surrounding wetland system.*
- 3. The proposed activity will not have irreversible and irretrievable commitments of resources.*
- 4. The proposed project will not change the character and or add degree of injury to, or interference with, safety, health, or the reasonable use of property, including abutting or downstream property.*
- 5. The proposed activity use is suitable to the area.*
- 6. The applicant has taken all feasible measures to mitigate the impact of any aspect of the proposed regulated activity.*

In Favor: Houk, Riske, Berardy, Deranleau and Greiner. Opposed: None. Abstained: Brush. MOTION CARRIED.

H. New Business: None.

I. Correspondence.

WEO Burdick distributed the registration form for the 2016 Municipal Inland Wetlands Agency Continuing Education Workshop: Legal and Administrative Updates and stated Commissioners could sign-up online.

Additionally, Burdick distributed The Habitat, which featured information on The Green Plan: The State's 2016-2020 Comprehensive Open Space Acquisition Strategy planning document and encouraged Commissioners to access online and review for comment at future meetings.

- J. Other Business.** None.
- K. Executive Session.** None.
- L. Adjournment.**

Upon MOTION by Greiner, Seconded by Riske, it was voted unanimously to ADJOURN the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Burdick

Wetlands Enforcement Officer