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**INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, AUGUST 9, 2021, 7:00 P.M.
TOWN HALL ANNEX MEETING ROOM, 57 MAIN ST, ELLINGTON, CT
REMOTE MEETING ATTENDANCE PROVIDED WITH ZOOM MEETING**

PRESENT: In Person: Chairman Ken Braga, Vice Chairman Ron Brown, Art Aube, Katherine Heminway, Jean Burns, and Hocine Baouche; via Zoom: Alternate Francis Hann

ABSENT: Steve Hoffman

STAFF

PRESENT: John Colonese, Assistant Town Planner/Wetland Enforcement Officer and Acting Recording Clerk

I. CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Ken Braga called the Ellington Inland Wetlands Agency meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS (on non-agenda items):

III. PUBLIC HEARING(S):

1. IW202109 – 420 Somers Rd LLC, owner / LuAnn's Bakery, applicant request for a permit to conduct regulated activity for the installation of a sanitary sewer line at 420 Somers Road, APN 121-031-0000.

Time: 7:01 pm

Seated: Braga, Brown, Aube, Heminway, Burns, Baouche, and Hann

Mark Peterson, P.E., Gardner & Peterson Associates, LLC, 178 Hartford Turnpike, Tolland, CT and Richard Zulick, C.S.S., 400 Nott Highway, Ashford, CT were present to represent the application.

Mr. Peterson noted the notice had been made to the abutters in accordance with the public hearing requirements. He stated the application is for the activity associated with the installation of a sewer force main. He reviewed the plans submitted as part of the application. The force main will be along the rear boundary line of the property. The property is within the sewer service area but the existing sewer manhole which they plan to connect to is about 2,000 feet away on the abutting property. The force main will be on the downhill side of the pond and then will cross a seasonal watercourse. They intend

to conduct the activity at the wetlands during a period when the seasonal watercourse is dry and rain is not expected for a week. The plans show the seeding schedule and silt fence details.

Chairman Braga questioned the location of the sewer line in relation to Hyde's Brook. Mr. Peterson reviewed the key map on the plan and noted the proposed sewer line will be well north of the brook.

Mr. Zulick reviewed the wetlands delineation he completed on the property. He flagged the pond and a separate wetlands area that crosses the property and extends to an intermittent watercourse at the rear of the property. He stated that he believes there will not be any negative impacts to the wetlands or watercourse from the proposed project.

Vice Chairman Brown asked if the pond will be disturbed. Mr. Zulick responded that the pond will not be disturbed.

Mr. Peterson reviewed the Town Engineer's comments and stated that they agree to address the comments and will revise the plans accordingly.

Vice Chairman Brown asked specifically about the removal of the 24" corrugated metal pipe in the wetlands and why it was located there. Mr. Peterson said he agrees with the Town Engineer and feels the pipe can be removed. Mr. Zulick felt that the pipe was put there a long time ago to enable a watercourse crossing.

MOVED (BROWN) SECONDED (AUBE) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO MAKE A DETERMINATION OF A SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY FOR IW201909 – 420 Somers Rd LLC, owner / LuAnn's Bakery, applicant request for a permit to conduct regulated activity for the installation of a sanitary sewer line at 420 Somers Road, APN 121-031-0000.

MOVED (HEMINWAY) SECONDED (BAOUCHE) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR IW202109 – 420 Somers Rd LLC, owner / LuAnn's Bakery, applicant request for a permit to conduct regulated activity for the installation of a sanitary sewer line at 420 Somers Road, APN 121-031-0000.

MOVED (BROWN) SECONDED (AUBE) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE WITH CONDITIONS IW202109 – 420 Somers Rd LLC, owner / LuAnn's Bakery, applicant request for a permit to conduct regulated activity for the installation of a sanitary sewer line at 420 Somers Road, APN 121-031-0000. FINDING THAT A FEASIBLE AND PRUDENT ALTERNATIVE DOES NOT EXIST. THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT TO THE WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSE WILL BE LESSENERED FROM THE USE OF EROSION CONTROL MEASURERS.

CONDITION(S) OF APPROVAL:

- 1) SHALL COMPLY WITH TOWN ENGINEER COMMENTS DATED AUGUST 4, 2021**

2. IW202110 – Juliano Family One LLC, owner / Brian Juliano, applicant request for a permit to conduct regulated activity to expand the pavement for a parking area at 100 Windermere Avenue, APN 018-021-0000.

Mr. Colonese noted the applicant sent an email today requesting to table the opening of the public hearing in order to address the comments from the Town Engineer.

BY CONSENSUS, THE AGENCY TABLED THE OPENING OF THE PUBLIC HEARING TO THE REGULAR MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 20, 2021 FOR IW202110 – Juliano Family One LLC, owner / Brian Juliano, applicant request for a permit to conduct regulated activity to expand the pavement for a parking area at 100 Windermere Avenue, APN 018-021-0000.

IV. OLD BUSINESS: None

V. NEW BUSINESS: None

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

1. Approval of the July 19, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes.

MOVED (BAUCHE), SECONDED (HEMINWAY) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE JULY 19, 2021 MEETING MINUTES AS WRITTEN.

2. Correspondence/Discussion:

- a. 39 Webster Road

Mr. Colonese reviewed the status of the project at the property. He stated the owner regraded the rear yard to remove rocks and installed retaining walls next to the house and driveway. Mr. Colonese said he inspected the silt fence and hay bales today and they are functioning correctly as the activity is next to the brook. The owner plans to have the yard seeded and stabilized this fall. The Agency requested that Mr. Colonese monitor the project until the yard is stabilized.

VII. ADJOURNMENT:

MOVED (AUBE), SECONDED (BURNS) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE AUGUST 9, 2021 REGULAR MEETING OF THE INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY AT 7:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

John Colonese, Acting Recording Clerk