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INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY REGULAR MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2025, 7:00 P.M.

**IN PERSON ATTENDANCE: TOWN HALL ANNEX, 57 MAIN STREET
REMOTE ATTENDANCE: ZOOM MEETING
(ATTENDEES BELOW WERE IN PERSON UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED)**

PRESENT: Vice Chairman Katherine Heminway, Regular members Ken Braga, Hocine Baouche (via Zoom), Alternates Ryan Orszulak and Jon Kaczmarek

ABSENT: Chairman Jean Burns, Regular members Steve Hoffman and Landon Barlow

STAFF

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

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

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS (on non-agenda items): **None**

III. PUBLIC HEARINGS: **None**

IV. OLD BUSINESS: **None**

V. NEW BUSINESS:

1. IW202501 – DW Fish Home Builders, LLC, owner/ Hull Forest Products, Inc., applicant, request to accept notification of a timber harvest permitted as of right on 217 Jobs Hill Road, APN 067-001-0000.

Austin Harmon, Hull Forest Products, Inc., 101 Hampton Road, Pomfret Center, CT was present (via Zoom) to represent the application.

Vice Chairman Heminway stated in 2018, this property received a wetland permit for the construction of a road, retaining wall, culvert and associated improvement to access a future subdivision of approximately 13 lots. To date, this work has not been completed. Vice Chairman Heminway noted the Department of Public Works Director requested the applicant apply for a right of way permit and construct an anti-tracking pad at the entrance.

Austin Harmon is working with DW Fish Home Builders, LLC for a timber harvest on the property. They plan to remove most of the merchantable trees over 8 inches in diameter outside of the wetland areas. Austin stated they plan to harvest 215,730 board feet of saw timber and 188 cords for firewood. The trees have been marked in blue paint on the site. Austin reviewed the three wetland crossing locations. Crossing 1 is an existing access road that is above the wetland, which

may need temporary timber bridge mats and some bark mulch to protect the trail. Crossing 2 is an existing stone bridge over Bahlers Brook and temporary timber bridge mats may be used to disperse machine weight while crossing. Crossing 3 was previously used to crossing over Bahlers Brook and would be supported with temporary timber bridge mats if needed.

Austin Harmon acknowledged comments from the Department of Public Works and will apply for a right of way permit prior to the installation of the anti-tacking pad located at the entrance on Jobs Hill Road. Austin explained that removal of trees in the wetlands would be limited to those needed for machine and vehicle access otherwise there would be no activity conducted within the wetlands.

Vice Chairman Heminway requested that they use the temporary timber bridge mats for Crossing 2 on the existing stone bridge. Austin Harmon agreed with the request.

MOVED (BRAGA) SECONDED (ORSZULAK) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ACCEPT IW202501 – DW Fish Home Builders, LLC, owner/ Hull Forest Products, Inc., applicant, request to accept notification of a timber harvest permitted as of right on 217 Jobs Hill Road, APN 067-001-0000.

2. Ellington McIntire, LLC, owner/applicant, request for positive referral to the Planning & Zoning Commission on a re-subdivision to create one new 1.11+/- acre lot (S202501) pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. 8-26(e) at 153 Webster Road, APN 185-001-0000.

Vice Chairman Heminway stated there is no regulated activity proposed with this re-subdivision plan; therefore, a permit is not required. Vice Chairman Heminway explained according to state statute the Wetland Agency shall review the proposed re-subdivision and make a referral to the Planning & Zoning Commission.

MOVED (KACZMAREK) SECONDED (BRAGA) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO GRANT A POSITIVE REFERRAL TO THE PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION FOR ELLINGTON MCINTIRE, LLC, owner/applicant, request for positive referral to the Planning & Zoning Commission on a re-subdivision to create one new 1.11+/- acre lot (S202501) pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. 8-26(e) at 153 Webster Road, APN 185-001-0000.

3. IW202502 – Stephen D. Williams, owner/applicant request for a permit to conduct regulated activity to construct a single-family home and associated improvements at 37 Wendell Road, APN 168-019-0000. (For receipt and scheduling of public hearing.)

BY CONSENSUS, THE AGENCY RECEIVED AND SCHEDULED A PUBLIC HEARING FOR MONDAY, MARCH 17, 2025, 7PM, TOWN HALL ANNEX, 57 MAIN STREET, ELLINGTON, AND ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCING FOR IW202502 – Stephen D. Williams, owner/applicant request for a permit to conduct regulated activity to construct a single-family home and associated improvements at 37 Wendell Road, APN 168-019-0000.

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

1. Approval of December 9, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes.

MOVED (BRAGA) SECONDED (ORSZULAK) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE DECEMBER 9, 2024, REGULAR MEETING MINUTES AS WRITTEN.

2. Election of Officers

BY CONSENSUS, AGENCY TABLED ELECTION OF OFFICERS TO THE NEXT INLAND WETLAND AGENCY MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 17, 2025, 7PM, TOWN HALL ANNEX, 57 MAIN STREET, ELLINGTON, AND ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCING.

3. Correspondence/Discussion:

a. North Central Conservation District Annual Report.

John Colonese stated that the local dairy farm referenced in the "Broad Brook Implementation" is Roaring Brook Farm at 18 Meadow Brook Road in Ellington. The project will eliminate livestock access, reducing pollutant loading, to a tributary of Broad Brook by helping the owners acquire funds to design and construct a barn to house the milking herd and waste. Construction has not started, but hopefully it will begin this spring.

b. North Central Conservation District Funding Request FY 25-26.

The agency did not have any concerns with this funding request.

c. Connecticut Association of Wetland Scientists (CAWS) Conference March 5, 2025.

John Colonese asked the commissioners to contact the office if they would like to attend.

VII. ADJOURNMENT:

MOVED (KACZMAREK) SECONDED (BRAGA) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE FEBRUARY 10, 2025, REGULAR MEETING OF THE INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY AT 7:13 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbra Galovich, Recording Clerk