CONSERVATION COMMISSION INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY EAST GRANBY, CONNECTICUT December 6, 2023 Minutes

A meeting of the East Granby Inland Wetlands Agency/Conservation Commission was held on Wednesday, December 6, 2023. Members present when Chairman George Cornelius called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM were Jennifer Frank, Daniel Methot, James Marquis, Trisha Rondeau, John Rusnock, and David Tobin. Alternate Lisa Griffin attended online.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Trisha Rondeau and seconded by Daniel Methot to approve the minutes of the November 1, 2023 meeting as submitted. Votes in favor were unanimous. Motion carried. John Rusnock and James Marquis abstained.

COMMUNICATIONS

- PZC Minutes November 14, 2023 Meeting
- 2024 Meeting Dates
- Wetlands Enforcement Report November 2023
- Traprock Ridge Land Conservancy Letter to the Commission December 6, 2023

Prior to discussing Old Business, George Cornelius opened the floor to Amanda Thompson, President of the Traprock Ridge Land Conservancy. Ms. Thompson read a letter from the Land Conservancy to the Commission discussing concerns about potential damage to wetlands on Turkey Hills Road resulting from activities conducted by Timothy Brignole under Application #CC23-05. Ms. Thompson requested that the Commission monitor the work being done on the parcel to ensure it is respectful of wetlands boundaries.

A motion was made by George Cornelius and seconded by John Rusnock to first request that Staff issue a cease-and-desist order for the project until all issues pertaining to activities being conducted in the wetlands are clarified; and second, that Staff address the approval of Application #CC23-05 with regard to Section 12 of the regulations, "Action by Duly Authorized Agent." Votes in favor were unanimous. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Reports & Other Business

a. Wetlands Enforcement Report

The Commission reviewed the latest Wetlands Enforcement Report provided by Mark Goderre and requested that future reports be more descriptive with the inclusion of more detail regarding violations and their impact to wetlands as well as copies of any written correspondence sent to violators. The Commission also requested that a follow-up be provided regarding the outcome of the November 9, 2023 violation referenced in the report.

- **b.** Administrative Approvals None.
- c. Other Business None.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Receipt of Applications

a. Gabrielle Rusczyk – 3 Randall Avenue (#CC23-08) Significant Activity in Upland Review Area for Garage

A motion was made by Jennifer Frank and seconded by Trisha Rondeau to confirm that Application #CC23-08 involves no significant impact to wetlands and no public hearing is required. Votes in favor were unanimous. Motion carried.

B. 2024 Meeting Dates

The Commission discussed Staff's request to change the Commission's meeting dates from the first Wednesday of the month to the first Tuesday of the month to accommodate Staff availability. However, the Commission noted that one regular member and one alternate are not available on Tuesday evenings. Discussion followed as to members' availability on other nights of the week but no night was identified as being open for all. Discussion also led to training available to new members, and George Cornelius requested that the link for online training be shared with the Commission.

A motion was made by David Tobin and seconded by John Rusnock for the Commission to continue to meet on the first Wednesday of the month in 2024. Votes in favor were unanimous. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by George Cornelius and seconded by Trisha Rondeau to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 PM. Votes in favor were unanimous. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Laura Hall, Building & Land Use Administrative Assistant