

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION
INLAND/WETLANDS AGENCY
EAST GRANBY, CONNECTICUT
December 7, 2017 Minutes**

A meeting of the East Granby Inland Wetland/Conservation Commission was held on Wednesday, December 7, 2016. Members present when Chairman George Cornelius called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. were John Rusnock, Daniel Methot, Michael Malloy, John Febbrioriello and alternate members Russell Houghton and Jennifer Frank.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Michael Malloy and seconded by Daniel Methot to approve the minutes of August 3, 2016 as submitted. The votes in favor were unanimous. Motion carried. (Jennifer Frank did not vote as she was not at the meeting.)

COMMUNICATIONS

The Commission also received:

September

- The Habitat

October

- PZC Minutes for the 9/13/16 meetings
- CT Wildlife

November

- PZC Minutes for the 10/11/16 & 10/25/16 meetings
- DEEP letter & info on approval of the Tennessee Gas Pipeline dated 10/25/16

December

- The Habitat
- PZC Minutes for the 11/29/16 meeting
- Application #CC16-04 by Timothy Brignole to document a use of right for 103-115 Hartford Avenue
- CT Wildlife
- Staff email regarding Application #CC16-04 by Timothy Brignole to document a use of right for 103-115 Hartford Avenue

OLD BUSINESS

A. Wetlands Enforcement Report – No report submitted. Mr. Haynes discussed Mr. Brignole’s clearing of some overgrown brush at Creamery Brook. The purpose was to cut back the overgrown plantings. No grubbing or root removal was done. He has requested the wood chip pile be removed. It will naturally re-grow. Jennifer Frank had taken pictures which she distributed.

B. Director of Community Development Report

a.) **Administrative Approvals** – None

b.) **November reappointments** – Both John Febbrioriello and Russell Houghton were reappointed and sworn in for another term.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Timothy Brignole/103-115 Hartford Avenue (CC#16-04)

Document Use of right for pond irrigation system

Mr. Haynes explained that the winery has an existing farm pond for irrigation. A catch basin was installed to allow for an electrical pump system to be utilized rather than a gas pump. The new system would be quieter. The work is already done. Mr. Haynes noted that this was the best time of year to install with the low water level. Stabilization of the area will need to be done in the spring.

There was discussion on draining the pond, rights of other property owners for the pond, whether plantings should be installed and run-off into the pond.

A motion was made by George Cornelius and seconded by Daniel Methot to accept Application #CC16-04 by Timothy Brignole as a documented Use of Right for the installation of a catch basin in a farm pond for use in irrigation at the winery. The votes in favor were five. (Methot, Cornelius, Malloy, Houghton & Frank). Opposed one (Rusnock). Mr. Febroriello had recused himself from action on this application. Motion. Carried.

B. 2017 Meeting Dates

The Members reviewed the meeting dates and accepted them as submitted.

C. Election of Officers

A motion was made by Michael Malloy and seconded by Daniel Methot to elect the same slate of officers for 2017:

Chairman –	George Cornelius
Vice Chairman –	Daniel Methot
Secretary –	Jennifer Frank

Votes in favor were unanimous. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Daniel Methot and seconded by George Cornelius to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Votes in favor were unanimous. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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