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Minutes
Regular Meeting- April 17, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm. Members in attendance, Duncan Wilber Chairman, and regular members Chip Neal, Todd Hiller, John Odell, and John Lossin. Absent was Ray Zetye. WEO Michael Halloran sat at the table along with Land Use Attorney Dave Cusick.

The minutes were presented and Todd made a motion, seconded by John L., to accept the minutes of December 19, 2017. The vote to approve was unanimous.

Old Business;

Duncan presented to the Agency the five P&Z minutes for review.

A show/cause hearing which opened on November 30, 2017, continued to December 19, 2017, then again continued, regarding the cease and desist order sent to Fletcher Smith and Peter Hodgkinson for wetlands violations on their property at 337 Colebrook River Rd. Present along with Fletcher and Pete was Attorney Perley Grimes, who was is representing them.

The floor was opened to Attorney Grimes who gave a brief overview of what has happened since the December 19th meeting and again stated that his clients wished to comply with the wetlands issues. Attorney Grimes submitted for the record five emails and one letter. He confirmed a site walk would take place on April 26 with the DEEP enforcement. Halloran stated that he has not yet received a confirmation from Kevin Zawoy from the DEEP but as soon as he hears, he will contact Attorney Grimes.

Robert Green of Robert Green and Associates, Terryville, CT presented a "Draft" site plan along with a letter from Jennifer Benno from Soil Science and Environmental Services Inc. The letter is to confirm an inspection and review of NDDDB listed species habitat. The draft site plan shows the tree line, watercourses, and 75' grid for sampling soils. Mr. Green also confirmed that Karen Abbott of the DEEP has extended their request for the stormwater permitting application until May 31, 2018.

Mr. Green then introduced Kate Bednaz, registered soil scientist of Freshwater Wetland Services. Ms. Bednaz handed out a "status update" and reviewed work to date on the site at 337 Colebrook River Rd. She explained that she is using a 16' bucket on a machine to dig test pit's as she is unable to dig by hand, but is using an Auger in undisturbed areas. Ms. Bednaz also mentioned that variable types of wetland conditions probably existed prior to any excavation

on the site. She also stated she would have to rely on maps and soil testing to find and establish where wetlands and watercourses were. Bednaz also stated that she found a cut in the bank where water could have previously run into Sandy Brook but could not verify a pre-existing watercourse. Halloran asked if erosion control was needed. Ms. Bednaz said there was no sediment control in place but she did confirm that nothing was moving regarding soil sediment on the property. A suggestion was made for a stone check dam.

Attorney Grimes stated for the record, that there is a pre-existing easement for the neighbor's property regarding the stone swale installed by Smith and Hodgkinson. When questioned, he said there was no record in the deed. Bednaz and Green agreed to create a wetlands map to note wetland areas both current and pre-existing. Attorney Grimes requested that the hearing be extended until June 19, 2018.

The Agency requested property owners to put in erosion controls along property line, west of the Sedimentation Pond. They should be requesting permission from their neighbor if they will be encroaching onto another property. Fletcher stated that he had cleaned out the Sediment Pond last summer, (which requires permitting).

Attorney Grimes stated that DEEP General Permit for the Discharge of Stormwater Associated with Industrial Activities, should be completed by June 11, 2018 and will be ready for the June 19 meeting, along with completed map and plan. It was also agreed that a progress report will be presented at the May 15th Wetlands meeting, including all work completed to date.

The WEO gave a brief report.

There being no other business, Todd made a motion, Seconded by John O., to adjourn the meeting which closed at 8:26



Michael Halloran

Todd Hiller