BROOKLN INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 10. 2015

The Brooklyn Inland Wetlands Commission held a regular meeting on Tuesday, February 10, 2015, 6:00 p.m. at the Clifford B. Green Memorial Center, 69 South Main Street on the following:

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Real Gallant, Jeff Arends, George Sipila, Melissa Labossiere and Erik Costa.

ABSENT: Deane Rettig and Robert Rossi with notice.

STAFF PRESENT: Jana Roberson, AICP, Land Use Administrator and Karen M. Desrosier, Interim Recording Secretary.

ROLL CALL: All members present stated their name for the record.

SEATING OF ALTERNATES: None

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: This was put on the Agenda in error.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion made by J. Arends to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes of 1/13/15 as presented. Second by G. Sipila. Motion carried. M. Labossiere and E. Costa abstained

PUBLIC COMMENTARY: None

NEW APPLICATION ACCEPTANCE:

1. 020915A Jeffrey Otto/Thomas Rukstela, east side of mason Road, Map 23, Lot 9B, RA Zone; Removal of vegetation clogging brook, restoring stream flow to natural channel of the brook, remedying damage to area adjacent to streambed caused by livestock, maintenance of waterway incident to farming operations.

Motion made by J. Arends to accept the application 020915A Jeffrey Otto/ Thomas Rukstela, east side of Mason Road, Map 23, Lot 9B, RA Zone; Removal of vegetation clogging brook, restoring stream flow to natural channel of the brook, remedying damage to area adjacent to streambed caused by livestock, maintenance of waterway incident to farming operations and schedule the public hearing at the March 10, 2015 regular meeting of the Inland Wetlands Commission. Second by G. Sipila. Motion carried. E. Costa opposed.

CONTINUED APPLICATIONS: None.

READING OF THE LEGAL NOTICE: Chairman Gallant read the legal notice into the record.

a. NEW PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. 120914A of Strategic Commercial Realty, Inc. d/b/a as Rawson Materials (Jeffrey Rawson, President) Rukstela Road, Map 30, Lot 16 and Map 29, Lot 1, RA Zone; Creation of a Pond with removal of earth products.

Bob Messier of Messier & Associates briefly reviewed the application with the Board. Mr. Gallant asked Mr. Messier if had he the answers to Syl Pauley's letter of 2/6/15. Mr. Messier commented that he does not this evening, however he will have these answers to these questions at next month's meeting and will have Ed Paulik available to discuss the delineation of the wetlands and his flagging of the property.

Motion made by E. Costa to continue the public hearing on application 120914A of Strategic Commercial Realty, Inc. d/b/a as Rawson Materials (Jeffrey Rawson, President) Rukstela Road, Map 30, Lot 16 and Map 29, Lot 1, RA Zone; Creation of a Pond with removal of earth products to the next regular meeting to be held on March 10, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at the Clifford B. Green Memorial Center at 69 South Main Street, Brooklyn, CT. Second by G. Sipila. Motion carried.

2. 021015A Mike Berthiaume, Windham Road, Map 8 Lot 21 RA Zone: Single Family Home with septic system, well, driveway and minor grading.

Jana Roberson briefly reviewed this application with the Board.

Motion made by J. Arends to accept the application 021015A Mike Berthiaume, Windham Road, Map 8 Lot 21 RA Zone: Single Family Home with septic system, well, driveway and minor grading and schedule the public hearing at the March 10, 2015 regular meeting of the Inland Wetlands Commission. Second by G. Sipila. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

2. WETLANDS AGENT MONTHLY REPORT: None

E. Costa asked Jana Roberson what the status of the cease and desist order on Clifford Green. J. Roberson stated that the violation hearing was to be held within 10 days of issuing the cease and desist however this time frame has passed. She is having the new assistant ZEO, Martha Frankel to work on this to issue a zoning and wetlands violation for the operation of an unpermitted gravel pit. This is very close to a pond which is located on the property. She will keep the Board informed on the progress of this issue.

Further discussion was heard regarding blight and the new ordinance and how the Board fits into any of these issues.

ADJOURN: Motion made by J. Arends to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 pm. Motion second by E. Costa. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:

Karen M. Desrosier Interim Secretary