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MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
SEYMOUR INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2016
FLAHERTY ROOM, SEYMOUR TOWN HALL

Members in Attendance: Paul Wetowitz, Jim Forsyth, Brian Koskelowski

Members Absent: Michael Flynn, Tim Connors, Judson Lee

Also Present: Don Smith, Town Engineer, Atty. V. Marino,
Mike Morganski, WEO

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman P. Wetowitz.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Approval of Minutes, Regular Meeting January 25, 2016 and Special meeting
January 19, 2016

MOTION: B. Koskelowski/J. Forsyth to approve the minutes of the
January 25, 2016 meeting.
Motion Carried 3-0.

MOTION: J. Forsyth/B. Koskelowski to approve the minutes of the
January 19, 2016 special meeting.
Motion Carried 3-0.

Storm Water ordinance Review, Discussion with Land Use Attorney(s), Discussion with
Commission and Action if necessary.

Mr. Wetowitz stated that the Board of Selectmen has asked if the storm water management should stay with this Commission or go to Planning & Zoning Commission. Atty. Marino stated that he looked at the existing ordinance and those from other municipalities that have adopted similar ones. He stated that some towns do not have the ordinance tied to deal with storm water with the zoning regulations. He stated that Inland Wetlands Commission are to protect and preserve wetlands and watercourses. He stated that the commissions tend to want to control runoff that can potentially affect wetlands. He stated that he will do some more research and review and see what is the best way to handle the storm water management. He stated that this Commission reviews any project that has any activity in the regulated area or wetlands. If an activity is outside of the regulated area it only gets reviewed by Planning and Zoning. He stated that towns that do have an ordinance the responsibility is usually with inland wetland commissions.

Mr. Koskelowski felt that the ordinance needs to be updated and he would recommend that it stay with Inland Wetlands.

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Atty. Marino stated that he will look at the wetlands regulations, zoning regulations and state statutes in his review. Mr. Smith agreed that the language in the ordinance needs to be updated.

MOTION: B. Koskelowski/J. Forsyth to recommend to the Board of Selectmen that control remain with Inland Wetlands and the ordinance should be reviewed and updated.
Motion Carried 3-0.

Discussion with land Use Attorney of Complaints and Violations that need immediate action, any past issues that should be considered, and what policies, procedures and enforcement should be considered. Take any action as necessary.

Atty. Marino presented information from the DEEP website on enforcement and what can be done. He stated that the way that a violation is discovered is either by a complaint being filed or the enforcement officer is on the road and sees something. He stated that once it is determined that a violation has taken place the enforcement officer needs to investigate and then inform the property owner. The property owner should then appear at the next meeting of the Commission and submit a plan of remediation which would need to be approved by the Commission. Mr. Morganski stated that he is trying to get violations corrected and taken care of. The Commission discussed whether the regulations should be reviewed and updated. Atty. Marino stated that the regulations appear to be standard and the Commission may want to add support to the enforcement of the regulations. Mr. Morganski felt that the permitting process and enforcement process should be reviewed. The members also felt that the fee structure should be reviewed and possibly updated. Mr. Forsyth felt that the attorney should go through the regulations and make a recommendation of how they should be updated and modified.

MOTION: B. Koskelowski/J. Forsyth to have the attorney review the regulations and recommend what should be changed.
Motion Carried 3-0.

Inland Wetland Enforcement Officer's Report, Discussion and action as necessary.

Mr. Morganski stated that he is waiting for Rolling Hills to begin working on the next phase. He stated that the Basement Systems project is moving along without any problems. He stated that no applications have been filed in the last few months and he has not received any complaints.

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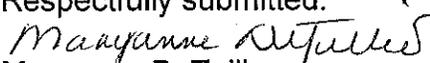
Commissioner's Public Comment

Mr. Wetowitz stated that a meeting was held concerning Bungay Road but he has not heard from the First Selectman on this matter. Mr. Smith stated that he observed excavation of a pond and was told by the property owner that he was just cleaning out the pond. He was advised that it was a regulated activity and he needs to come before this Commission. He suggested that the Enforcement Officer sent the property owner a letter that it is a possible violation and needs to be addressed.

MOTION: B. Koskelowski/J. Forsyth to adjourn the meeting.
Motion Carried 3-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50. p.m.

Respectfully submitted:


Maryanne DeTullio