Town of Warren Inland Wetlands & Conservation Commission

Regular Meeting – Minutes Thursday, June 27, 2019 – 7:00PM Warren Town Hall – 50 Cemetery Road

Present: Chairman: Absent Members: Nora Hulton, Nancy Binns, Cindy Shook

Inland Wetlands Enforcement Officer: Stacey Sefcik

Land Use Secretary: Brenda Zampaglione

Alternate: None

Absent: Keith Jewell, Darin Willenbrock, Tom Caldwell, John Favreau

Guest: First Selectman, Craig Nelson

1. CALL TO ORDER AND DESIGNATION OF ALTERNATES.

a. The regular meeting was called to order at 7:06PM by Vice Chairwoman Shook. The proceedings were recorded digitally, and copies are available in the Land Use Office. All Regular members were seated for the meeting.

2. PUBLIC HEARINGS

a. None

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. May 23, 2019 Regular meeting.

MOTION: Ms. Hulton, 2nd Ms. Binns to **APPROVE** the **MINUTES** of the **May 23, 2019** Regular meeting; **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

4. OLD BUSINESS

a. None

5. NEW BUSINESS – RECEIVE AND DETERMINE SIGNIFIGANCE

a. Werner Tiedmann for Hardscrabble Farm, 34 Hardscrabble Road (Map 29, Lot 01-01) – REQUEST FOR DECLARATORY RULING – Construct Hay Barn in the Upland Review Area.

Copies of the application were distributed by Ms. Sefcik to the Commission. Mr. Tiedmann explained the reason for his application and commented on the site. The new barn is needed for storage of large hay bales; the old hay barn cannot accommodate the larger bales. Mr. Tiedmann gave an explanation of the photos that were included in the application to the Commission. The Declaratory Ruling regulation was read into the record by Ms. Sefcik.

MOTION: Ms. Shook, 2nd Ms. Hulton to issue a **DECLARATORY RULING** of **PERMITTED** Use of Right under §4.1.a Farming Extension for Hardscrabble Farm, 34 Hardscrabble Road (Map 29, Lot 01-01); **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

MOTION: Ms. Binns, 2nd Ms. Hulton to **AMEND** the **AGENDA** to **ADD** the application of the Warren Land Trust to the **AGENDA**; **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

b. Rebecca Neary for Warren Land Trust, Eel Pond Preserve, Kent Road (Map 22, Lot 23)—Construct Viewing Platform in Regulated Area

Copies of the application were distributed by Ms. Sefcik to the Commission. Ms. Neary explained the project in detail to the Commissioners. The Viewing Platform is for the benefit of the public and

will give the public access to Eel Pond. Construction is to begin as soon as possible. Ms. Sefcik read regulation 4.2 into the record for the Commissioners.

MOTION: Ms. Shook, 2nd Ms. Binns to issue a **DECLARATORY RULING** of **PERMITTED** Use of Right under §4.2.b for Eel Pond Preserve, Kent Road (Map 22, Lot 23); **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

c. Raymond Furse, 26 Jack Corner Road (Map 10, Lot 02) – Repair Stone Embankment in Seasonal Stream

Copies of the application were distributed by Ms. Sefcik to the Commission. Mr. Furse was unavailable to speak on behalf of application. Ms. Sefcik explained that the property was a former farm with a barn; animals are no longer kept on the site. The stone wall that is in dis-repair is next to a stream. There is old barbed wire embedded within the stone wall. Mr. Furse is proposing to remove the barbed wire and repair the stone wall. There will be no alterations made to the streambed.

MOTION: Ms. Binns, 2nd Ms. Hulton to **RECIEVE** the **APPLICATION** for Raymond Furse, 26 Jack Corner Road (Map 10, Lot 02) – Repair Stone Embankment in Seasonal Stream; **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

6. INLAND WETLANDS ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT

No written report available at this time. Ms. Sefcik gave a verbal report to the Commissioners.

Ms. Sefcik reported that she has taken a full time positon as ZEO in Thomaston. Ms. Sefcik will have office hours on Tuesday evenings from 4:30-6:30 pm in the interim. First Selectman, Craig Nelson can take questions and help in the Land Use Office in the interim.

Mr. Nelson reported that a new job description for ZEO has been crafted and the advertisement for the position will go out next week. In addition, Selectman Nelson has spoken to Jocelyn Ayer of the NHCOG regarding the position. Selectman Nelson stated that this is not an easy position to fill and that it may take a few months to fill it. He will keep the Commission updated.

7. CORRESPONDENCE.

a. Ms. Sefcik distributed the quarterly newsletter *Habitat* to the Commissioners for perusal.

8. OTHER BUSINESS PROPER TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION

a. None

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Ms. Hulton, 2nd Ms. Binns **ADJOURN** the meeting at 8:30PM; **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Zampaglione

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