CORNWALL INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES AGENCY
MINUTES OF THE
NOVEMBER 7, 2017 REGULAR MEETING - CORNWALL TOWN OFFICES

Present: Regular members D. Stevenson Hedden, Adam Fischer, William Hurlburt, Roger Kane, Andrew MacDavid, alternate members Peter Demy and Deborah Bennett and IWWO Karen Griswold Nelson.

Presiding chairman D. Stevenson Hedden called the meeting to order at 7:00PM in the Cornwall Town offices with a quorum established.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: September and October meeting minutes.
Motion made by Mr. Hurlburt, seconded by Mr. Kane to approve the minutes of the September regular and the October special meetings; unanimously approved.

PENDING APPLICATIONS. None.

NEW APPLICATIONS AND OR MODIFICATIONS/PETITIONS FOR DECLARATORY RULINGS. UPLAND REVIEWS AND APPROVAL BY AUTHORIZED AGENT.

05- PDR- 17- Town of Cornwall applicant/State of Connecticut property owner – Placement of double fire hydrants into the Housatonic River and swing hydrant into Furnace Brook Road.
Information made part of the record:
App#05PRD17 – submitted by the Town of Cornwall on State of Connecticut property Assessors Map H2 parcels 6 &5, and parts of Assessors Map B5- 1-1 overall parcel size 690 acres plus.
Parts of Assessors map H-2 showing areas of proposed activities.
October 20, 2017 correspondence from Northwest Conservation District Executive Director Cynthia Rabinowitz.
October 24, 2017 correspondence from the Town of Cornwall to Cori Rose, Army Corp of Engineers.
Minutes of the October 17, 2017 Board of Selectman's meeting.

Staff provided copies of September 8, 2011 correspondence from the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection from Betsy Wingfield, Bureau chief, Re: 2011 Legislation and Regulations Advisory.
Reference was made to Public Act 11-184, amending Section 22a-40 of the General Statutes, and specifically section 1 of the public act adding the withdrawal of water for fire emergency purposes as an as-of right operation in wetlands and watercourses. Further, Section 1 of the public act adds the installation of dry hydrants for firefighting purposes by or under the authority of a municipal fire department and under certain specified conditions as a new non-regulated use in wetlands and watercourses and defines the term, "dry hydrant".
After review and discussion of Petition and information made part of the application:
Motion made by Mr. Fischer, second Mr. MacDavid to determine that 05PDR-17 was not within the jurisdiction of the Cornwall Inland wetlands commission; unanimously approved.

INLAND WETLANDS OFFICER REPORT.

CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED.

OTHER BUSINESS PROPER TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION.
Meeting dates for the year 2018.
Motion made by Mr. Hurlburt, seconded by Mr. Fischer to approve the meeting dates as follows: January 2, February 6, March 6, April 3, May 1, June 5, July 3, August 7, September 4, October 2, November 6 and December 4, all meetings to commence at 7PM in the Town Hall and/or Town Hall offices; unanimously approved.

Update to Wetlands regulations to reflect statutory changes --- discussion and timing. I
It was suggested that a special meeting to be set in the near future to address regulatory changes to the Inland wetlands regulations.

ADJOURNMENT.
Motion made by Mr. Kane, seconded by Mr. Fischer to adjourn ay 7:30PM; unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Griswold Nelson