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**INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 10, 2019 7:00 PM
TOWN HALL ANNEX, 57 MAIN STREET, ELLINGTON, CT**

PRESENT: Chairman Ken Braga, Vice Chairman Ron Brown, Steve Hoffman, Jean Burns, Hocine Baouche, Mike Swanson and Art Aube

ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: John Colonese, Assistant Town Planner/Wetlands Enforcement Officer and Barbra Galovich, Recording Clerk

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Ken Braga called the June 10, 2019 regular meeting of the Ellington Inland Wetlands Agency to order at 7:00 PM in the Town Hall Annex, 57 Main Street, Ellington, CT.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS (ON NON AGENDA ITEMS): None

III. PUBLIC HEARING (READING OF LEGAL NOTICE): None

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

1. IW201905 – Oakridge Dairy, LLC, owner/applicant, request to accept permitted uses as of right: removal of manure pits, debris and structures, regrading of land, replacing topsoil and seeding to convert heavy use areas previously occupied by cows to no-till crop production at 80 Meadow Brook Road (APN 090-017-0000) and APN 091-003-0000.

Seth Bahler, Oakridge Dairy, LLC was present to represent the application. Mr. Bahler explained Oakridge Dairy has recently received a grant to remove two manure pits, debris, structures, regrade and plant in no-till agricultural production. He stated they recently removed the cows from the field and after the work is complete they are planning to plant corn then hay crops.

Commissioner Hoffman asked if any of the wetlands will be directly impacted on the site. Mr. Bahler stated there is no direct impact as the wetland areas have been flagged by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). Previously disturbed areas such as the manure pits shown as area 2 on the maps provided with the application, have already been cleaned out under the guidance of the NRCS.

Commissioner Brown asked if any activity would be taking place within the upland review areas and if there will be a buffer to the wetland areas. Mr. Bahler said there will be activity within the upland review area as shown on the maps however a 35 foot buffer will be maintained along the edge of the watercourses. Mr. Bahler stated that the buffer strip will have grass and be mowed.

He added that they would like to get the work done as soon as possible to start planting in the fall of this year. John Colonese, Assistant Town Planner/Wetlands Enforcement Officer, mentioned he received a call from the Director of Public Works, who requested a stone tracking pad be located at the construction entrance along Meadow Brook Road. Mr. Bahler acknowledged the request and said the contractor will be installing the stone tracking pad shortly.

MOVED (HOFFMAN) SECONDED (SWANSON) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ACCEPT IW201905 – Oakridge Dairy, LLC, owner/applicant, request to accept permitted uses as of right: removal of manure pits, debris and structures, regrading of land, replacing topsoil and seeding to convert heavy use areas previously occupied by cows to no-till crop production at 80 Meadow Brook Road (APN 090-017-0000) and APN 091-003-0000.

2. **BY CONSENSUS, THE AGENCY ADDED TO THE AGENDA, RECEIVED AND SCHEDULED A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING ON JULY 8, 2019, 7:00 PM, TOWN HALL ANNEX, 57 MAIN STREET, ELLINGTON, CT FOR IW201906** – Dianne Bernier, owner/applicant, request for a permit to conduct regulated activity to demolish a house, grade and create a gravel parking area at 5 Hotel Lake Road, APN 148-036-0000.
3. **BY CONSENSUS, THE AGENCY ADDED TO THE AGENDA, RECEIVED AND SCHEDULED A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING ON JULY 8, 2019, 7:00 PM, TOWN HALL ANNEX, 57 MAIN STREET, ELLINGTON, CT FOR IW201907** – James A. Moser, owner / Everett Skinner IV, applicant, request for a map amendment to allow for the commercial development of property located on West Road along the west side of Route 83, APN 037-003-0000.

IV. OLD BUSINESS: None

V. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

1. Approval of the March 11, 2019 and May 13, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes.

MOVED (HOFFMAN) SECONDED (AUBE) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE MARCH 11, 2019 MEETING MINUTES AS WRITTEN.

MOVED (BURNS) SECONDED (AUBE) AND PASSED (ABSTAINED: BROWN AND BAOUCHE) TO APPROVE THE MAY 13, 2019 MEETING MINUTES AS WRITTEN.

2. Correspondence/Discussion:

VI. ADJOURNMENT:

MOVED (SWANSON) SECONDED (HOFFMAN) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE JUNE 10, 2019 REGULAR MEETING OF THE INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY AT 7:38 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbra Galovich, Recording Clerk