

**Prospect Inland Wetlands Commission
Approved Minutes
September 12, 2016**

Board Members Present: Glenn Gruber, Charlic Wentworth, Jeff LaMontagne, Sandy Russell (alt.), Tim Clark (alt.).

Board Members Absent: Lorraine Dixon, Joseph Hawthorne, Matthew Feduzi (alt.)

Others Present: Tammy DeLoia – Land Use Inspector, Wendy Boroski – Clerk.

Acting Chairman G. Gruber called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was recorded. Roll call was conducted. S. Russell was seated for L. Dixon; T. Clark was seated for J. Hawthorne.

Motion by C. Wentworth, seconded by T. Clark to approve the August 22, 2016 meeting minutes, as presented. **unanimous.**

Communications:

- a. CACIWC 39th Annual Meeting and Environmental Conference information;
- b. Town of Prospect Building Inspectors Report.

New Business:

a. Bonita Casertano, 12 Sherwood Drive – Application for removal of vines and small trees to allow access for soil testing. No action taken.

Old Business:

a. #19-2016 Toby Strileckis & Amanda Massaro, 70 Salem Road – Application for earth excavation and stabilization, deposition of top soil, to cut bank back an additional 3-4 feet and to blend bank down, and re-grading activities within an upland review area. G. Gruber reviewed several sections of the regulations and glossary definitions with the commissioners that were pertinent to this matter. A site walk was conducted on Tuesday, September 6, 2016 with the following commissioners present: L Dixon, G. Gruber, J. LaMontagne, T. Clark, C. Wentworth; along with Land Use Inspector DeLoia and a consulting engineer for the Town, John Gabel of Connecticut Consulting Engineers LLC. When Mr. Gabel started taking photographs he was told to leave the property by Mr. Strileckis, and did so as directed. Site walk observations, as made by the commissioners in attendance: a. It appeared to be more than a 90° slope with concave sections; b. Soil appeared to be pushed to the edge of water in pond with visible signs of erosion along the pond, and discoloration of the water within; c. The bank appeared to be very unstable with concerns for anticipated fall and winter storms; d. Concerns were expressed with regard to the height of this unstable bank, the close distance to the Aquifer Protection Zone, and the fact that no permits were requested before the start of this project. A letter to T. DeLoia received from Engineer John Gabel of Connecticut Consulting Engineers LLC dated September 9, 2016 was read into the minutes regarding his limited observations at the site walk and a copy was offered to Mr. Strileckis, which he refused. G. Gruber asked Mr. Strileckis if he had any questions, comments or concerns with regard to the site walk, the commissioner's observations or the letter from John Gabel. Mr. Strileckis replied, "No. I'm good". Mr. Strileckis presented the commission with an amended application #19-2016 with revisions to sections 4 and 5 which were read into the minutes by G. Gruber. After discussion, **Motion** by C. Wentworth, seconded by S. Russell to accept the amended application #19-2016 Toby Strileckis & Amanda Massaro, 70 Salem Road – Application for excavation of area to the right of the wall, blend bank, put up second rock wall and stabilize back by planting junipers within an upland review area. **Unanimous.** The commissioners reviewed the amended application at length and discussed recommendations for remediating and stabilizing the areas in question. G. Gruber again asked Mr. Strileckis if he had any questions or comments following the commissioners' conversation of recommendations, and he said "No. I'm good". Based upon their site walk observations and John Gabel's letter of recommendations, it was the consensus of the commission that the following actions would be required and necessary to stabilize this area. **Motion** by T. Clark, seconded by S. Russell to require the following: 1. To hire a licensed professional engineer in the State of Connecticut to design and certify a site plan to solve the bank, stone wall and erosion problems which should be presented to the Land Use office by Friday, October 7, 2016; 2. The following erosion controls measures are to be taken immediately: a. Concrete barriers similar to Mafia Blocks are to be placed along the bottom of the bank on the east side of the property to catch erosion from the exposed bank from dispersing onto the property and on into the pond and stream; b. fix improperly installed

silt fencing on the property; c. add additional erosion control measures along the dirt driveway close to Salem Road to prevent runoff from entering the pond and stream; d. hire a licensed soil scientist to delineate the types of soil on the property to determine wetlands. **Unanimous.** G. Gruber asked Mr. Strileckis if he had any questions about these conditions, and he replied "No, I will get advice". G. Gruber then advised Mr. Strileckis that the next Inland Wetlands meeting would take place on Monday, October 17, 2016, and reiterated the commissioners' request to obtain a State of Connecticut licensed engineer to prepare a certified site plan, which is to be handed into the Land Use office no later than Friday, October 7, 2016. G. Gruber gave Mr. Strileckis a copy of the letter from John Gable. G. Gruber then explained to Mr. Strileckis that the stabilization of the area is to begin immediately with concrete barriers, additional hay bales and properly installed silt fencing to stabilize the area. G. Gruber again asked if Mr. Strileckis had any questions or concerns and Mr. Strileckis stated that he understood the conditions, it was just a matter of money.

Public Hearings: None

Enforcement Hearings: None

Public Participation: None

Land Use Inspector's Report:

1. For reference purposes, T. DeLoia provided the commission with a copy of a glossary from the 2002 CT Guidelines for Soil Erosion and Sediment Control book.
2. T. DeLoia stated the Republican Committee has informed her that they are looking for a new alternate for this commission.

Motion by S. Russell, seconded by J. LaMontagne to adjourn at 7:58 p.m. Unanimous.

Glenn Gruber
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Acting Chairman

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