

TOWN OF THOMPSON Inland Wetlands Commission

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SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES: Thursday, March 14th, 2024, 5:30PM

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A) Call to Order & Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Vice Chairman Charlie Obert who announced the purpose of this special meeting was due to technical difficulties with the regular online meeting on March 12, 2024.

Members and staff present: Charlie Obert (Vice Chairman), Diane Chapin (Treasurer), Fran Morano (Commissioner) joined the meeting at 5:33 pm, Commissioner Christopher Dustin, Amy St. Onge (First Selectman), Tyra Penn-Gesek, (Town Planner)

Members of the Public: Sep Sadhegi, Dave Citron, Valerie Clark and others.

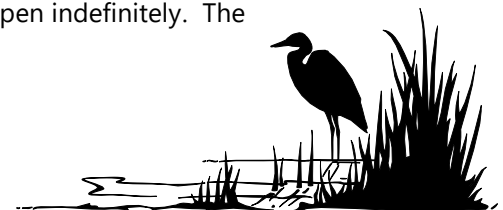
B) Appointment of Alternates – None

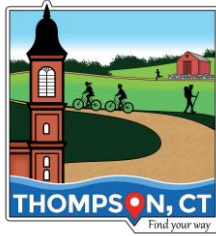
C) Proposed Appointment of Cindy Dunne as Temporary Wetlands Officer:

Commissioner Obert stated that we do have a candidate, Cindy Dunne, Zoning Enforcement Officer for the Town of Thompson, that could fill as an interim officer and asked either Tyra or Amy St. Onge to speak to her background and experience. Tyra Penn-Gesek, Town Planner, stated the job search is open and active for the combined position of wetlands enforcement officer and conservation agent, and seven applications have been received thus far with varying levels of qualifications. Tyra spoke to the HR Director who stated that the posting would remain up until the end of March, then review the candidates, schedule interviews for the second week of April, and hopefully have an offer accepted by the end of April beginning of May. If no suitable candidate is selected, then the position will be reposted.

Tyra further stated that Cindy has the certification required by state statute to act on behalf of the IWC as an enforcement officer. She currently does zoning enforcement for the town, working 25 hours three days a week (Monday, Wednesday, Thursday), and is prepared to come in Tuesdays and Fridays to exclusively work on wetlands. She is actively working in the wetland sphere as a Commissioner for the Town of Putnam, very conversant with wetlands issues, and has been a professional in land use enforcement for decades. She also worked closely with Marla since so many applications get reviewed by both departments for the entire time they were coworkers.

Commissioner Dustin made a motion to approve the appointment of Cindy Dunne as the temporary Wetlands Officer. Commissioner Morano seconded the motion. Discussion: Commissioner Chapin asked for a definition of temporary and stated she didn't want to see this vacancy open indefinitely. The





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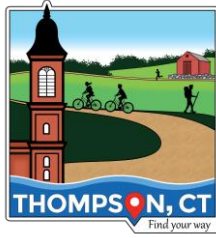
Commissioners discussed and agreed upon, at the suggestion of the Town Planner, to leaving this acting wetlands officer position open until June 30, 2024, the end of the fiscal year. Commissioner Obert commented we've lost the corporate body of knowledge that we had and the point is we're not likely to find somebody that has that kind of experience/knowledge about the town and about the issues facing us, however we need to fill that gap until a qualified candidate is hired. Hearing no further discussion, Commissioner Dustin amended his motion to approve the appointment of Cindy Dunne as the temporary Wetlands Officer until June 30, 2024, the end of the fiscal year. Commissioner Morano seconded the amended motion. The motion was **APPROVED** unanimously.

D) Permit Extensions / Changes

Transfer of WAA240006, Dave Citron, 0 Greene Island (map 143, block 16, lot 53), single-family home and septic within upland review area of Quaddick Reservoir to Sep Sadhegi.

The Commissioners reviewed the corrected version of the plan for WAA24006 and saw that the modifications they required at the February meeting were officially approved by Dan Malo and are shown on the plan. The current owner stated he completed the incorrect form and following the February IWC meeting he met with Dan Malo and completed the correct permit form which Dan Malo signed, however, this transfer request cannot be approved because the prospective buyer doesn't own the property yet. During discussion several questions were raised including the dimensions on the structure. J & D Civil Engineering informed David Citron that they never put square footage on their drawings, the dimension of 422' on the updated drawing refers to the elevation of the structure to the elevation of the septic system above sea level and not the square footage of the house. He further stated the house is to scale on this drawing and is a 26' by 34' structure. The size of the house is correct and the position is correct. The current owner is going to sell it that way which meets with the needs of the buyer, however it cannot be transferred until the buyer becomes the owner. The Commissioners agreed that they were satisfied that the permit has been properly modified and approved by the wetland agent at the time and as long as there are no changes, that it was premature to grant the transfer at this time, however they would have no problem granting this transfer once the prospective buyer owns the property. The prospective buyer commented that in order to obtain an Occupancy Certificate J & D Engineering will provide a certified as built plan to verify no changes have been made.





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E) Adjournment

Following completion of the agenda, the meeting adjourned by unanimous consent.

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Respectfully submitted, Gloria Harvey, Recording Secretary,

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