APPROVED/REVISED MINUTES INLAND WETLANDS BOARD PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

These minutes are a general summary of the meeting and are not a verbatim transcription.

December 18, 2018 Present Robert Cascella

Joseph Dowdell George Hanlon John Katz

Charles Robbins
Catherine Savoca

Rebecca Mucchetti, Chair Joseph Fossi, Vice Chair

Mark Zeck

Also Present: Richard Baldelli, Director, Planning and Zoning, ZEO

Beth Peyser, Inland Wetlands Agent & Conservation Enforcement Officer

Daniel Robinson, Assistant Planner Aarti Paranjape, Recording Secretary

At 7:30 P.M., Chair Mucchetti called the meeting to order. The Chair gave an overview of the meeting and explained the process of public hearing.

Inland Wetlands Board

Item I: #2018-067-S-AH-SR: Summary Ruling application under Section 7.5 of the Town of Ridgefield Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations to construct three (3) single family homes on a three (3) lot subdivision within the upland review area at **28 Great Hill Road** in RAA Zone. Statutorily received on October 09, 2018. 35 days to close a public hearing is January 22, 2019. Owner/Applicant: CV Building Concepts Inc.

Planning and Zoning Commission

Item I: #2018-067-S-AH-SR: Subdivision Application per the Town of Ridgefield Subdivision Regulations per Section 4-20 for a 3-lot subdivision of ±3.00 acres of land to construct three (3) single family homes and an accessway under Section 8-30g of The Connecticut General Statutes (Affordable Housing) located at 28 Great Hill Road in RAA Zone. Statutorily received on October 09, 2018. 35 days to close a public hearing is January 22, 2019.Owner/Applicant: CV Building Concepts Inc.

Mr. Hanlon motioned, Mr. Robbins seconded to combine the reviews of the Inland Wetlands Board Summary Ruling Application and the Planning and Zoning Commission Affordable Housing application. Motion carried 9-0.

Mr. Baldelli read the Legal notice for the Summary Ruling Application and the Affordable Housing Application.

Mr. Richard Szenkuti of CV Building Concepts Inc. presented the application for Summary ruling, subdivision and Affordable housing application. He stated that parcel has 3 acres, and he is proposing three individual lots, with individual septic and each house with private well. He said the application meets the health requirements. He stated that the Town of Ridgefield need more housing opportunities for families such as police, teachers and new families who want to live in the Town of Ridgefield.

Mr. Frank Fowler, Engineer presented the engineering plans. He stated that the soil condition is excellent at the proposed site. There are three (3) houses proposed and each house will have its own septic and private well, which will be accessed via accessway. Each house will have a cultec system to manage the stormwater. There will be a bio retention basin, trapping the ground water discharge. There is no activity in the wetlands. The activity is approximately fifty feet away from the upland review area. He said that erosion and sediment controls will have double rows of silt fence. Forty (40) percent of the land is proposed to be donated to the Town as Open Space.

The Peer review consultants presented their comments:

- Mr. Bryan Nestriak, P.E. from B& B Engineering stated that after reviewing the original application he had suggested a few changes. Mr. Frank Fowler's revised plans have addressed those concerns. He suggested the maintenance of the Bio retention basin should be considered and should clarify as to the responsible party who will perform the maintenance.
 - Mr. Szenkuti said that the deed will include the cost of maintenance of the accessway, and bio retention system.
 - Mr. Nesteriak added that the proposed Rip Rap has a limited amount of disturbance in the upland review area. He said that there should be additional plantings in the infiltration basin.

Dr. Donald Poland, peer review consultant for planning commented that the application is in compliance with the Subdivision and zoning requirements. He said all his concerns have been addressed by the applicant. He said that the maintenance of the accessway should be split into 20/40/40 for the three homes where the responsibility of the affordable unit should be twenty percent. He also added that affordable house should be built before the market rate houses get the Certificate of Occupancy (CO). He suggested having a qualified administrator to manage the affordable houses allotted to the eligible homeowner who qualifies the State's affordable calculations.

Under the Technical correspondence:

- Director Baldelli said that the Department of Health confirms that the property can accommodate three private wells and three septic systems. Based on the soil testing, each lot is approved for three bedrooms.
 - He added that if the applicant abides by the plans submitted by the applicant's engineer Mr. Fowler, there should be no negative impact to the wetlands due to construction He added that a draft stormwater drainage management system should be reviewed by the peer review engineer, and the draft affordability plan should be submitted so that the peer review planner may review it to make sure all is according to the approval of Commission.
- Agent Peyser said that no activity is proposed within the wetlands and minor activity is proposed within the fifty feet upland review area. She agreed with the peer review engineer's comments for the additional planting in the infiltration basin system.
- Ridgefield Conservation Commission member, Mr. Alan Pilch stated that the additional planting should be native plants. He added that the stone wall should be repositioned to clearly demarcate the Ridgefield Open Space from the boundary of the third lot.

Public comments were taken at 8:16 P.M. Six people raised concerns about the traffic and overall negative impact on the neighborhood.

Mr. Szenkuti stated in his closing remarks that the three homes will not be the typical cookie cutter homes, the home style fits in the neighborhood homes.

Public Hearing was closed at 8:36PM.

Hearing no further discussion, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:36 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Recused Catherine Savoca

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Mark Zeck

Also Present: Richard Baldelli, Director of Planning and Zoning

Beth Peyser, Inland Wetlands Agent & Conservation Enforcement Officer

Daniel Robinson, Assistant Planner Aarti Paranjape, Recording Secretary

At 8:39 P.M., Chair Mucchetti called the meeting to order.

Item II: #2018-070-SP: Special Permit Application per Section 9.2 of the Town of Ridgefield Zoning Regulations per Section 3.2.C.2 to add an indoor gathering space (including an accessible entry area and bathroom facilities) to the southeast corner of the church and a smaller addition to the northeast corner (with some associated demolition) and other building and site improvements for a property located at 54 Catoonah Street in the R7.5 Zone. Statutorily received on October 16, 2018. 35 days to close a public hearing is January 22, 2019. Owner/Applicant: St. Mary's Corporation. Authorized Agent: Robert R. Jewell, Esq.

Director Baldelli read the legal notice for the Special Permit Application.

Attorney Jewell presented the application stating that the project is an addition to St. Mary's Church which is a house of worship in a residential neighborhood of R 7.5 Zone. The one story addition will give extra indoor space to the parishioners and an ADA compliant entrance.

- Mr. Vince Fallatico, Architect presented the plans showing the elevations of the single story additions. He said that the existing sacristy in the rear will have an ADA compliant entrance.
- Mr. Robert Pryor, P.E. and land Surveyor from Land Tech stated since there are no existing catch basins on the State or Town's roads, the applicant is proposing storm water

system and a rain garden at the north east part of the property. The site plan has a comprehensive soil and erosion control plan.

The peer review engineer, Mr. Bryan Nestriak stated his concerns about the location of rain garden at the north east corner of the property. He said that the two properties at the north edge of the property will have significant storm water issues if the rain garden fails or is not maintained. He stated that with rain garden a very robust maintenance is needed.

Director Baldelli asked about the reduction in two parking spaces. He stated that the applicant should prove that they have compliant parking. He added that the applicant has not addressed the erosion and sediment control measures. He said that the issues raised by the Fire Marshall have not been addressed by the applicant. He added that AAC members had asked the applicant to come back with revised architectural building plans.

Chair Mucchetti stated that the applicant should come up with additional solutions to accommodate the drainage issues instead of relying solely on the proposed rain garden for storm water management.

Two people spoke and showed concerns with the storm water issue and the poor drainage issues will have an adverse effect on the neighboring properties.

The commission and staff agreed to continue the public hearing and that the applicant should come up with more compliant and better solution for drainage concerns raised by the commission, staff, peer review engineer and the neighbors.

The Public Hearing continued to January 22, 2019.

Hearing no further discussion, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:32 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Daniel Robinson, Assistant Planner Aarti Paranjape, Recording Secretary

Planning & Zoning Commission Pending item 5 and New item 1 were discussed before the Inland Wetlands Board Meeting.

At 9:37 P.M., Chair Mucchetti called the meeting to order.

PENDING ITEMS

1. #2018-061-AH-SR: Summary Ruling Application under Section 7.5 of the Town of Ridgefield Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations for stormwater management facilities and related work in an upland review area to allow for construction of a building containing sixteen (16) age restricted units on property consisting of ±0.7 acres located at 84 Governor Street in the RA Zone. Statutorily received on September 04, 2018. Site walked on October 21, 2018. Public hearing closed on December 04.35 days to render a decision is December 12, 2018. Owner: George & Lynn Dinisi. Applicant: 84 Governor St LLC. Authorized Agent: Robert R. Jewell, Esq. For approval of draft resolution.

Mr. Katz motioned, Mr. Robbins seconded to approve the Draft Resolution for Summary Ruling application as modified. Effective date 12/28/2018. Ms. Savoca abstained. Motion carried 8-0-1.

2. #2018-062-AH-PR: Plenary Ruling Application under Section 7.6 of the Town of Ridgefield Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations for stormwater management facilities and related work in an upland review area to allow for construction of a building containing twenty (20) age restricted units on property consisting of ±1.2 acres located at 62 Prospect

Ridge Road in the RA Zone. Statutorily received on September 04, 2018. Site walked on October 21, 2018. 35 days to close Public hearing is December 12, 2018. Owner/Applicant: 62 Prospect Ridge LLC. Authorized Agent: Robert R. Jewell, Esq. For possible discussion and action.

Mr. Hanlon motioned, Mr. Zeck seconded to Approve the Draft Resolution for the Plenary ruling as modified. Effective Date 12/28/2018. Ms. Savoca abstained. Motion carried 8-0-1.

3. IF PUBLIC HEARING IS CLOSED: #2018-067-S-AH-SR: Summary Ruling application under Section 7.5 of the Town of Ridgefield Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations to construct three (3) single family homes on a three (3) lot subdivision within the upland review area for a property located at 28 Great Hill Road in RAA Zone. Statutorily received on October 09, 2018. 35 days to render a decision is January 22, 2019. Owner/Applicant: CV Building Concepts Inc.

Mr. Katz motioned, Mr. Hanlon seconded to Approve the Summary ruling with modifications. Effective Date 12/28/2018. Motion carried 9-0.

NEW ITEMS

1. Discussion on budget for 2019 fiscal year. % Director

Mr. Zeck motioned and Mr. Robbins seconded to approve the budget for 2019 fiscal year as presented. Motion carried 9-0.

BOARD WALKS – none scheduled

REQUESTS FOR BOND RELEASES/REDUCTION – none requested

CORRESPONDENCE – none received

MINUTES

For approval:

Mr. Fossi motioned, Mr. Zeck seconded to approve the minutes for Public Hearing held on November 07, 2018 as amended. Mr. Fossi, Mr. Zeck and Ms. Savoca abstained. Motion carried 6-0-3.

Mr. Hanlon motioned, Mr. Robbins seconded to approve the Meeting Minutes for Inland Wetlands Board held on November 07, 2018 as amended. Mr. Fossi, Mr. Zeck and Ms. Savoca abstained. Motion carried 6-0-3.

Mr. Hanlon motioned and Mr. Robbins seconded, to approve the meeting minutes for the Public Hearing for November 13, 2018 as amended. Mr. Cascella was recused. Ms. Savoca abstained. Motion carried 7-1-1.

Mr. Katz motioned, Mr. Dowdell seconded, to approve the Minutes for Public hearing held on November 27 as amended. Mr. Cascella was recused. Ms. Savoca abstained. Motion carried 7-1-1.

Mr. Fossi motioned, Mr. Katz seconded, to approve the Minutes for Public hearing held on November 29 as amended. Mr. Cascella was recused. Ms. Savoca and Mr. Zeck abstained. Motion carried 6-1-2.

Mr. Katz motioned, Mr. Cascella seconded, to approve the Minutes for Public hearing held on December 01 as amended. Ms. Savoca, Mr. Zeck and Mr. Hanlon abstained. Motion carried 6-0-3.

Mr. Hanlon motioned, Mr. Zeck seconded, to approve the Minutes for Public Hearing held on December 04, 2018 as amended. Motion carried 9-0.

Mr. Zeck motioned, Mr. Hanlon seconded, to approve the Meeting Minutes for Inland Wetlands Board held on November 07, 2018 as amended. Motion carried 9-0.

Mr. Zeck motioned, Mr. Fossi seconded, to approve the Minutes for Public hearing held on November 29 as amended. Mr. Cascella was recused. Ms. Savoca abstained. Motion carried 7-1-1.

Mr. Zeck motioned, Mr. Katz seconded, to approve the Meeting Minutes for Inland Wetlands Board held on November 07, 2018 as amended. Mr. Cascella recused and Ms. Savoca abstained. Motion carried 7-1-1.

For distribution:

No minutes for distribution.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

December 18, 2018

• #2018-067-AH-SR: Summary Ruling Application, 28 Great Hill Rd.

Hearing no further discussion, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:50 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Aarti Paranjape

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APPROVED/REVISED MINUTES PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

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John Katz (left at 10:41PM)

Charles Robbins
Catherine Savoca

Rebecca Mucchetti, Chair Joseph Fossi, Vice Chair

Mark Zeck

Also Present: Richard Baldelli, Director of Planning and Zoning, ZEO

Beth Peyser, Inland Wetlands Agent & Conservation Enforcement Officer

Daniel Robinson, Assistant Planner Aarti Paranjape, Recording Secretary

Item 5 in pending items and item 1 under new items were discussed first for Planning and Zoning Commission meeting before the Inland Wetlands Agenda.

At 9:52P.M., Chair Mucchetti called the meeting to order.

1. #2018-061-AH-SR: Application for multi-family development under Section 8-30g of the Connecticut General Statutes (Affordable Housing) for construction of sixteen (16) age restricted units, of which 30% of the units shall be affordable on property consisting of ±0.7 acres located at 84 Governor Street in the RA Zone. Statutorily received on September 04, 2018. Site walked on October 21, 2018. 65 days to render a decision is January 11, 2018.Owner: George & Lynn Dinisi. Applicant: 84 Governor St LLC. Authorized Agent: Robert R. Jewell, Esq. For approval of draft resolution.

Mr. Hanlon motioned, Mr. Robbins seconded, to approve the Draft Resolution for an affordable housing application. Ms. Savoca abstained. Effective date 12/28/2018. Motion carried 8-0-1.

2. #2018-062-AH-PR: Application for multi-family development under Section 8-30g of the Connecticut General Statutes (Affordable Housing) for construction of twenty (20) age restricted units, of which 30% of the units shall be affordable on property consisting of ±1.2 acres located at 62 Prospect Ridge Road in the RA Zone. Statutorily received on September 04, 2018. Site walked on October 21, 2018. 65 days to render a decision is January 11, 2018.

Owner/Applicant: 62 Prospect Ridge LLC. Authorized Agent: Robert R. Jewell, Esq. For approval of draft resolution.

Mr. Hanlon motioned, Mr. Katz seconded, approve the Draft Resolution for the Affordable housing application. Effective date 12/28/2018. Ms. Savoca abstained. Motion carried 8-0-1.

3. IF PUBLIC HEARING IS CLOSED: #2018-067-S-AH-SR: Subdivision Application per the Town of Ridgefield Subdivision Regulations per Section 4-20 for a 3-lot subdivision of ±3.00 acres of land to construct three (3) single family homes and an accessway under Section 8-30g of the Connecticut General Statutes (Affordable Housing) for a property located at 28 Great Hill Road in RAA Zone. Statutorily received on October 09, 2018. 65 days to render a decision is February 21, 2019. Owner/Applicant: CV Building Concepts Inc.

Public Hearing was closed.

Mr. Katz motioned, Mr. Hanlon, seconded approve the Affordable housing application with modifications. Effective date 12/28/2018. Motion carried 9-0.

4. IF PUBLIC HEARING IS CLOSED: #2018-070-SP: Special Permit Application per Section 9.2 of the Town of Ridgefield Zoning Regulations per Section 3.2.C.2 to add an indoor gathering space (including an accessible entry area and bathroom facilities) to the southeast corner of the church and a smaller addition to the northeast corner (with some associated demolition) and other building and site improvements for a property located at **54 Catoonah Street** in the R7.5 Zone. *Statutorily received on October 16, 2018.Owner/Applicant: St. Mary's Corporation. Authorized Agent: Robert R. Jewell, Esq.*

Public Hearing was continued to January 22, 2019.

5. #2018-074-VDC: Village District Application per Section 8.3 under Section 5.1.B of the Town of Ridgefield Zoning Regulations for wall sign in the front of the building including Shutters, outdoor lights, painting the front façade and awning for a property located at 31 Bailey Avenue in the CBD Zone. Statutorily received on October 23, 2018.Owner: PRP Inc. Applicant: Dr. Nick Ritzcovan, Hometown Dental Inc. For discussion and possible action.

Mr. Katz motioned, Mr. Fossi seconded, to approve the Village District application with modifications. Effective date 12/28/2018. Motion carried 9-0.

NEW ITEMS

1. #2018-080-VDC: Village District Application per Section 8.3 under Section 5.1.B of the Town of Ridgefield Zoning Regulations for vinyl lettering sign "Avenue K" on front window of the building for a property located at **446 Main Street** in the CBD Zone. *Statutorily*

received November 27, 2018.Owner: Willett Properties LP. Applicant: Lynn Klean. For discussion and possible action.

Mr. Fossi motioned, Mr. Robbins seconded, approve the Village District application as presented. Effective date 12/28/2018. Motion carried 9-0.

2. #2018-079-PRE: Pre submission concept to discuss the \pm 1.171 acre Turner Road property to change the zone. *Statutorily received on Dec 04*, 2018. For discussion.

Attorney Jewell discussed Turner Road property which is at the border of the Danbury town line. The parcel is in the CDD zone which is an industrial zone. This parcel was left as CDD when the Turner Road subdivision was changed to RAA. The parcel is around one acre versus the minimum twenty acre lot size in CDD Zone. Atty. Jewell said the parcel would be appropriate for 8-30g project but unfortunately CDD does not apply to the affordable housing in an industrial zone. Atty. Jewell suggested to the Commission to change the Zone to RAA which will allow 8-30g to be built on this parcel.

After brief discussion the Commission members agreed changing the zone from CDD to RAA is objectionable, however the affordable housing application in CDD Zone can be submitted to the Commission.

3. #2018-081-PRE: Pre-submission concept to discuss the self-storage in the B-1 Zone located at 71 Ethan Allen Highway. *Statutorily received on Dec 04, 2018. For discussion.*

Mr. Gorman presented to Commission the concept of storage facility to open in the B-1 Zone. Currently the B-1 zone does not allow the Storage facility. He stated that the storage he is proposing is climate control storage unlike the other storage facilities in the town. The Commission members were not in favor of the idea of an amendment to the B-1 zone to allow a storage facility. They all agreed that it will be precedent for more such storage facilities in the other B-1 zones all around the town.

4. Discussion on budget for 2019 fiscal year. % Director

Mr. Katz motioned, Mr. Hanlon seconded, to approve the budget for Planning and Zoning for the 2019 fiscal year as presented. Motion carried 9-0.

5. #2018-083-SP: Special Permit Application per Section 9.2 of the Town of Ridgefield Zoning Regulations per Section 3.3.D.1 for a Major home occupation, to use portion of property to store two (2) trailers, and a snow sander at 44 Highview Drive in the RAA Zone. Owner/Applicant: Patrick Biehl. For receipt and scheduling a site walk and public hearing.

The Site walk was scheduled on February 03, 2019 and Public hearing scheduled on February 12, 2019.

6. Discussion on CBD Zone Commercial/Residential. % Director.

Director Baldelli discussed the amendment to Section 5.1.D.6. He said the recent Special Permit application in the CBD initiated the need for the text amendment. He proposed language for the text amendment zone. He stated the amendment would address the first floor to be kept for the commercial use only and the second and third floor may be designated for the residential use.

Mr. Fossi motioned and Mr. Katz seconded to move forward the amendment text for Section 5.1.D.6. to be proposed at the meeting in January 2019. Motion carried 9-0.

7. Discussion on POCD Economic study if needed. % Chair.

The commission members agreed to do an economic study and collect the data for the 2020 POCD.

Mr. Cascella motioned and Mr. Dowdell seconded to go forward and conduct an economic study for the 2020 POCD. Motion carried 7-1-1.

8. #2018-084-PRE: Pre submission concept to discuss 137 Ethan Allen Highway expansion of brewery. *For discussion*.

Mr. Robert Kaye, of Nod Hill Brewery presented his idea of expansion of the Nod Hill Brewery. He said the expansion is within the footprint of the building. He is proposing the extension to hold events like parties, birthdays and weddings. He said the additional space proposed would hold 75-100 people which will be in compliance with the Fire Marshall codes. He said the property has adequate parking.

The Commission members unanimously gave a positive response to Mr. Kaye's proposal.

COMMISSION WALKS – none scheduled

REQUESTS FOR BOND RELEASES/REDUCTION – none requested

CORRESPONDENCE – none received

MINUTES – Mr. Katz left the meeting prior to the minutes.

For Approval:

Mr. Cascella motioned, Mr. Hanlon seconded, to approve the Meeting Minutes for Planning and Zoning Commission held on November 07, 2018 as amended. Mr. Fossi, Mr. Zeck and Ms. Savoca abstained. Motion carried 5-3-0.

Mr. Fossi motioned, Mr. Robbins seconded, to approve the Meeting Minutes for Planning and Zoning Commission held on December 04, 2018. Motion carried 8-0.

Mr. Fossi motioned, Mr. Zeck seconded, to approve the Meeting Minutes for Planning and Zoning Commission held on December 12, 2018. Mr. Cascella was recused and Ms. Savoca abstained. Motion carried 6-1-1.

For Distribution:

There were no Meeting Minutes distributed.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

December 18, 2018

- #2018-067-S-AH-SR: Subdivision and Affordable Housing Application, 28 Great Hill Road, CV Building Concepts Inc.
- #2018-070-SP: Special Permit Application, 54 Catoonah Street, St Mary's Corporation.

Hearing no further discussion, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:43 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

APPROVED/REVISED MINUTES AQUIFER PROTECTION AGENCY

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Mark Zeck

Also Present: Richard Baldelli, Director of Planning and Zoning

Beth Peyser, Inland Wetlands Agent & Conservation Enforcement Officer

Daniel Robinson, Assistant Planner Aarti Paranjape, Recording Secretary

At 10:44P.M., Chair Mucchetti called the meeting to order.

PENDING ITEMS

No pending items.

NEW ITEMS

1. Approval of 2019 meeting calendar. % Chair

Mr. Hanlon motioned, Mr. Dowdell seconded, approve the budget for Planning and Zoning for the 2019 fiscal year as presented. Motion carried 8-0.

CORRESPONDENCE

MINUTES

For Approval:

For distribution:

Hearing no further discussion, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:44 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,