1. CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Randy Dill called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Grange.

2. ATTENDANCE:

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mary Augustiny, Randy Dill

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Jennifer Burton-Reeve, Bryan Goff, Laura Magaraci, Daniel Jahne

OTHERS PRESENT: Mr. Ventres and three townspeople were present

There was no quorum for tonight’s meeting. Therefore, the meeting was conducted as an informal discussion.

3. MINUTES

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4. BILLS:

None

5. FIELD INSPECTION REPORT

6. WETLANDS PERMIT REVIEW
INFORMAL DISCUSSION

A) New: JW Huber Architect (Agent), Bruce & Elizabeth Butler (owners), 15 Catchfly Pointe, new single-family dwelling, stairway, and dock to be constructed in the upland review area. Assessor’s Map 66, Lot 401.
First date: July 16, 2016 Last date: September 23, 2016

Whitney Huber reviewed several changes to plans. He highlighted the stairs going from the lower terrace to the lower dock. The detail for the materials was noted on the plan. He planned to use pressure-treated 6x6 construction. There will be some crushed stone or groundcover. In some places, depending on the terrain, they may have a few steps in a row. The path may have to meander, depending upon the location of ledge, etc.
Mr. Dill asked the dimensions of the path. Mr. Huber was calling for a maximum of 6-feet wide, to accommodate a golf cart. The bedding material will be a processed stone to lock in with the water bars, in order to help prevent erosion. The water bars are aimed out to the side, with a small amount of rip rap. It will fall into a crushed gravel bed, but will dissipate.

Mr. Dill inquired. Mr. Huber stated they would try to direct the water onto the Butler’s property. Ms. Augustiny suggested the downhill side be planted with shrubbery to absorb water and help dissipate the water.

Mr. Gelston suggested pitching the driveway inward toward the applicant’s lot. He did this in his own driveway and it worked well to keep water off the driveway.

Mr. Dill inquired about gutters. Mr. Huber stated he would have two foundation drain outlets that would daylight onto the ground. Mr. Butler stated there was no more water there than there ever was. He asked about dry wells. Mr. Ventres stated that would have to be determined in the field, and it would depend on the soils. Another suggestion was to break up the roof lines.

Mr. Gelston asked about a level spreader. Mr. Ventres stated that might work, depending on the land. Mr. Dill inquired about tree removal. Mr. Huber stated there would be no tree removal greater than 2-inches. He also has a note that along the shoreline, except where they need to access the dock, that there would be no removal of the root masses. The treatment of the hillside would be planted with native grasses, groundcovers, and shrubbery suited for the location. Mr. Dill stated it should be planted with something that would hold the root structure in place. Grass alone would not do it.

Ms. Augustiny asked if the septic would be in the back of the property. Mr. Huber showed the area on the plan. One area would be a septic, and one would be a pump chamber. They need to be set in, with a foot of material over it. They may need to do a bit of blasting for this, but they won’t know until they get in there. Mr. Dill asked if the septic system had not been sited yet. He added that the plan was technically not complete without that. Mr. Ventres stated this was tied to the subdivision, which depicted it approximately 170-feet from the reservoir.

Ms. Augustiny asked if there would be erosion control around the area. Mr. Huber showed the area of silt fence. Ms. Augustiny asked if the dock would be removable, to which Mr. Butler stated it was. He hoped to be able to winch it up on one of the trees to remove it for the winters.

Mr. Dill asked if the applicant had given any thought to the shoreline. Mr. Dill believed if there were extra stones that came out of the construction, and there were areas underneath of erosion, that some of those stones could be tucked under to break up the flow. He cautioned that they could not encroach into the lake with the stones though.

It was suggested that the path be slanted.

**Addition:**

B) New – Gary & Beverly Christopher, 58 Bashan Road, East Haddam, construct 21 ft x 40 ft inground pool in the regulated area. Assessor’s Map 58, Lot 140 – Moodus Reservoir

No one representing the applicants was present at this meeting.
Mr. Ventres distributed a copy of the revised agenda.

7. IWWC ENFORCEMENT OFFICER’S REPORT:

Mr. Ventres received a call from a person on Lake Hayward who wanted to re-do the shoreline in front of his parents’ cottage. Mr. Ventres stated this was quite over-developed, so he sent him a packet of information.

Mr. Dill stated he attended a building committee meeting and there was considerable discussion about file space. He questioned the need for so much paper. Mr. Ventres explained that the Board of Ed has to keep records. Mr. Ventres recalled after the 2013 computer mishap, he was hesitant to not have a hard copy file. Mr. Dill believed this should be digitized and if hard copies are kept, there are companies that keep them in a climate-controlled environment. Ms. Augustiny asked where the land records would be stored. Mr. Ventres stated that would be in the vault. It was noted that not everything has been digitized, and some of the extremely old, miscellaneous materials could be discarded. Discussion ensued. Mr. Ventres believed that customer service was important, and was better in their office than in many other towns.

Ms. Augustiny went to a meeting recently that discussed important birding areas. There is some potential money for evaluations for the benefit of wildlife preservation.

8. CONSERVATION COMMISSION INPUT

Mr. Gelston had little to report. He stated a group of them had tried to move a bridge but it was too hot. They now plan to wait for September.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The informal discussion ended at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly Pattavina