East Haddam Inland Wetlands and Watercourse Commission
Land Use Office

Regular Meeting Minutes
January 21, 2020

1. Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the East Haddam Inland Wetlands and Watercourse Commission was called to order by Mr. Dill at 7:30 PM at the Municipal Office Complex.

2. Attendance

Members Present: Randolph Dill (chairman), Daniel Jahne, and Mary Augustiny
Members Absent: Bryan Goff, and Jennifer Burton-Reeve
Also Present: James Ventres (Land Use Administrator), Monique Rowley, Tom Samperi, Charlie Dutch, L.S. – departed 7:40, Rob Smith (First Selectman), Carleen Quinn (Third Selectman)

3. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Jahne to accept the minutes from the December 17, 2019 meeting as presented. Second by Ms. Augustiny and unanimously approved.

4. Bills

None.

5. Field Inspection Report

None held this month.

6. Wetlands Permit Review

a. Continued - #W19-20 – 49 Main Street, Robert & Marcia Reynolds, construct a garage and driveway in the upland review area. Assessor’s Map 26, Lot 3.

Charlie Dutch, L.S., agent on behalf of the owner, reviewed the proposal to bump out the garage and build a deck at the second level. There is an overhang in 2 directions (west and north). The driveway will extend down a bit further, to accommodate the garage, which is a side entry. There are some wetlands on the property. The extra runoff has been addressed per the drawing provided, and ultimately drains into a koi pond/wetlands area. The additional gutters are directed into the lawn drain, so the extra water goes into the pond as well. The original house is discharging into the lawn, but the additional water will be discharged into the pond via the yard drain.
The deck overreaches the garage, and per the Commission’s concern about the water from the deck, there is going to be stone put down. Mr. Ventres reviewed the 1/14/2020 map to show the deck location with the additional note about the stone being added.

Motion by Ms. Augustiny to approve the application #W19-20 – 49 Main Street, Robert & Marcia Reynolds, construct a garage and driveway in the upland review area and deck, as per the plans dated 1/14/2020. Assessor’s Map 26, Lot 3. Second by Mr. Jahne and unanimously approved.


Mr. Ventres noted that the application has been withdrawn as the buyer is no longer going to purchase the property.

Motion by Ms. Augustiny to accept the application as withdrawal #W19-22 – 27 Daniels Road, David & Joanne Shelberg, construct a barn in the upland review area. Assessor’s Map 37, Lot 71. Second by Mr. Jahne and unanimously approved.

c. New - #W19-23 – 211 East Shore Drive (Lake Hayward), Monique Rowley & Tom Samperi, construct ramp into lake. Assessor’s Map 80, Lot 361.

Ms. Rowley and Mr. Samperi recently purchased the cottage and would like to have a wheelchair and boat access. There was discussion at the prior meeting on how to stabilize the area. The applicants provided plans for the retaining walls. The ramp will be compacted processed stone with sand on top of that. The ramp will not go into the lake as there is gravel within the lake that will handle wheelchair tires. The most important part is that there is a filter fabric being laid down to keep the gravel and sand from becoming part of the soil already there. Mr. Ventres noted that for the winter, it would be wise to put down sandbags to protect the ramp. Mr. Samperi noted that he will install a temporary barrier at the end of the lake come the end of the season. There is going to be a cut needed to create the ramp, Mr. Jahne asked where the excess material will be placed. Mr. Samperi will spread any topsoil around the lawn and any gravel will be put on the driveway. The width of the ramp was questioned at the last meeting. Mr. Samperi noted that he is looking to have enough space to allow a boat to be brought up to allow loading/unloading of the wheelchair.

Motion by Ms. Augustiny to approve application #W19-23 – 211 East Shore Drive (Lake Hayward), Monique Rowley & Tom Samperi, to construct ramp into lake, Assessor’s Map 80, Lot 361. Project will be done according to plans dated 1/21/2020, with the following conditions: at end of each boating season some temporary barrier will be placed at end of ramp to prevent sand from getting into the lake, at the beginning of the season the sand will be raked out of the lake. Any material removed during construction will be placed up near the road. Second by Mr. Jahne and unanimously approved.
7. **IWWC Enforcement Officer’s Report**

Mr. Ventres provided an update on the proposed bridge replacement on Neptune Avenue. The only difference is that the throat is going to be much different than what was there before, and the sloping will be much broader. The travel lane and guard rails will be the same. Mr. Dill would like to have a site walk to see the site. Mr. Ventres noted that it is a repair of existing, but Ms. Augustiny asked that it be included as a regular agenda item.

Mr. Ventres also provided an update on Notice of Compliance on 6 Cove Road from the DEEP. The issue is that there was an existing dock and the homeowner replaced some sections. Mr. Ventres will take a second look at the dock to see if there is a need for an EH IWWC permit. In addition, the homeowner will also need to address the letter from the DEEP. Mr. Ventres will schedule a site walk for this property.

Mr. Ventres provided an update on the letter from the CT DEEP, Bureau of Natural Resources Wildlife Division, from October 2014. Mr. Ventres brought this topic up because the Moodus Reservoir Preservation Group purchased a machine to remove invasive weeds. Discussion ensued around the use of the machine to remove invasive weeds and the need or non-need for a permit from either the DEEP or the IWWC. Mr. Dill asked for clarity on who is overseeing the work. Mr. Bugbee of the UCONN Cooperative Extension Center is overseeing the project and therefore it does not need a permit from the DEEP. The weeds are going to Cone farm for composting to see how they break down and use it as compost.

Mr. Ventres provided an update on Lakeside Dan; he is going to revisit this weekend and check to make sure that the pipe is unplugged. There is a corrective work order on the property, which specified certain things. Mr. Ventres noted that he told the owner that the pipe needs to be opened and will work with the owner to get that updated. This has been going on for 1.5 years and needs to be addressed.

8. **Conservation Commission Input**

No Conservation Commission attended, no report provided.

9. **Election of Officers**

   *Motion by Mr. Jahne to nominate Mr. Dill as Chairman, Ms. Augustiny as Vice Chair and Mr. Goff as Secretary. Second by Mr. Dill, unanimously approved.*

10. **Other business**

    *Motion by Mr. Dill to continue to hold the meetings on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. Second by Mr. Jahne, unanimously approved.*
11. Adjournment

Motion by Ms. Augustiny to adjourn the meeting at 8:11pm. Second by Mr. Jahne and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Shannon A. Goyette
Recording Secretary