

**INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES COMMISSION
TOWN OF EAST HADDAM
LAND USE OFFICE**

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
October 18, 2016**

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: Randy Dill, Mary Augustiny, Jennifer Burton-Reeve, Bryan Goff, Laura Magaraci, and Daniel Jahne

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Mr. Ventres and two townspeople were present

3. MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Goff, seconded by Ms. Burton-Reeve to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2016 regular meeting with the following amendments:

- **Page 2, Item 6A, heading: Add “Upper” to the Moodus Reservoir heading**
- **Page 3, Item B, heading: Add “Upper” to the Moodus Reservoir heading**
- **Page 4, Item C, heading: Add “Wildwood Association” to the heading**

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

4. BILLS:

East Haddam News	\$77.25
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Mr. Dill asked the fee per notice. Mr. Ventres explained that the fee was dependent upon the size of the notice. It was noted however, that this fee was far less than advertising in the Hartford Courant had been and that it reaches a broader audience.

Motion by Mr. Goff, seconded by Ms. Burton-Reeve to pay the bill as presented. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

5. FIELD INSPECTION REPORT

The commission attended a site visit for the East Haddam Lions Club skating pond, at which Mr. Dill, Ms. Augustiny, Mr. Ventres, and Mr. Jahne were in attendance. Ms. Burton-Reeve walked this site separately earlier on the day of the site walk.

6. WETLANDS PERMIT REVIEW

A) Continued - #W16-10, Tony Berner, 74 Smith Road (#15), rebuild existing dock and add extension. Assessor's Map 49, Lot 9. (Wildwood Association)

Mr. Berner addressed the commission. He submitted a sketch to the commission, and briefly explained his plan to rebuild a dock and to extend it a bit. Mr. Ventres distributed photographs he took of the area.

Mr. Dill asked the applicant to add his name, property address, and today's date on his plan, which the applicant did.

Mr. Dill noted that there was material brought in and it was placed over the stone along the shoreline.

Mr. Berner wanted to increase the dock because there is a large rock, preventing one from pulling a boat up alongside the dock. He wanted to add a dock over the rock. Mr. Dill asked why not put a boat lift on the other side, rather than have such a large dock. Mr. Berner stated he would like to have a place for his children to swim.

Ms. Augustiny asked if it would be a permanent dock, to which Mr. Berner responded affirmatively. The decking will be Trex, with no painting. Mr. Berner added the Trex decking and pressure treated framing to the plan.

Mr. Dill stated the fill that was brought in over the shoreline rocks will have to be removed. He stated this material will erode. Mr. Berner stated it was 3 inch rocks, so he did not believe it would erode. Mr. Dill again stated the material would have to be removed.

Motion by Ms. Augustiny to approve Application W16-10, Tony Berner, 74 Smith Road (#15), rebuild existing dock and add extension, with the condition that the gravel/light stone brought in by the applicant must be removed, to return the area to the original waterfront line. Motion seconded by Ms. Burton-Reeve, and carried by unanimous vote.

B) Continued: #W16-11, East Haddam Lions Club skating pond, Town Street, elevated walkway. Assessor's Map 27, Lot 106.

First date: September 20, 2016

Last date: November 23, 2016

It was noted that this was a continued application, not a new application as was listed on the agenda. The first and last dates were adjusted to reflect the correct dates.

Mr. Vincent Garofalo explained that he would like to make a walkway with fabric underneath, and then gravel between old telephone poles. This work will be done by and behind the existing benches. There are a few places where the drainage flows, so they would use a 18 inch pipe to alleviate this flow. Responsive to inquiry by Mr. Dill, Mr. Garofalo stated they would probably use an 18-inch pipe. He added that they probably won't get to this project until next year.

Mr. Goff asked when this area would be dammed for the winter, to which Mr. Garofalo stated he would close them up around November.

Mr. Goff inquired about the telephone poles. Mr. Garofalo stated the poles do have creosote, but from his research, the chemicals would be gone since the poles are quite old, and are being recycled into this project.

Mr. Garofalo added that they were thinking about enlarging the parking area at some point in the future. He stated they were thinking about 30' x 40'. Mr. Ventres stated there is history with this area, and he believed they should do this in two phases. The walkway now and the parking area later. The parking area may take more research as to the impact to the vegetation.

Mr. Garofalo noted that there will be no excavation of soils for this project. They will use larger trap rock, etc., and then a finer material on top.

Motion by Mr. Goff to approve Application #W16-11, East Haddam Lions Club skating pond, Town Street, elevated walkway, in accordance with the plans dated October 18, 2016 by the applicant. Motion seconded by Mr. Jahne, and carried by unanimous vote.

C) New: W16-12, East Haddam Conservation Commission, Rose Farm Preserve, Town Street, footbridge over Hemlock Valley Brook. Assessor's Map 10, Lot 27.

First date: October 18, 2016

Last date: December 21, 2016

No one representing the applicant was present at this meeting. Mr. Ventres distributed a trails map of the Rose Farm reserve. The proposal was for a footbridge that will go over the brook and part of the wetland. It will be approximately 120-feet long.

Motion by Mr. Dill, seconded by Mr. Goff to schedule a field walk and to continue until the next regularly scheduled meeting Application W16-12, East Haddam Conservation Commission, Rose Farm Preserve, Town Street, footbridge over Hemlock Valley Brook. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mr. Gelston stated the walkway will be over the entire wetland, including the brook.

D) New: W16-13, East Haddam Conservation Commission, Chapal Farm (Boot Rock Section), Norwich Salem Road, creation of a parking lot. Assessor's Map 15, Lot 36.

First date: October 18, 2016

Last date: December 21, 2016

No one representing the applicant was present at this meeting. Mr. Ventres distributed a map of the area. This will have more formalized parking. All of the activity will be in the upland review area. The area right now is grass. Mr. Ventres informed the commission that the applicant would like to add filter fabric and gravel, so that people won't sink during wet periods.

Motion by Mr. Dill, seconded by Mr. Goff to schedule a public hearing for and continue until the next regularly scheduled meeting Application W16-13, East Haddam Conservation Commission, Chapal Farm (Boot Rock Section), Norwich Salem Road, creation of a parking lot. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mr. Ventres stated they are probably looking at Sundays for field walks.

7. IWWC ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT:

None

8. DISCUSSION

None

9. CONSERVATION COMMISSION INPUT

Mr. Gelston stated the commission already discussed the bridge, so he had no other report.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Goff, seconded by Ms. Burton-Reeve to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Holly Pattavina