

**East Haddam Inland Wetlands and Watercourse Commission
Town of East Haddam
Municipal Office Complex
1 Plains Road**

**Regular Meeting Minutes
July 16, 2019**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Dill called the meeting to order at 7:31 pm at the Municipal Office.

2. ATTENDANCE

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Chair Randolph Dill, Vice Chair, Mary Augustiny, Daniel Jahne, and Jennifer Burton-Reeve

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Bryan Goff

3. MINUTES

Tabled until the next meeting.

4. BILLS

No bills.

5. FIELD INSPECTION REPORT

No field inspection.

6. WETLANDS PERMIT REVIEW

- a. **New - #W19-13 – 66 Ridgewood Road – Roland A. DePratti, replacement of a retaining wall and patio in the upland review area. Assessor’s Map 87, Lot 78**

First Date: July 16, 2019

Last Date: September 18, 2019

Mr. Ventres stated the existing retaining wall, which is constructed from telephone poles would be replaced by one with an interlocking block system. There are two existing retaining walls.

Motioned by Ms. Augustiny, seconded by Ms. Burton-Reeve, and unanimously passed to continue application #W19-13 – 66 Ridgewood Road – Roland A. DePratti, replacement of a retaining wall and patio in the upland review area. Assessor’s Map 87, Lot 78 and schedule a field walk.

7. IWWC ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT

Mr. Ventres presented a copy of the finalized complaint to, which was delivered, to both Mr. O'mara and Mr. Affinito by the Sheriff. Mr. Affinito's attorney has contacted attorney, Mr. Matthew Willis. Mr. Affinito is willing to work with the commission in order to correct the issue.

Mr. Ventres met with Mr. Affinito who said he owns a construction company and is willing to do the necessary work to replace the existing pipe. Mr. Ventres presented Mr. Affinito's draft plan.

Mr. Ventres explained he and Mr. Affinito discussed installing a new concrete pipe as well as fixing/extending the catch basin. Mr. Ventres stated there is a wood retaining wall at the water's edge. Per, Mr. Affinito's plan the retaining wall would be removed, in order to install the new pipe. The retaining wall would be replaced with an interlocking block system.

Ms. Burton-Reeve asked if the material, which Mr. O'mara used to fill in the parking area, as discussed in the previous meeting, would need to be removed. Mr. Ventres stated this material most likely would not need to be removed. The area has started to grow grass again and attempting to remove the debris would not be beneficial.

Mr. Dill asked if Mr. Affinito's plan includes provisions to keep the pipe from getting clogged again. Mr. Ventres explained the technique Mr. Affinito would use to install a screen, which would prevent the pipe from becoming clogged.

Mr. Ventres stated Mr. Willis offered to work with Mr. Affinito to execute these plans, with the Commission's permission. The Commission will make a determination after reviewing the final plans.

Mr. Ventres presented reappointment letters for the 5 Commissioners.

Motioned by Mr. Dill, seconded by Ms. Augustiny, and unanimously passed to make recommendations for all 5 reappointments.

8. CONSERVATION COMMISSION INPUT

No one from the Conservation Commission was present.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Motioned by Ms. Augustiny, seconded by Ms. Burton-Reeve, and unanimously passed to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 pm.