

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

**Regular Meeting Minutes  
August 20, 2019**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Dill called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm at the Municipal Office Complex.

**2. ATTENDANCE**

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

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:** Bryan Goff and Daniel Jahne

**3. MINUTES**

**Motioned by Ms. Burton-Reeve, seconded by Ms. Augustiny, and unanimously passed the July 16, 2019 meeting minutes as amended.**

Item 7, 5<sup>th</sup> paragraph: change “previsions” to “provisions”.

**4. BILLS**

No bills.

**5. FIELD INSPECTION REPORT**

No field inspection.

**6. WETLANDS PERMIT REVIEW**

**A. Continued - #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**

It was determined a field inspection is needed.

**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.**

- B. New - #W19-14 – 261 EH Colchester Turnpike, Oleg Real Estate, LLC (owner), Sheilah Gibson (applicant), install a 4 foot fence in the upland review area. Assessor’s Map 67, Lot 2.  
First Date: August 20, 2019 Last Date: October 23, 2019**

Mr. Ventres stated the Commission should have a survey by the next meeting.

**Motioned by Ms. Augustiny, seconded by Ms. Burton-Reeve, and unanimously passed to continue application #W19-14 – 261 EH Colchester Turnpike, Oleg Real Estate, LLC (owner), Sheilah Gibson (applicant), install a 4 foot fence in the upland review area and schedule a field walk.**

- C. New - #W19-15 – 10 Robbie Road – Edward Sikorski (owner), Town of East Haddam (applicant), stabilize stream bank and direct flow to the existing culverts. Assessor’s Map 56, Lot 081.  
First Date: August, 20 2019 Last Date: October 23, 2019**

Mr. Ventres stated they are still waiting on an engineered plan. Mr. Dill stated he might request an environmental review.

**Motioned by Mr. Dill, seconded by Ms. Burton-Reeve, an unanimously passed to continue application #W19-15 – 10 Robbie Road – Edward Sikorski (owner), Town of East Haddam (applicant), stabilize stream bank and direct flow to the existing culverts, and schedule a field walk.**

## **7. VIOLATIONS**

- A. Corrective Work Plan – 18 Shore Road, Daniel O’Mara & Ralph Affinito. Assessor’s Map 67, Lot 66.**

Mr. Ralph Affinito presented plans. He stated he’s proposing to replace the 6-inch pipe with a 12-inch pipe. He is going to use the highest elevation of the roadway (closest to the swamp area) and taper the pipe back down (towards the lake). He stated a screen would be used to help block debris from entering the lake.

Mr. Dill asked if he would need to bring in additional material.

Mr. Affinito stated he would need to bring in stone. He also stated sand has been washed into the lake and he would like to clear away this sand so the water, draining from the pipe, has a place to spill.

Mr. Dill asked what he would do with the material that is removed from the lake. Mr. Affinito said he is not sure and asked for suggestions.

Mr. Ventres stated he can speak with the Public Works Department to see if there is anywhere near by that can use the fill, once it dries out.

Mr. Dill asked what kind of equipment would be used to remove the debris from the lake. Mr. Affinito stated he would use a backhoe. Mr. Dill asked if he has a way to move the overburden once it has been removed from the lake, possibly via a truck. Mr. Affinito said he does.

Mr. Dill asked if the existing dock would be removed. Mr. Affinito said it would be removed.

Mr. Affinito said the existing retaining wall would be replaced by one made of interlocking blocks.

Mr. Dill asked if the size of the new pipe would be sufficient. Mr. Ventres stated it would take care of most of the water flow from most storms and would be a drastic improvement over the existing pipe.

Mr. Todd Gelston, of the Conservation Commission, asked about the pitch of the pipe. Mr. Affinito stated the pitch would be 6/8 per foot, which is the best he could do without raising the road. Mr. Gelston also stated there is a location on the East Haddam/Colchester town line that might be able to use the overburden removed from the lake.

Ms. Augustiny asked when this work would be preformed. Mr. Affinito said he would like to begin the work as soon as possible.

**Motioned by Ms. Augustiny, seconded by Ms. Burton-Reeve, and unanimously passed to approve the corrective work plan for 18 Shore Road, Daniel O'Mara & Ralph Affinito. Assessor's Map 67, Lot 66.**

## **8. IWWC ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT**

Mr. Ventres stated he had to stop someone on Dogwood Road from clearing without plans and this will appear on the agenda soon.

Ms. Dill asked about 60 Bashan Road (the Govert Property). Mr. Ventres stated he has asked them to stop work because they have not been following the approved plans.

## **9. CONSERVATION COMMISSION INPUT**

Mr. Todd Gelston stated work is almost complete on the Rose Farm Property. He said there would be a grand bridge opening ceremony soon.

## **10. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motioned by Ms. Burton-Reeve, seconded by Ms. Augustiny, and unanimously passed to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 pm.**