

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

**Regular Meeting Minutes
September 17, 2019**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Dill called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

2. ATTENDANCE

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

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Bryan Goff and Daniel Jahne

3. MINUTES

Motioned by Ms. Augustiny, seconded by Ms. Burton-Reeve, and unanimously passed to approve the June 27, 2019 Special Meeting minutes as presented.

Motioned by Ms. Burton-Reeve, seconded by Ms. Augustiny, and unanimously passed to approve the August 20, 2019 minutes as presented.

4. BILLS

There were bills from Halloran and sage \$888 and \$417.69 related to the cease and desist hearing.

Motioned by Ms. Burton-Reeve, seconded by Ms. Augustiny, and unanimously passed to approve bills as presented.

5. FIELD INSPECTION REPORT

The Commission visited five sites on Monday, September 16, 2019. Mr. Dill, Ms. Augustiny, and Ms. Burton-Reeve were present for all five site visits. Mr. Ventres was present for the first four visits.

- i. 126 Lake Shore Drive (Lake Hayward), Lawrence M. Lusardi, replace and enlarge existing deck in the upland review area.
- ii. 66 Ridgewood Road – Roland A. DePratti, replacement of a retaining wall and patio in the upland review area.

- iii. 123 Lakeside Drive – John Gowac, remove and replace retaining wall and install dock.
- iv. 261 EH Colchester Turnpike (Moodus Reservoir), Oleg Real Estate, LLC (owner), Sheilah Gibson (applicant), install a 4 foot fence in the upland review area.
- v. 91 Moodus Leesville Road – Bruce Dutch, pond maintenance.

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

Mr. DePratti stated he plans to replace the 2 existing retaining walls, both made of old telephone pole, with interlocking blocks. He stated a patio would be placed between the two retaining walls and stairs would lead down to the water.

Mr. Dill asked to clarify the dimensions of both retaining walls and the patio. Mr. DePratti stated the proposed patio would be 16’ x 9’, the lower wall will remain 3’ high, and the upper wall would go from 3’ to 4.5’.

Mr. Dill asked what type of silt fence would be used. Mr. DePratti said he is not sure but he offered to find out. Mr. Dill suggested hay bales.

Ms. Augustiny asked of what material the propose patio would be constructed. Mr. DePratti stated the patio would be made of blocks. Ms. Augustiny asked if the proposed patio would be the same size as the existing patio. Mr. DePratti stated the new patio would be slightly larger.

Ms. Augustiny asked where the proposed steps would be built. Mr. Ventres stated they would be built on the south side.

Motioned by Ms. Augustiny, seconded by Ms. Burton-Reeve and unanimously passed to approve application W19-13 – 66 Ridgewood Road – Roland A. DePratti, replace two retaining walls and patio in the upland review area. Assessor’s Map 87, Lot 78 based on the diagram dated September 17. 2019.

B. Continued - #W19-14 – 261 EH Colchester Turnpike (Moodus Reservoir), Oleg Real Estate, LLC (owner), Sheilah Gibson (applicant), install a 4 foot fence in the upland review area. Assessor’ Map 67, Lot 2.

First Date: August 20, 2019

Last Date: October 23, 2019

Ms. Sheilah Gibson stated she would be the property owner after the closing on Friday morning. She said she would install a split rail fence based on the commission's suggestions. Mr. Dill asked how tall the fence would be. Ms. Gibson stated about 4 feet.

Mr. Dill asked how the fence would be installed. Ms. Gibson stated she would have it professionally installed. Mr. Dill asked if the existing dock would be removed from the property. Ms. Gibson stated she would remove the dock that is falling apart if she can find someone to help remove the dock.

Motioned by Ms. Burton-Reeve, seconded by Ms. Augustiny, and unanimously passed to approve application #W19-14 – 261 EH Colchester Turnpike (Moodus Reservoir), Oleg Real Estate, LLC (owner), Sheilah Gibson (applicant), install a 4 foot fence in the upland review area. Assessor' Map 67, Lot 2 based on the diagram dated September 17, 2019.

- C. Continued - #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 he has not yet received diagrams from the application holder. Mr. Dill asked if Mr. Ventres had expressed the Commission's concerns about the environmental impact. Mr. Ventres stated he did.

Motioned by Mr. Dill, seconded by Ms. Augustiny, and 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. Assessor's Map 56, Lot 081.

- D. New - #W19-16 – 126 Lake Shore Drive (Lake Hayward), Lawrence M. Lusardi, replace and enlarge existing deck in the upland review area. Assessor's Map 80, Lot 304.
First Date: September 17, 2019 Last Date: November 11, 2019**

Mr. Ventres presented a diagram and stated the agent for the owner will be present for the next meeting.

Motioned by Mr. Dill, seconded by Ms. Burton-Reeve, and unanimously passed to continue application #W19-16 – 126 Lake Shore Drive (Lake Hayward), Lawrence M. Lusardi, replace and enlarge existing deck in the upland review area. Assessor's Map 80, Lot 304.

- E. New - #W19-17 – 91 Moodus Leesville Road, Bruce Dutch, pond maintenance. Assessor's Map 64, Lot 34.
First Date: September 17, 2019 Last Date: November 11, 2019**

Mr. Rudolph Dill presented plans to remove sediment from the pond. Mr. Dill asked what material was originally at the bottom of the pond. Mr. Rudolph said sand.

Mr. Dill asked how he would go about removing the sediment. Mr. Rudolph said he is lowering the water level of the pond by siphoning the water. He said the pond is deepest in front of the dam, about 8 feet. He said once the water is drained he would use a bulldozer to push the sediment to the west side of the pond. He stated he would use a silt fence to keep the sediment from reentering the pond. He said he would also use an excavator to stack materials.

Mr. Dill was concerned material piled too close to the dam could cause a breach. Mr. Rudolph said he would not pile material too close to the dam. Mr. Dill asked if the materials would be taken off site once it dries. Mr. Rudolph said the material would stay on site.

Ms. Augustiny asked if the small brook on the property is seasonal. She wanted to know if the brook is now dry or if it will need to be blocked. Mr. Rudolph explained the brook is now dry.

Motioned by Ms. Augustiny, seconded by Ms. Burton-Reeve, and unanimously passed to continue #W19-17 – 91 Moodus Leesville Road, Bruce Dutch, pond maintenance. Assessor’s Map 64, Lot 34 until the next meeting.

- F. New - #W19-18 – 123 Lakeside Drive, John Gowac, remove and replace existing retaining wall and install new dock. Assessor’s Map 58, Lot 76. First Date: September 17, 2019 Last Date: November 11, 2019**

Mr. Ventres stated he has instructed Mr. Gowac to provide measurements for his plans.

Motioned by Mr. Dill, seconded by Ms. Burton-Reeve, and unanimously passed to continue application #W19-18 – 123 Lakeside Drive, John Gowac, remove and replace existing retaining wall and install new dock. Assessor’s Map 58, Lot 76 to the next meeting.

7. IWWC ENFORCMENT OFFICER’S REPORT

Mr. Ventres stated Mr. Affinito has scheduled the corrective work for 18 Shore Road. The work will begin in about 2 in a half weeks.

Mr. Ventres stated he has asked for work to be stopped at the Sipple Hills Estates.

Mr. Ventres mentioned he has been observing the work being done at Ackley Road. Mr. Dill suggested scheduling a field walk to see the work since it is near the 8 Mile River.

8. CONSERVATION COMMISSION INPUT

Mr. Todd Gelston said the 8 Mile River Committee should have been contacted before the work on Ackley Road began.

Mr. Gelston also stated the Rose Farm Bridge is about 95% complete. He stated the plan has changed slightly. He said with the new plan the bridge is a bog bridge, which has less of an impact on the wetlands.

Mr. Dill asked about the width of the bridge. Mr. Gelston stated the bridge is 3 feet.

Mr. Gelston stated they are looking at a parking area by Ackley Cemetery so he may be back in the near future for a review of the parking area.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Motioned by Ms. Augustiny, seconded by Ms. Burton-Reeve and unanimously passed to adjourn the meeting at 8:18pm.