

**East Haddam Inland Wetlands and Watercourse Commission
Land Use Office**

**Regular Meeting Minutes
October 15, 2019**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair, Mary Augustiny, called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm after obtaining a quorum.

2. ATTENDANCE

Members Present: Mary Augustiny, Jennifer Burton-Reeve, Daniel Jahne
Members Absent: Randolph Dill and Bryan Goff

3. MINUTES

Motioned by Ms. Burton-Reeve, seconded by Mr. Jahne, and unanimously passed to approve the September 17, 2019 minutes as amended:

- Page 4, item E, paragraph 3, “piled” should read “excavated” and the next sentence should state “Mr. Rudolph Dill” to clarify who was speaking.
- Page 4, item 7, should read “2 and a half weeks” in place of “2 in a half weeks”.
- Page 5, item 8, “Mr. Todd Gelston” should read “Mr. Robert Smith”.

4. BILLS

None

5. FILED INSPECTION REPORT

None

6. WETLANDS PERMIT REVIEW

- a. **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 received any new plans. He said the Director of Public Works confirmed no one was attending this meeting. Mr. Ventres recommended the Commission reject the application without prejudice due to incomplete plans.

Motioned by Mr. Jahne, seconded by Ms. Burton-Reeve, and unanimously passed to reject 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 without prejudice.

- b. Continued - #19-16 – 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. Brian Bagnati presented plans on behalf of Mr. Lusardi. Ms. Augustiny asked if the existing footprint would change, based on the plans for the new deck. It was determined the footprint would be about the same. It was also determined the proposed deck would be further from the water than the existing deck.

Ms. Augustiny asked if the deck would be open underneath. Mr. Bagnati stated it would be open and the ground would be covered with crush stone.

Motioned by Ms. Burton-Reeve, seconded by Mr. Jahne, and unanimously passed to approve application #19-16 – 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 based on the diagram dated October 15, 2019.

- c. Continue - #W19-17 – 91 Moodus Leeseville Road, Bruce Dutch, pond maintenance. Assessor’s Map 64, Lot 34.
First Date: September 17, 2019 Last Date: November 11, 2019**

Mr. Ventres presented plans identifying the stockpile area. It was determined excavation would not be done near the dam and materials would be used on site once they have dried out.

Motioned by Mr. Jahne, seconded by Ms. Burton-Reeve, and unanimously passed to approve application #W19-17 – 91 Moodus Leeseville Road, Bruce Dutch, pond maintenance. Assessor’s Map 64, Lot 34 based on the plans date October 15, 2019.

- d. **Continued - #W19-18 – 123 Lakeside Drive, John Gowac, remove and replace existing retaining wall and install new dock in the upland review area. Assessor’s Map 58, Lot 76.**

First Date: September 17, 2019

Last Date: November 11, 2019

Mr. John Gowac presented plans for the proposed retaining wall. He stated they are looking to remove the existing concrete retaining wall that is in disrepair. He said the retaining wall would be replaced with dry wall stone. He stated stairs would added. Mr. Gowac also confirmed the proposed dock would be a floating dock and would not be permanent.

Mr. Jahne asked how far the dock would extend from the shore. Mr. Gowac stated the dock would extend about 25’.

Ms. Augustiny asked of what material the dock would be made. Mr. Gowac stated the dock would be made from polypropylene. Ms. Augustiny asked if this material requires additional maintenance. Mr. Ventres stated it does not.

Mr. Ventres stated the association’s beach is next door and the dock there extends even further.

Ms. Augustiny asked when the construction would begin. Mr. Gowac stated the construction would begin in about a month when the water level would be lower.

Mr. Ventres stated a diagram shows how hay bales will be used as erosion control.

Motioned by Ms. Burton-Reeve, seconded by Mr. Jahne, and unanimously passed to approve application #W19-18 – 123 Lakeside Drive, John Gowac, remove and replace existing retaining wall and install new dock in the upland review area. Assessor’s Map 58, Lot 76 based on plans dated October 15, 2019 with the condition the Land Use Officer will inspect the erosion control before construction begins.

- e. **New - #W19-19 – 16 Forrest Way, Anthony Skut, remove and replace existing retaining wall in the upland review area. Assessor’s Map 80, Lot 335.**

First Date: October 15, 2019

Last Date: December 18, 2019

Mr. Ventres stated the applicant plans to use wood ties for the construction of the proposed retaining wall.

Motioned by Mr. Jahne, seconded by Ms. Burton-Reeve, and unanimously passed to continue application #W19-19 – 16 Forrest Way, Anthony Skut, remove and replace existing retaining wall in the

upland review area. Assessor's Map 80, Lot 335 and schedule a field walk.

7. IWWC ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT

Mr. Ventres stated he would review the project on Ackley Road. Ms. Augustiny asked if there would be a site walk scheduled. Mr. Ventres stated they could add it to one of the next field walks.

Ms. Augustiny stated she spoke to the 8 Mile River Committee who may want to be present during the site walk.

Mr. Jahne asked if any projects are underway at Johnsonville. Mr. Ventres stated only a few repairs have been completed, such as roof repairs, but otherwise, nothing major.

Ms. Burton-Reeve asked about the potential work at Sipple Hills Estates. Mr. Ventres stated the owner is checking to see if there is a lean on the property from the association before proceeding.

Ms. Augustiny asked if work has begun at 18 Shore Road. Mr. Ventres said he has been in contact with Mr. Affinito but he is waiting until there is less rain in the forecast before beginning construction.

8. CONSERVATION COMMISSION INPUT

Mr. Todd Gelston stated he had no new news to report.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Motioned by Ms. Burton-Reeve, seconded by Mr. Jahne, and unanimously passed to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 pm.