

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

April 19, 2011

(Not yet approved by the Commission)

1. CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Randolph Dill called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Grange.

2. ATTENDANCE:

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mary Augustiny, Randolph Dill, Bryan Goff, Daniel Jahne, Susan Odell

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: David Cassenti

OTHERS PRESENT: James Ventres, Todd Gelston (representing Conservation Commission), and two townspeople were present.

3. MINUTES:

Motion by Mr. Dill, seconded by Mr. Goff to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2011 meeting with the following amendment:

- **Page 3, Paragraph 5, last sentence, 12 inches of gravel under the patio pavers.**

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

4. BILLS

There were no bills to pay.

5. CONSERVATION COMMISSION INPUT

Mr. Todd Gelston spoke as a representative of the Conservation Commission, as well as Ms. Claire Maeder, who is also on the Conservation Commission. No comments were offered at this time.

Mr. Ventres stated he looked at tree cutting on Three Bridges Road. He stated with the recent heavy rains, the area did pick up leaves, etc. Mr. Ventres spoke with the person who was doing the cutting, who noted that the property owner really just wanted to clean up the area along the river. Mr. Ventres believed this was really an educational issue.

Mr. Ventres informed the Commission that he and Mr. Puska visited a property on Taylor Lane this afternoon. The property owner was building a barn, and was dumping manure, etc. toward the wetland area. He identified this property as the first house on the corner of Taylor and Daniels Roads. The barn is almost at the wetland

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line. Mr. Ventres informed the property owner that they would have to remove the manure, and then bring their fences back to the conservation line. The property owner had asked Mr. Ventres if there was anything else they could do; therefore, Mr. Ventres stated he would bring this issue before the Commission. Mr. Ventres asked if the Commission would like to see this site, to which Mr. Dill stated he would. Mr. Ventres stated the property owner, in the meantime, has agreed to put the manure behind the barn.

Motion by Mr. Dill to conduct a field inspection for this site, seconded by Mr. Goff, and carried by unanimous vote.

Ms. Augustiny asked about the white pagoda on Main Street. She thought there would have to have shrubbery put in front of it, but there is nothing. Mr. Ventres stated he knew that shrubs had been planted there, but he would check into this.

Mr. Ventres updated the Commission on the Moodus Reservoir dam project. The crew hopes to have everything completed by May 28, 2011. They are awaiting the mechanism for closing the gate. Within the next few weeks, they should begin working on the face of the dam. It will be a single pour, but it will have the appearance of stone. The back will be cleared out to the ledge, and the pour will go to the ledge. Off to the left, they will clear the ledge, and pin an actual structure to the ledge. The purpose of this is that even in the event of a large flood, there will be some structure there to hold the water.

Mr. Ventres asked if the Commission wanted a hard copy or an email version of the goals and objectives for the Salmon River watershed. The consensus of the Commission was to have them emailed. Mr. Ventres stated they have met most of the goals already.

Ms. Augustiny stated that Shagbark was again placing materials near the stream. Mr. Ventres stated he would go there again. He stated they have been working on some of the required items.

6. WETLANDS SUBDIVISION AND PERMIT REVIEW

A) Application 01-11, Joseph Yandacka, 170 North Moodus Road, Subdivision and wetlands permit review for a proposed 2-lot subdivision with activity in the upland review area. Assessor's Map 81, Lot 63.

First date: February 15, 2011

Last date: April 20, 2011

Attorney Scott Jezek addressed the Commission on behalf of the applicant. He believed they have addressed all of the points raised by the Commission during the last meeting. The driveway was originally proposed on the north side of the property, and the Commission suggested it be relocated. The Commission also requested that the wetlands flags be re-checked. If the driveway was to stay in the original position, they wanted the applicant to ensure there would be no additional runoff. Attorney Jezek indicated they did relocate the proposed location of the driveway. The Commission asked them to double check the flags, which was done by Mr. Eric Davison. The 8th flag was missing, although it was originally done. He reviewed the relocated driveway. He stated they had been to the Planning & Zoning Commission, and there were no objections to the plan. However, because they did not have IWWC approval, the P&Z Commission did not approve the application at the last meeting. Attorney Jezek noted that one neighbor came to the P&Z public hearing and spoke in favor of the project.

Mr. Dill inquired about the report from Mr. Davison, which stated the area in question was not wetlands. Mr. Ventres stated when he revisited the site; this particular area appeared much different.

Ms. Augustiny and Mr. Goff both believed this proposal was much better than what they had seen previously. Ms. Augustiny noted that nothing but the driveway was within the upland review area.

Motion by Ms. Augustiny to approve Application 01-11, Joseph Yandacka, 170 North Moodus Road, Subdivision and wetlands permit review for a proposed 2-lot subdivision with activity in the upland review area, with a driveway as noted on plans dated April 4, 2011, with a revised driveway, and to send a letter to P&Z stating that this subdivision meets the criteria of the IWWC. Motion seconded by Mr. Goff, and carried by unanimous vote.

**B) Continued: Janet Kelly, 61 Main Street, removal of existing house, expansion of existing foundation to construct a new home with a one-car garage, with a room above, addition of a patio, deck, and sidewalks. Activity in the upland review area. Assessor's Map 26, Lot 9.
First date: March 15, 2011 Last date: May 18, 2011**

Mr. John Russell, 149 Parker Hill Road, stated he was sitting in for Mr. Bob Smith. He stated this was a revised plan. The patio would be sitting on at least one foot of stone. He believed this was the only question.

Mr. Ventres stated there were several questions: 1) the erosion control; 2) the stock pile areas; 3) the calculation of the new roof area; 4) The question of pervious pavers versus dry wells. Mr. Ventres stated they removed the roof drains, and they gave him a planting plan.

Mr. Dill asked about the roof drainage. Mr. Ventres stated they would excavate out 12 inches, add filter fabric, then crushed stone. Mr. Dill questioned the width, and stated if it was too fine of a material, there would be runoff. Mr. Ventres reviewed the plan and stated the Commission could require ¾-inch stone. Mr. Dill asked if there was any change to the driveway, grading, paving, etc. Mr. Ventres stated it would go from the existing and tie in. He noted that the driveway was gravel, and he believed the Historic District would require that it remain gravel. Ms. Augustiny asked if the stone would be added around the new garage. Mr. Dill believed it would be, and he noted that it appeared on the plan.

Mr. Ventres stated he requested an inventory of what comes back on the hillside, after the previous cutting, but before the planting is done.

Motion by Ms. Augustiny to approve the application for a wetland permit for Janet Kelly Janet Kelly, 61 Main Street, removal of existing house, expansion of existing foundation to construct a new home with a one-car garage, with a room above, addition of a patio, deck, and sidewalks, with the condition that instead of roof drains, there will be an area completely surrounding the house consisting of ¾-inch stone, 12-inches deep, and 2-feet wide, per the plans submitted on April 19, 2011, and dated April 19, 2011 by the commission; that the plantings are done with the approval of the WEO for suitability; that

erosion control measures be added before construction, that the WEO inspect the erosion control before any work commences, any deconstruction materials be taken off site before any construction begins. Motion seconded by Mr. Goff, and carried by unanimous vote.

C) Continued: East Haddam Fire Department, Mott Lane, fire hole.

Mr. Ventres informed the Commission that he and Mr. Angersola, East Haddam Fire Chief, inspected this area, and agreed that a standpipe in this area might not be feasible, because the area is too close to work that is being done now, and it may be affected. There is not enough water for the draft right now. They would like to clear out an area so they can get below the ice. Mr. Dill asked if they had ever considered a concrete structure to put a standpipe on. He believed this might last longer. Ms. Augustiny suggested this would be like having a shallow well, and agreed that it might last much longer.

Mr. Ventres stated they are looking for permission to dig a small pocket, remove it from the site. They would like to do it prior to the proposed May 28, 2011 re-fill of the reservoir.

Motion by Mr. Dill for the fire department to conduct a minor excavation off Mott Lane for the purpose of the standpipe. Motion seconded by Mr. Goff, and carried by unanimous vote.

D) East Haddam Land Trust, East Haddam Land Trust, renewal of permit, Sheepskin Hollow Road and Ridgebury Roads, construction of two footbridges over streams, Assessor's Map 30, Lot 15.

No one representing the applicant was present at this meeting. Ms. Augustiny stated this was done in the most stable area. Mr. Ventres stated they had to have the bridge engineered for this project for weight load issues, etc.

TAPE CHANGE (1B)

Mr. Dill asked if commissioners that have not previously seen this would like to before approval. No one requested a site walk.

Motion by Mr. Goff to approve East Haddam Land Trust, in accordance with the plans submitted May, 2005, with the same conditions as previously approved. Motion seconded by Ms. Augustiny, and carried by unanimous vote.

Mr. Ventres stated that the Goodspeed Opera House project will hold a pre-construction meeting for the pervious road material. They did put the system up the road, and it did not fail with the recent 3.5 inch rainfall. He stated they have an arborist look at some of the trees on the hillside. Some were hemlocks with issues, older birches, etc. Mr. Ventres stated if they needed to cut trees, to come back in with a planting plan, which they have agreed to do.

Mr. Ventres reviewed the construction sequence for the pervious paving. This system is taking all of the roof drains, etc. Mr. Dill stated they have one building that has not yet been started. Ms. Augustiny inquired about

Creamery Road for flood storage. Mr. Ventres stated that work was completed last fall. They are waiting for things to grow a bit more to see if invasives are growing.

Mr. Dill stated he and Ms. Odell took the tour of the Goodspeed's buildings. The Commission briefly discussed the heat pumps.

Mr. Goff stated he would be at the May meeting, but he would be in South America for the June meeting.

10) ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ms. Augustiny, seconded by Mr. Jahne to adjourn at 8:29 p.m., and carried by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly Pattavina