

**INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES COMMISSION
TOWN OF EAST HADDAM
LAND USE OFFICE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
September 18, 2012
(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: Randolph Dill – Chairman, Mary Augustiny, Susan Odell, Jennifer Burton-Reeve (arrived 7:35 p.m.)

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: 1 vacancy, Bryan Goff, Daniel Jahne

OTHERS PRESENT: James Ventres, and approximately 3 members of the public were present.

Mr. Dill appointed Mrs. Odell to vote this evening.

3. MINUTES:

Motion by Ms. Augustiny, seconded by Ms. Odell, and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the special meeting of August 15, 2012 as presented.

Motion by Ms. Augustiny, seconded by Ms. Odell, and passed unanimously to approve the regular meeting minutes of August 21, 2012, amended to strike the appointment of Ms. Odell to vote.

4. BILLS

Branse, Willis, and Knapp (Banner Lodge)	\$82.50
NL Jacobson & Associates (Farr property, Banner Lodge)	\$783.66
Penelope Sharp (Banner Lodge)	\$1,800.00

Motion by Ms. Augustiny, seconded by Mrs. Burton-Reeve to pay the bills as presented. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mr. Ventres will compile the fees for the Banner project. Ms. Augustiny noted that all of Mr. Ventres' time should be included in this list.

5. FIELD WALK REPORT

None

6. WETLANDS PERMIT REVIEW

A) Continued: Kip Kollar, 7 Connecticut River Road, wetlands permit review to install walkway to the river and to increase the size of driveway. Assessor's Map 8, Lot 4.

First date: July 17, 2012

Last date: September 19, 2012

No one representing the applicant was present at this meeting. Mr. Ventres received an email from Mr. Kollar requesting a continuance.

Motion by Mr. Dill, seconded by Mrs. Burton-Reeve to continue the application of Kip Kollar to next meeting. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

B) Continued: William Riley and Susan Forster, 2 Creamery Road, Wetland permit review to re-dig an existing pond. Assessor's Map 17, Lot 67.

First date: July 17, 2012

Last date: September 19, 2012

Mr. Riley addressed the Commission. Mr. Ventres distributed a memorandum from NL Jacobson dated September 17, 2012.

Mr. Dill recapped that at the last meeting, he requested the commission's engineer go out and look at this site. The engineer's comments were available tonight. Mr. Ventres reviewed the recommendations of Mr. Curtis. The recommendations were as follows:

- A new overflow pipe with an anti-seepage collar to reduce the potential for water flowing along the edges of the pipe.
- In making repairs to level the top of the dam, a depressed section of the dam should be provided to the west where the dam is lower in height and adjacent grades approach original ground surface elevations.
- The four small to medium sized trees growing out of the rubble stone wall on the downstream face of the dam or at its base should be cut flush and removed to avoid damage to the dam structure as may be caused by overturning or further root intrusion.
- Work on the top of the dam should be conducted with adequate time to establish good vegetative cover before the non-growing season. Any disturbed or placed earth should be provided with a good application of seed, fertilizer and mulch.

Mr. Dill was surprised that Mr. Curtis recommended cutting the trees, although he made a good argument for it. Mr. Dill stated he was much more comfortable now that the engineer has reviewed it. Ms. Burton-Reeve asked if there was a plan. Mr. Ventres responded there is a plan.

Mr. Dill suggested that Mr. Ventres inspect the site before the contractor begins work. He would also like photographs of the project once it is completed.

Motion by Ms. Augustiny to approve the application of William Riley and Susan Forster, 2 Creamery Road, wetland permit review to re-dig an existing pond, with the conditions from Brian Curtis; photographs before and after construction, and inspection before work commences. Motion seconded by Mrs. Burton-Reeve, and carried by unanimous vote.

C) Continued: Mark Thiede, applicant, 374 Town Street, creation of parking area and septic system in the upland review area for a proposed coffee house.

Mr. Mark Thiede and Mr. Robert Casner addressed the commission. Mr. Dill asked how much excavation would be done to accomplish the removal of the old septic tank. Mr. Casner stated the area was relatively high, and it would be just enough to break the ground and remove the material. Mr. Dill noted that this was somewhat close to the streambed. He suggested that a few hay bales be staked in for erosion control. It was noted that the work would be done in one day. Mr. Dill suggested extending the silt fence to the corner of the house. Mr. Casner was amenable to this.

Mr. Dill stated there was discussion about enlarging the patio area at some point, and Ms. Augustiny had requested that it be added to the plan. Mr. Dill asked if this would be approved as is, and if anything else should be put on the plan. There was discussion about the surface material of the patio. The applicant and Mr. Casner stated the patio area is stone now. They would likely use a synthetic wood material with plantings around the perimeter. Mr. Dill suggested they show some silt fence or staked hay bales. Ms. Augustiny noted that this would be just before that part of the project was begun, and that it did not need to be done now.

Ms. Augustiny noted they could remove invasives between the parking lot and the stream. Mr. Ventres noted the new plan includes the stockpile area and the driveway, as requested by the commission.

Motion by Ms. Augustiny, seconded by Ms. Odell, and passed unanimously to approve the application of Mark Thiede as identified in the plans revised 9/14/12, and that the erosion control measures be noted and contact the wetlands officer before construction starts, and when the patio is constructed that the wetlands officer be contacted before it starts, noting that there is a 5 year approval. If the applicant needs an extension, to apply before it runs out. Photos shall be submitted once the parking area is complete. Erosion control will be added to the plans before it goes to the Planning & Zoning Commission.

7. IWWC REPORT:

Mr. Ventres had little to report this evening. He stated there was a forestry complaint off Ballahack Road. Mr. Ventres stated that everything that was prescribed was done.

Ms. Augustiny asked if Mr. Ventres looked at a property on Alger Road. Mr. Ventres believed this parcel may be combined into a single-family lot at some point.

Mr. Dill commented that Mr. Ventres sent information on bonds. This was prepared by Attorney Branse. Discussion ensued. Mr. Ventres explained that the commission may end up holding additional bonds for future projects, should the commission feel there are risks to the downstream areas. Ms. Augustiny asked if the commission needed to change its regulations, to which Mr. Ventres stated they did not.

Ms. Augustiny stated the Land Trust has completed the bridge on Sheepskin Hollow Road. She stated the bridge is big enough so that a horse could walk across it. It is also big enough to accommodate an emergency all-terrain vehicle.

Mr. Ventres indicated that the State has decided that Haywardville Road, just before Early Road is a collector road, not a rural road. This makes a difference in the culvert replacement, because collector roads come from a different fund balance. Mr. Dill suggested perhaps the Eightmile committee could look for funding for it. Mr. Ventres noted that the State has also put a weight limit on this section of road. Large trucks can no longer use this road, although the school buses can still use this road. Mr. Dill asked if they lined the two culverts, if there would be fish passage. Ms. Augustiny noted if this road was closed, that would create a huge impact to the townspeople.

10. CONSERVATION COMMISSION INPUT

No one was present to report.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mrs. Burton-Reeve, seconded by Ms. Odell to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly Pattavina