

**INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES COMMISSION
TOWN OF EAST HADDAM
LAND USE OFFICE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
November 15, 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: Randolph Dill – Chairman, Mary Augustiny, David Cassenti, Bryan Goff, Daniel Jahne, Jennifer Burton-Reeve

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Susan Odell

OTHERS PRESENT: James Ventres and 5 townspeople were present.

3. MINUTES:

Motion by Mr. Jahne seconded by Mrs. Burton-Reeve and passed by unanimous vote to accept the minutes of the October 18, 2011 meeting, with the following amendments:

- Page 2, Item 7A, Add “and removal” after “light pole” in the caption
- 3, Item 10A motion: Change “meeting” to “item”

Motion by Mr. Goff, seconded by Mrs. Burton-Reeve to approve the minutes of October 18, 2011 as amended. Mr. Dill abstained. All other voting members voted Aye. Motion passed.

4. BILLS

Hartford Courant (legal notices)	Inv. 3029	\$90.22
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Motion by Ms. Augustiny, seconded by Mr. Jahne, and carried by unanimous vote to approve the bill as presented.

5. CONSERVATION COMMISSION INPUT

Mr. Todd Gelston reported that the logging was continuing on the Nichols property, without incident. He checks on this project weekly. The loggers are sticking to the blue-marked trails, and should be done by January.

Mr. Gelston stated the Conservation Commission has reviewed the tree cutting plan at the airport, and are prepared to comment at the appropriate time.

Mrs. Meader distributed trail guides to the Commission. She asked if the Commission had input as to where they could put these brochures to try to get the word out to people.

6. DISCUSSION

Mr. Dill stated that the Commission conducted a field walk on Sunday, November 13, walked by Mr. Dill, Ms. Augustiny, Mrs. Burton-Reeve, Mr. Jahne. Mr. Ventres was present for the first walk.

7. WETLANDS PERMIT REVIEW

A) Michelle Wytas, 113 Lakeside Drive, installation of recreational slide in the upland review area. Assessor's Map 58, Lot 71.

First date: October 18, 2011

Last date: December 21, 2011

Ms. Michelle Wytas addressed the Commission. She proposed a recreational slide into the hillside. It would begin below the retaining wall, curve around the existing drain, and run parallel to the dock. The slide would be painted green to blend into the environment, and would be made from recycled slides. She planned to rebuild the rock wall that has fallen, and to plant screening plants such as butterfly bush, Rose of Sharon, etc. to screen the open slide. The existing rock footing in the water can be taken out during the winter. The water would be pumped from the lake and re-circulated back to the lake.

Mr. Dill marked the plan that was submitted that the slide would be 10-feet from the wall. Ms. Wytas stated that she had previously planned to replace the dock, but she just replaced the boards on top of the dock. The base was the original.

Ms. Augustiny asked what would go into the water. Ms. Wytas responded that there would be a temporary "cribbage" that would go into the water. Responsive to inquiry by Mr. Dill, Ms. Wytas stated this slide would be bolted together. Mr. Dill asked if the slide would be painted when it comes, to which Ms. Wytas responded affirmatively. Mr. Dill asked if there would be any maintenance. Ms. Wytas assumed it would fade eventually, but she believed it would last for many years.

Mr. Dill inquired how wide the slide was. Ms. Wytas did not know how wide it was, but she believed it was approximately two widths of a regular pool slide.

Mr. Goff asked if the water would be treated for algae, etc. Ms. Wytas stated there would not be any treatment. She noted that the vendor recommended it be run for one hour, then let it sit for one hour.

Mr. Gelston asked the flow rate. Mr. Dill stated the flow rate was 10-20 gallons per minute. Mr. Gelston asked the height of the slide. Ms. Wytas stated it would not be elevated, but built into the hillside. Mr. Gelston asked if it would be removed during the winter. Ms. Wytas stated the part that was built into the ground would stay in year-round, but the part that goes into the lake would be unbolted and removed for the winter. Mr. Gelston asked if Ms. Wytas was concerned with geese or seagulls perching on the slide. Ms. Wytas stated it should not be a problem as it would be at ground level. Ms. Augustiny noted that this area was too steep for birds to perch.

Motion by Ms. Augustiny to approve, per the plans submitted and the letter dated Sunday, November 13, 2011 with the following conditions:

- **The applicant shall notify the Land Use Administrator before the work commences.**
- **When the work is completed, the applicant shall take photographs and submit them to the Land Use Administrator for the file.**

Motion seconded by Mr. Jahne, and carried by unanimous vote.

B) New: Scott Russo, 30 Hilltop Road (Moodus Lake Shores), reconstruction and expansion of existing deck in the upland review area. Assessor's Map 67, Lot 179.

First date: November 15, 2011

Last date: January 18, 2012

Mr. Russo addressed the Commission. He reviewed the project. He stated he had already received approval for the retaining wall and the septic. They had to rip the wall down to gain access to the pipe. In the midst of the work, many things had to be changed. Once the wall was ripped down, there was really no way to salvage the deck. He stated he would like the deck to come out further. He did not trust the piers that were there, so they did not use them.

It was noted that the new deck would extend approximately 4-feet beyond the existing piers. The materials would be pressure treated wood framing, with composite decking and rails. Mr. Dill asked if there were plans for a roof over the top of the deck, to which Mr. Russo stated that he had no plans to do so.

Mr. Dill stated this was a new application. Mr. Russo hoped to have his original application from July simply amended. It was noted that the deck was not noted on the original application, so it was considered a new application. Mr. Dill informed the applicant that the Commission could not act on this until the next meeting. Mr. Dill stated he did not have a problem with this application, as they have had more intense activity closer to the lake in other applications, and this applicant has made improvements.

The applicant must go before the ZBA next week. Once he goes to the ZBA, he can come back to the IWWC with the size of the deck.

Mr. Russo inquired about the possibility of the covered deck for part of the area. After discussion, it was noted that Mr. Russo would draw up something and bring it to the next meeting.

Motion by Mr. Dill, seconded by Mr. Goff to continue this application until the next regularly scheduled meeting on December 20, 2011. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

C) New: Goodspeed Airport

No one representing the applicant was present at this meeting. Mr. Ventres spoke with Attorney Bashaw. Mr. Dill asked if there were any comments that could be forwarded to the applicant for the next meeting. Ms. Augustiny stated one report recommended removal of all dead trees from the site. The other report recommended several brush piles, and there was no indication of where they would be located. She voiced concern that the brush piles should not be located in the wetland areas.

Mr. Jahne asked how they would decide which trees would be cut to leave six-feet high. Mr. Ventres will ask what diameter tree would be cut and which would be cut to the ground.

Mrs. Burton-Reeve asked about stabilization along the river side. The vegetation should be something that would stabilize quickly.

Mr. Dill inquired about Tab A of the report, and questioned the survey and cutting. Mr. Ventres stated

Mr. Gelston thought the only real tree cutting was in the red areas, and everything else was just trimming. He did not believe there would be any tree cutting on the river. Mr. Ventres distributed the plan, and noted that the trees in the landing surface area would be cut to the ground.

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Mr. Ventres stated that the red primary surface area would also be cut to the ground. He explained there is a 7:1 slope.

Ms. Augustiny noted that some of those trees are probably not in very good shape. Mr. Dill asked Mr. Ventres to express to the applicant there are some concerns about the trees along the river, and they should be prepared to discuss their reasoning. Discussion ensued. Ms. Augustiny stated there were two different reports, with some conflicting information.

Mr. Gelston asked which trees would be cut. Mr. Ventres read from the report, but it was unclear. Mr. Ventres asked if the Commission would like him to ask the applicant to mark out the trees that would be cut.

Mr. Goff asked if this should be reviewed by Mr. Curtis. Mr. Ventres stated he sent this to Mr. Curtis and to Ms. Sharp. Mr. Goff stated that Ms. Sharp could comment on the species, but he would also be interested in finding out how this would impact the ecology of the area.

Ms. Augustiny stated the applicant should have someone here for the next meeting to answer questions.

Motion by Mr. Dill, seconded by Mr. Goff to continue this application until the next regularly scheduled meeting. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

D) New: Donald Angersola, 71 AP Gates Road, proposed 3-lot subdivision with a driveway in the inland wetlands floodplain.

Mr. Roger Nemergut addressed the Commission. He reviewed the proposal for the 3-lot subdivision on the 7.4 acres parcel. There are wetlands that are marked on the plan. There is no activity proposed within a wetland, but there is activity within the upland review area. On each of the three houses, the footing drains would be within the upland review area, as would part of the driveway and storm drainage for Lot 2. The grades are modest on this lot. Most are less than 10%. The driveway construction would be on a flat area, so it would not be required to be paved.

Mr. Nemergut stated these would be full frontage lots. Mr. Dill asked if there was no intermittent watercourse. Mr. Nemergut stated there was one area that was not flagged by the wetland scientist, but he has seen flow at times.

Mr. Goff asked if all three lots would have footing drains in the upland review area. Mr. Nemergut stated in order to get the footing drains to outlet to daylight, they would be inside the upland review area.

Mr. Jahne asked how much higher on Lot 2 the driveway would be. Mr. Nemergut stated it would vary. Near the road it would be slightly higher, probably 2 to 2 ½ feet higher. Mr. Jahne asked if there would be construction within the actual wetland, to which Mr. Nemergut stated there would not.

The commission discussed the area at the culvert crossings for Lots 2 and 3, and the corresponding topographic lines appear to indicate something that may indicate an intermittent watercourse. The Commission will review this at the time of the field walk.

Motion by Mr. Dill, seconded by Ms. Augustiny to continue this application and to schedule a field walk. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

8. Discussed under 7D

9. IWWC ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT

Mr. Ventres stated he wanted to sit with Mr. Curtis and Ms. Sharp and the applicant to discuss the Banner project. They need to know if they can get a diversion permit before this application goes to the public hearing. The applicant has not gone to the DEEP yet.

Mr. Ventres stated the applicant wanted to know if the IWWC would walk this site. Mr. Ventres suggested they get through this Thursday's meeting first.

Mr. Dill asked if they raised the dam on the Moodus Reservoir. Mr. Ventres stated they did not. Both Mr. Dill and Mr. Goff noted that the water level is very high, and there is potential for flooding if we get a heavy rain. Mr. Ventres will contact Mr. Ted Ryback.

10. SHOW CAUSE HEARING:

- A) Continued: Steven Urban, 98 Bashan Road, extensive work in upland review area without permit approval.**

No one representing the applicant was present at this meeting. Mr. Ventres stated at the last meeting, Mr. Snarski had not responded to Ms. Sharp's comments. Mr. Ventres contacted Mr. Snarski after last month's meeting. Mr. Ventres mailed the plans to Mr. Snarski, and he has not heard a response from Mr. Snarski yet.

Mr. Goff asked if the area was stabilized, to which Mr. Ventres responded affirmatively.

Mr. Ventres stated he would contact Mr. Snarski again tomorrow. Mr. Dill stated they needed to go into the planting season with a planting plan.

Motion by Mr. Goff, seconded by Ms. Augustiny, to continue this meeting until the next regularly scheduled meeting. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Dill, seconded by Mr. Goff to adjourn at 8:50 p.m., and carried by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly Pattavina