

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

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**November 16, 2010**

(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, Mary Augustiny, Daniel Jahne

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:** Bryan Goff, David Cassenti

**OTHERS PRESENT:** James Ventres, and 5 townspeople were present.

**3. MINUTES:**

**Motion by Ms. Augustiny, seconded by Mr. Jahne, and carried by unanimous vote to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2010 meeting with the following amendments:  
Page 2, Paragraph 4, second sentence: Add "at the same time" after "discharged"  
Page 5, Item 7, Paragraph 3, add "147" before "Alger Road"**

**4. BILLS**

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Invoice</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Branse, Willis, and Knapp, LLC ( Goodspeed Airport)	1259.06100	\$29.00
NLJ (William Chilton)	73114	148.63
Hartford Courant (legal notices)	2507/2609	120.30

**Motion by Ms. Augustiny, seconded by Mr. Jahne, and carried by unanimous vote to approve the bills as presented.**

**5. PERMITS**

**A) Continued: William Chilton, 143 Mill Road, removal of garage from the upland review area, landscaping and realignment of driveway. Assessor's Map 21, Lot 2.**

**First date: September 21, 2010**

**Last date: November 24, 2010**

Ms. Michelle Crowley and Mr. Jonathan Sweet addressed the Commission on behalf of the applicant. Mr. Ventres received Ms. Sharp's September 24, 2010 environmental review letter, and he read excerpts from the review letter, in which Ms. Sharp noted she had concerns about the wet meadow, species of plantings to add, mulching, etc. A subsequent letter dated November 4, 2010 was submitted from Ms. Sharp, in which she stated she would prefer the removal of all species of non-indigenous to Connecticut. Her other concerns have been addressed.

Ms. Crowley stated the revised plans have addressed the comments. Revised sets were distributed to the Commission members. She stated they regarded the court area. There will be no runoff creating erosion down the slope now. They are leaving the bump-out untouched now. The existing stream will not be affected by this design at all.

Ms. Crowley stated after reviewing Ms. Sharp's comments, she took out all of the non-indigenous plants out of the plan, as well as removing the endangered species. They did keep the yellow lady slipper, since it is native to the region. She stated the New England Wildflower Society sells the seeds, and stated it offers architecture during the winter. They added more plants to the first bay, closer to the house. They added pitcher plants, various ferns, etc. They also added several plants that were on Ms. Sharp's list. They took out the narrow leaf cattail. All of the plugs in the first three bays will have mulch added; however, they will not mulch one area as it will be under water most of the time.

Ms. Crowley proposed a new sluice, which will have controls to open, or lock it closed. Water will only go into the sluice when the pond is high and water goes over the dam. A brief discussion ensued regarding the pond area. Mr. Sweet stated they could actually drain the pond enough to work on the project. Mr. Dill asked about diversion permits. Mr. Ventres believed they could just do the work during the dry period. Ms. Crowley believed they could almost install the gate and build the area now. Accommodations were made to cant the edges so that ice will not damage the area. She proposed a stone basin, so that even during the dry months, it will still be aesthetically pleasing.

Mr. Jahne inquired what type of maintenance would be associated with this project, as far as the screens, etc. Ms. Crowley did not believe the screen would be difficult to keep clean. Mr. Sweet stated there is a person there daily who would handle this maintenance.

Mr. Dill inquired about erosion control where the garage would be removed. Ms. Crowley stated it was not in this set of plans, but it was in the original plans, as well as being addressed in the notes.

Ms. Augustiny requested that pictures be taken over time so the Commission could see the progress, either for this project, or possibly for future projects.

**Motion by Ms. Augustiny, seconded by Mr. Jahne, and carried by unanimous vote to approve the application of William Chilton, 143 Mill Road, removal of garage from the upland review area, landscaping, and realignment of driveway and creation of a wet meadow as proposed on the plans dated 8/31/2010, modified 10/13/2010, and as a recommendation that for a period of 5 years, photos be taken annually in the early Fall and**

**submitted to the Land Use Office by September 15 each year. In addition, once the erosion control is in place, the applicant shall contact the Land Use office for inspection.**

**B) Continued: Mary Murphy, Lakeside Drive, installation of split rail fence in the upland review area. Assessor's Map 58, Lot 67.**

**First date: September 21, 2010**

**Last date: November 24, 2010**

No one representing the applicant was present at this meeting. Mr. Ventres and Ms. Augustiny attended a field walk for this site. Mr. Ventres stated the applicants wanted to make sure they had everything done properly before beginning this project. Ms. Augustiny showed the areas on the plan. She did not believe there would be any noticeable disturbance at all. There was a very small slope. This was basically to mark the property lines.

**Motion by Mr. Jahne, seconded by Ms. Augustiny, and passed unanimously to approve the application of Mary Murphy, Lakeside Drive, installation of a split rail fence in the upland review area per the plan dated October 4, 2001, revised July 15, 2010.**

## **6. SUBDIVISION REVIEW**

**A) Application 10-06, Charles Burdick and Stephanie Award, 174 Clark Hill Road, Subdivision Review for a proposed 2-lot subdivision. Assessor's Map 12, Lot 18.**

**First date: November 16, 2010**

**Last date: January 19, 2010**

Mr. Ventres and Ms. Augustiny attended this site walk. Mr. Ventres noted that there was no activity within the wetlands or upland review area. This just needed a letter to Planning & Zoning.

Ms. Augustiny and Mr. Ventres discussed one area of drainage. Mr. Ventres stated he spoke with Ms. Darcy Collins about this, but it was really a Public Works project.

Mr. Dill asked if Mr. Curtis had looked at this application, to which Mr. Ventres stated he had not. Mr. Dill commented that Clark Hill Road has historically had drainage issues. He wondered if this would add to the issues. Mr. Ventres stated this water really has no channel currently, so it comes down Florida Road, and has nowhere to go. During the winter, it freezes.

Mr. Dill asked that as part of the Commission's letter to P&Z, that they look at the drainage.

**Motion by Mr. Dill to send a letter to the P&Z Commission stating that this application, per the plans dated 9/2/2010, meets the requirements of the IWWC, but the IWWC recommends that the P&Z look carefully at drainage issues, so as not to make drainage any worse as a result of a subdivision. Seconded by Ms. Augustiny, and carried by unanimous vote.**

***TAPE CHANGE (1B)***

**B)New: Application 10-07, Daniel Scroggin, 16 Leesville Road, Subdivision Review for a Proposed 3-lot subdivision. Assessor's Map 55, Lot 58.**

**First date: November 16, 2010**

**Last date: January 19, 2010**

Mr. Ventres distributed the plan and reviewed the proposed subdivision. This parcel is located on Leesville Road, and on the corner of Lower Neptune. Mr. Ventres stated they had to demonstrate that they had the area to put in a new well and septic.

Mr. Dill stated he noticed a backhoe there the other day. Mr. Scroggin stated he had some topsoil left over from another job, so he just graded the area a bit.

Ms. Augustiny asked if any work would be done on the slope, to which Mr. Ventres stated it would not. Mr. Ventres stated the two septic systems do not have to be replaced, just the two wells.

Ms. Augustiny asked if house 16 would have its own driveway, to which Mr. Scroggin responded affirmatively. She recommended no activity from the toe of the slope to the wetlands. Mr. Ventres asked if they wanted a note on the final mylar, to which Ms. Augustiny responded affirmatively.

**Motion by Ms. Augustiny to send a letter to the P&Z Commission stating that this application meets the requirements, and that from the toe of the slope to the wetlands, there be no activity without prior wetland review. Seconded by Mr. Jahne, and carried by unanimous vote.**

## **7. IWWC ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT**

Mr. Ventres stated he has received many phone calls from people who live around the reservoir who want to do work. He stated the reservoir has been drained as low as they need to complete the work on the dam. Some people have called reporting issues with shallow wells. Some people want to rake out weeds, clean up bottles, realign stones, etc. He stated he would have a spreadsheet prepared for the next meeting.

Mr. Ventres asked the Commissioners to take a look at the end of Eli Chapman Road, where there is a sand issue. He would like to have Public Works remove this, but he asked the Commission to look at this. Mr. Dill believed there are many places where sand has created mini deltas, one of which was on Beebe Road.

Responsive to inquiry by Ms. Augustiny, Mr. Ventres stated he has been taking pictures, etc. of the places that want to have work done along the reservoir.

Ms. Augustiny asked Mr. Ventres to look at the vernal pool on Ray Hill Road, as there has been a lot of work being done around the pond.

## 8. DISCUSSION

### A) Eightmile River Watershed – stream crossing guidelines and B) General regulations

The Commission discussed the draft regulations. Mr. Ventres noted that Attorney Branse had made a change on Page 8 regarding defining the regulated area as the wetland. That was the major change. Dates for public hearings were discussed. Mr. Dill asked Mr. Ventres to prepare a final draft. A public hearing date will be set in December.

### B) Membership

Ms. Susan Odell, addressed the Commission, and expressed interest in joining the Commission. She stated she is an architect, and has lived in town for approximately three years. Mr. Dill stated he would forward a copy of Ms. Odell's resume to the Board of Selectmen. He explained the process to Ms. Odell.

**Motion by Mr. Dill, seconded by Ms. Augustiny, and carried by unanimous vote to send a letter to the Board of Selectmen recommending appointment of Ms. Odell.**

The Commission discussed the Conservation Commission liaison. Mr. Ventres will speak with Ms. Matthew, and Mr. Dill will speak with Mr. Walter.

## 9. ADJOURNMENT

**Motion by Ms. Augustiny to adjourn at 9:30 p.m., seconded by Mr. Jahne, and carried by unanimous vote.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Holly Pattavina