

**INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES COMMISSION
TOWN OF EAST HADDAM
LAND USE OFFICE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
December 21, 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, Daniel Jahne Bryan Goff, David Cassenti, Susan Odell

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Mary Augustiny

OTHERS PRESENT: James Ventres, Emmett Lyman, and 1 member of the audience were present.

Mr. Dill appointed Mr. Cassenti and Ms. Odell in place of the regular members this evening.

3. MINUTES:

Motion by Ms. Augustiny, seconded by Mr. Jahne, and carried by unanimous vote to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2010 as written.

4. BILLS

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Invoice</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Hartford Courant (legal notices)	2478	\$110.28
Penelope Sharp (143 Mill Road)		650.00
Branse, Willis, and Knapp		14.50

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

5. PERMITS

A) Michael Kuziak, 120 Bashan Road, creation of beach area and construction of 14 x 24 storage shed, dock, stone patio, and fireplace in the upland review area. Assessor's Map 58, Lot 127.
First date: December 21, 2010 **Last date: February 23, 2011**

No one representing the applicant was present at this meeting. Mr. Ventres stated that this house was built in the 1990's, and although the shed is the only new thing being built, there are other items existing that need to

be addressed and permitted.

Motion by Mr. Dill to continue this application until the January 18, 2011 meeting, and to schedule a field walk. Seconded by Mr. Goff, and carried by unanimous vote.

B) Barry and Winnie Edmonds, 174 Falls Road, replacement of retaining wall along the water. Assessor's Map 58, Lot 127.

First date: December 21, 2010

Last date: February 23, 2011

Ms. Winnie Edmonds addressed the Commission. She stated her in-laws had built this house, and constructed the wall in approximately 1965. The wall was shortened to approximately 1-foot high approximately 10 years ago. Now that the water is down in the reservoir, they would like to remove the remaining wall and replace the wall with engineered, interlocking blocks. She explained that the rocks become very slippery in the summers when her grandchildren come to visit. She stated she does not plan to have the wall extend more than one foot above the water. Responsive to inquiry by Mr. Dill, Ms. Edmonds believed the manufacturer recommended 3 blocks high, with backfill behind the wall.

Ms. Edmonds stated she believed they had some ledge that her grandchildren also trip on, so they would like to remove this using an expanding and cracking method. This would require machinery, but the machine would be able to stay on the lawn, and it would not have to go on the beach area at all.

Mr. Jahne asked if the wall would affect her existing dock. Ms. Edmonds stated it would not, as she has a rolling dock.

Motion by Mr. Dill to schedule a field walk, and to continue the application for Barry and Winnie Edmonds, 174 Falls Road, replacement of retaining wall along the water. Seconded by Mr. Goff, and carried by unanimous vote.

Ms. Augustiny arrived at 7:57 p.m.

6. IWWC ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT

Motion by Mr. Dill, seconded by Mr. Gillis to approve the 2011 schedule. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Mr. Ventres noted that everyone should have received a notice for the annual review for the Plan of Conservation and Development. This review will be held in January.

Mr. Ventres stated there were documents regarding the budget in the packets. He did not know of any major projects coming in soon, but then he received a phone call that Banner might be coming in. The budgets must be in by January 10, 2011. The Commission briefly discussed the budget. It was noted that the current budget was approximately 5% less than the prior year. Mr. Ventres planned to leave the budget as it is with the current year. Mr. Dill asked Mr. Ventres to keep him informed when the meetings are scheduled. The Commission discussed legal notices, as we are now obligated to advertise in more publications since Lake

Hayward is in a different zone.

Mr. Ventres noted that also included in the packets was a list of the proposed changes to the Planning and Zoning regulations. Ms. Augustiny asked about interior lots, and noted that they had been allowed, but were removed. Mr. Ventres confirmed they were banned, but there is a proposal for interior lots to be added back into the regulations.

Mr. Ventres stated he had a flurry of activity when the reservoir was drained, but there have not been many recently. Responsive to inquiry by Mr. Goff, Mr. Ventres stated he had only received one call about a well going dry. This homeowner has to drill a new well.

Mr. Ventres informed the Commission that the dam project is on schedule. He noted they are scheduled to refill the reservoir sometime in March, 2011.

6. DISCUSSION

A) Eightmile River Watershed – stream crossing guidelines

No discussion

B) General regulations

Mr. Dill recalled at the last meeting, the Commission had planned to schedule a public hearing on these. Mr. Ventres stated the only thing that had come up was a revision to the State's model regulations, conforming to Public Act No. 10-85. There was a memo from Betsey Wingfield, DEP Bureau Chief regarding this.

Mr. Goff stated he had gone through the regulations extensively, and they looked fine to him. Mr. Ventres suggested a public hearing be held at the February meeting.

Motion by Mr. Dill, seconded by Mr. Goff to schedule a public hearing on February 15, 2011 for the proposed regulation changes. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

C) Membership

Mr. Dill noted that at a previous meeting, the Commission discussed amending the ordinance so as not to need a member of the Conservation Commission to be a voting member of the IWWC. Mr. Dill stated he attended a recent Conservation Commission meeting to explain that the IWWC is having trouble at times getting a quorum for meetings. The Commission has not had a representative from the Conservation Commission for some time. Mr. Dill has asked the Board of Selectmen to review this. Mr. Dill stated he has reviewed the ordinance, and the Board of Selectmen has the authority to appoint a member from the Conservation Commission if needed. Mr. Goff asked Mr. Lyman when this topic would be discussed. Mr. Lyman stated he has not seen the agenda for the next meeting, but he believed it would be soon.

The Commission briefly discussed the vacancy, and the Conservation Commission's reports. Ms. Augustiny

suggested possibly somebody, such as the CRCCD could give the Conservation Commission helpful ideas on what should go into the reports. Mr. Goff stated because the Conservation Commission does not comment on every application, he takes stock with their reports.

The Commission discussed holding election of officers at the first January meeting after municipal elections. This was agreeable to the members of the Commission.

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