

**CITY OF TORRINGTON
INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
MINUTES
February 28, 2017**

Present: Jay Bate, Jr. , Chairman
Christine Altman, Vice Chair
Jane Bakker, Member/Secretary
William Storti, Member
Jonathan Andrews, Member
Tom Telman, Member (arrived 7:05 p.m.)

Also Present: Rista Malanca, Inland Wetlands Enforcement Officer

Not Present: Doris Murphy, Member

1. Call To Order:

Chairman Jay Bate called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.; Torrington City Hall, Room 218, City Hall Council Chambers, 140 Main Street, Torrington, CT

2. Roll Call and Announcement:

Chairman Bate announced present and serving on the Commission will be members Jane Bakker, Christine Altman, William Storti, Jonathan Andrews, and Jay Bate. Also present is Inland Wetlands Enforcement Officer Rista Malanca.

3. Minutes for Approval:

a. 11/15/16

MOTION by Ms. Bakker to approve the 11/15/16 minutes, seconded by Mr. Andrews, motion carried with Ms. Altman abstaining from voting.

4. Old Business:

a. no old business

5. New Business:

a. Applicant: Dymax Corporation
Location: 51 Greenwoods Road
Activity: Replace collapsed corrugated metal pipe culvert with concrete culvert within regulated area

Todd Parsons, PE, from Lenard Engineering, Winsted, CT appeared representing the applicant, along with Mark Pettegrew from Dymax Corporation. (Commission Tom Telman arrived at 7:05 p.m.)

Mr. Parsons gave a details presentation, referring to site maps. Corrugated metal culverts built as a temporary detour during the construction of Route 8 around Still River and they were then used as part of the driveway/access to the subject site. Details were referred to on the site map. These corrugated metal culverts will be replaced with a concrete culvert, with minor embankment changes to accommodate wingwalls. There will be a natural stream bottom. Some smaller trees and shrubs will be removed, and replanting will occur. Existing metal culverts have deteriorated and shot, and applications have been submitted to Army Corps of Engineers. A temporary access will be created to allow the 200 plus employees who need access to this site every day. Maps were reviewed.

Mr. Parsons answered questions from Commissioners, and Ms. Malanca provided the Commission with her observations from past site visits, including the emergency repair. This is the best possible solution, including during a flooding situation. These new proposed culverts will not clog up with debris in the same manner as the corrugated metal culverts.

Ms. Bakker expressed her concerns that the culvert be large enough with the proper level stream bed to allow fish to travel through the culvert even during dry periods.

Ms. Malanca recommended acceptance of the proposal. This is a good solution to the problem that exists, and has been reviewed by the City's Engineering Department.

MOTION by Ms. Altman to ACCEPT the subject proposal/activity, and this is not a significant activity. Motion seconded by Ms. Bakker, unanimously carried.

- b. Applicant: Michael A. Morgan
- Location: 76-80 East Pearl Street
- Activity: Repair retaining wall within regulated area

Mike Morgan, applicant, appeared before the Commission. Engineered plans from GEO Design have been submitted.

Ms. Malanca updated the Commission on this matter. A Show Cause Hearing was held in the past, and these plans have been prepared the repair that wall.

Mr. Morgan stated they plan to pull the rocks out of the river without going into the river, the precast wall will be butted up to the existing wall on the Wall Street side. These are precast blocks, and details were reviewed by Mr. Morgan. GEO Design will supervise the construction. Contractors will need to speak with Town Engineering because of the sewer lines in the area. The Commission, Ms. Malanca and Mr. Morgan reviewed details. Ms. Malanca stated the City Engineer has reviewed the plans, and needs some more details.

Ms. Altman asked questions regarding the construction of the new wall and water drainage, which were answered by Ms. Malanca and Mr. Morgan. Ms. Malanca provided answers and will contact the engineer for further details. Ms. Malanca noted soil borings were done behind the wall to determine how much movement there was has been, and the results show the wall has been very stable.

Discussion continued. Ms. Malanca will ask Asst. City Engineer Matt Walsh for further comments.

MOTION by Ms. Altman to ACCEPT the subject application for proposed activity, and this is not a significant activity, seconded by Mr. Telman, unanimously carried.

6. Staff Report:

Agent Determination: 1571 East Main Street, Allan Borghesi, grading within upland review area

Ms. Malanca briefly reviewed the above Agent Determination. The property owner has agreed to close the East Main Street curb cut, and share the access/driveway with the Valvoline site next door.

Ms. Malanca reviewed the work being done on the greenways, the contract finalization and engineer selections.

7. Adjournment:

MOTION by Ms. Bakker to adjourn at 7:40 p.m., seconded by Mr. Telman, unanimously carried.