

**CITY OF TORRINGTON  
INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
January 14, 2020**

Present: Christine Altman, Vice Chair  
Thomas Kalinowski, Member  
Jane Bakker, Member/Secretary  
Jonathan Andrews, Member

Also Present: Jeremy Leifert, Assistant City Planner,  
Wetlands Enforcement Officer

Not Present: Jay Bate, Jr., Chair  
William Storti, Member

**1. Call To Order:**

Vice Chair Christine Altman called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.; Torrington City Hall, Room 218, City Hall Auditorium, 140 Main Street, Torrington, CT

**2. Roll Call and Announcement:**

Ms. Altman announced present and serving on the Commission tonight will be Christine Altman, Thomas Kalinowski, Jane Bakker and Jonathan Andrews. Also present is Assistant City Planner/Wetlands Enforcement Officer Jeremy Leifert.

**3. Minutes for Approval:**

a. 9/17/19

MOTION by Mr. Andrews to approve the 9/17/19 minutes, seconded by Mr. Kalinowski, motion carried with Ms. Bakker abstaining from voting.

**4. Old Business:**

None

**5. New Business:**

a. Discussion – Election of Officers, Inland Wetlands Commission

Mr. Leifert suggested tabling the election of Chairman until next meeting when Jay Bate is present.

MOTION by Ms. Bakker to re-elect Jane Bakker as Secretary and Christine Altman as Vice Chair, and to table the election of Chairman until the next meeting, seconded by Mr. Kalinowski, motion carried.

b. Jurisdictional Determination

Applicant: John Wolfe

Location: Marshall Lake Road (Assessor Map 225 Block 004 Lots 007 & 008)

Activity: Timber Harvest of 106 acres, within regulated areas

John Wolfe appeared representing the owners of the subject property, with his plans for timber harvest. Mr. Leifert noted the Commission has the maps and the narrative.

Mr. Wolfe explained the property has a few streams that he wants to cross with bridges, except for one stream, the first crossing with steel rails he wishes to change. Mr. Wolfe presented the Commission with photos of the bridge he wants to use to cross the stream (portions inaudible). Wooden mats will be used instead of steel beams. Mr. Leifert noted it is similar to a corduroy bridge, which allows for some waterflow during use. Mr. Wolfe sometimes keeps the bridge in place after project, but the steel rails will be removed.

Mr. Wolfe would like to drive through the brook at crossing number one, and place mats in the area, the area is very wide. Mr. Wolfe stated the bottom of the brook is stone and ledge. Mr. Leifert inquired if there would be siltation going down the stream, and Mr. Wolfe responded the area to be crossed is almost all solid ledge, so material would not be dragged into the stream. Various site features of the crossings were noted by Mr. Wolfe, and there is an old road bed in the second crossing.

Mr. Leifert noted what the Commission is looking for is to determine if this proposal qualifies as an as-of-right activity, and are typical procedures being followed. Mr. Leifert can inspect the location during the activity to ensure sedimentation and erosion controls are in place.

MOTION by Mr. Kalinowski to declare this activity as an as-of-right use, seconded by Ms. Bakker, unanimously carried.

**6. Staff Report:**

Mr. Leifert had provided Commission members with an updated list of Commission members and their term expiration dates.

Mr. Leifert reviewed the following Agent Determinations:

- a. Agent Determination – Gerald Marchell, owner; Laurel Engineering LLC, applicant; 1109 South Main Street; excavation to mitigate flood plain storage loss (for addition to building)

- b. Agent Determination – Creative Recreation, LLC, c/o John Hollerback, applicant; Sue Grossman Trail, Harris Drive to Pinewoods Road; installation of six units of fitness equipment and associated platforms within 100 foot regulated area.
- c. Agent Determination – Nazarii Pylypiu, owner; 31 Liberty Lane, shed within regulated area.
- d. Agent Determination - 33 East Pearl Street, Torrington Park and Recreation, garden shed within regulated area.
- e. Discussion – 2904 Winsted Road, DJF Investments LLC, Fragale property, wetlands issues. Mr. Leifert reviewed past actions on this site, in the mid 2000's for violations that had occurred on this site. The owner has obtained an engineer to prepare plans for this Commission and the Planning and Zoning Commission for the current site conditions. There will be an application forthcoming for this Commission's consideration.

**7. Communications:**

Mr. Leifert reviewed the following handouts provided to Commission members:

- . NHCOC Handout – “Ideas for Running Contentious Meetings Smoothly”
- . 540 Litchfield Street, CHH, declaratory ruling, construct fuel cell installation and equipment.
- . Land Use Academy – Roles and Responsibilities of Inland Wetlands Commissions
- . The Habitat, CACIWC, Summer/Fall 2019

**8. Adjournment:**

MOTION by Ms. Bakker to adjourn at 7:30 p.m., seconded by Mr. Andrews, unanimously carried.