

**CITY OF TORRINGTON
INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
MINUTES
December 19, 2017**

Present: Jane Bakker, Acting Chair
Tom Telman, Member
Tomasz Kalinowski, Member
Jonathan Andrews, Member

Also Present: Rista Malanca, Inland Wetlands Enforcement Officer

Not Present: Jay Bate, Jr., Chairman
Christine Altman, Vice Chair
William Storti, Member

1. Call To Order:

Acting Chair Jane Bakker 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:

Ms. Bakker announced present and serving on the Commission this evening will be Commissioners Tom Telman, Tomasz Kalinowski, Jonathan Andrews and Jane Bakker. Also present is Inland Wetlands Enforcement Officer Rista Malanca.

3. Minutes for Approval:

a. 6/20/17

MOTION by Mr. Telman to approve the 6/20/17 minutes, seconded by Mr. Andrews, motion unanimously carried.

4. Old Business:

none

5. New Business:

a. Applicant: Jonathan Zeiner, Torrington Water Company
Location: Route 4, Goshen Road (Assessor Map 205 Block 001 Lot 003)
Activity: Commercial Timber Harvest, two stream crossings

Jonathan Zeiner appeared representing the applicant, Torrington Water Company.

Ms. Malanca explained this type of application is reviewed as an as-of-right use under 4.1a, Farming, which includes timber harvests as long as wetlands are not filled, and watercourses are not moved.

Mr. Zeiner explained there are two small stream crossings, a narrative had been provided for the Commission's review. Both streams are approximately two feet wide, near Route 4. The accepted practice is corduroying the area and putting brush down, which keeps the log skidder out of the stream. This is a really small job, and it is being done because the Emerald Ash Borer has been seen in the area. It is a high visibility area, and they want to remove the mature White Ash before it dies. This is a small harvest, 30,000 to 35,000 board feet. Mr. Zeiner has to work with the State of CT; he is meeting with a rep from the State tomorrow to acquire an encroachment permit to go onto Route 4. An anti-tracking pad will be installed, and hopefully the work will be done during the winter months when the ground is frozen. About ten acres will be selectively harvested for white ash, about 600 trees.

Ms. Malanca noted this is typical for work during a timber harvest. The Water Company has done a good job on past harvests. She does not expect any issues with this project.

Mr. Zeiner noted this is the watershed, and they use best management practices.

MOTION by Mr. Telman to approve as-of-right, the subject application for commercial timber harvest with two stream crossings, motion seconded by Mr. Andrews, unanimously carried.

b. Applicant: Greenwoods Land Management
Location: Timber Lake Road, Lot 12 (Assessor Map 202 Block 002 Lot 023)
Activity: Brush Clearing within Regulated Area

Commissioner Andrews explained he is recusing himself from this application, as the owner is a family member.

Ms. Malanca explained the background and details of proposed work. This can be approved as an Agent Determination based on information received. The owner will come back for a Wetlands Permit when the actual house is being constructed.

No motion needed as this is an Agent Determination.

Ms. Malanca said a motion is needed to add an item to the agenda, she read:

“An extension of Permit No. WC-08-47 for James P. Murphy and Katherine May Murphy for 365 West Pearl Road. This permit was issued in 2008. The original expiration day was 2013, but due to the State Statute changes, it was extended to 2017, and now they can still get a five year extension. They are not changing any of the work,

it is all in the upland review area. This was a first cut, and the regulated activity was for the driveway and the house on the rear lot.

MOTION by Mr. Telman to add to the agenda:

Applicant: James P. Murphy and Katherine May Murphy
Location: 365 West Pear Road
Activity: Existing Permit WC-08-47, request for time extension

MOTION seconded by Mr. Kalinowski, unanimously carried.

MOTION by Mr. Telman to approve the extension request on the subject permit for five years to September 16, 2022. Motion seconded by Mr. Kalinowski, unanimously carried.

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6. Staff Report:

Ms. Malanca briefly review the Agent Determination recently issued on the mobile home park on Norfolk Road, pouring two slabs within the regulated area, to make it more in compliance with the Flood Regulations.

7. Adjournment:

MOTION by Mr. Andrews to adjourn at 7:11 p.m., seconded by Mr. Telman, unanimously carried.

Land Use Office