

**CITY OF TORRINGTON
INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
MINUTES
July 21, 2020**

Present: Jay Bate Jr., Chair
Christine Altman, Vice Chair
Jane Bakker, Member/Secretary
William Storti, Member

Also Present: Jeremy Leifert, Inland Wetlands Enforcement Officer

Not Present: Tomasz Kalinowski, Member
Jonathan Andrews, Member

1. Call To Order:

7:06 p.m.; remote meeting via ZOOM online meeting.

2. Roll Call and Announcement:

3. Minutes for Approval:

a. 6/16/20

MOTION by Ms. Bakker to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Ms. Altman, motion carried unanimously.

4. Old Business:

n/a

5. New Business:

a. Applicant: Haynes Aggregates – Torrington LLC
Location: 3217 Winsted Road
Activity: Operation of quarry within upland regulated area and discharge of storm water from operations

J. Leifert explained that the existing permit on this property is about to expire and has reached the statutory limit of 14 years including all extensions that have been allowed by law. The commission has to review this application as a new permit application.

Ken Hrica of Hrica Associates was present as the engineer for the applicant, Haynes Aggregates. Mr. Hrica presented, through screen sharing, the original approved map from 1999 showing the initial approval granted by the inland wetlands commission. He then presented the updated map and indicated the positioning of intermittent watercourses on the south end of the property and two pockets of wetlands soils on the site. He also

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described the patterns of stormwater drainage and retention on the property. One of the areas of wetlands soils on the property has been approved in the past and is still proposed to be removed as part of the quarry.

J. Leifert pointed out that although a portion of the area of the proposed removed wetland has already been graded, the “old” wetlands boundaries are still on the map. The commission agreed that the wetlands boundaries in this area should be updated for the next meeting.

MOTION by Ms. Altman to accept the application of Haynes Aggregates – Torrington LLC for 3217 Winsted Road and declare the activity not a significant activity, Activity: Operation of quarry within wetlands soils and upland regulated area and discharge of storm water from operations. Motion seconded by Ms. Bakker. Voting in favor of the Motion are Commissioners Bakker, Altman, Storti and Bate, motion carried.

- b. Applicant: Colby Engineering & Consulting LLC
Location: 2904 Winsted Road
Activity: Extend culvert pipe between adjacent properties, within regulated area

Bill Colby of Colby Engineering of Goshen, CT was present, representing Fragale and Sons Contractors. Mr. Leifert screen shared drawings/plans, and Mr. Colby gave a presentation on the plans of Fragale and Sons Cont. to possible purchase the adjoining piece of property, and extend the 24” RCP pipe approximately 96 feet, making it feasible to combine two properties and continue operations on both properties. George Malia wetlands soils report results are shown on the plan.

Mr. Bate inquired if permitting is needed from Army Corps of Engineers, and Mr. Colby responded no, not within the flood plain. Mr. Bate noted this is flood way. Mr. Colby stated material may be moved out of the flood way area, and placed onto this lot area, which is flood plain.

In response to questions from Mr. Storti, Mr. Colby responded this is not a large flow, and the outfall is extended. Mr. Leifert noted this area is flagged as wetlands, and this area is poorly drained soils.

Mr. Colby explained how the pipe goes out to Winsted Road, across the street, and the catch basin system, and provided further technical details. Further discussion followed regarding site details.

Mr. Bate inquired if any comments have been received from the City’s Engineer, and Mr. Leifert stated the Engineering Department has the plans, and comments are forthcoming by August 4 from the City Engineer.

Mr. Colby further explained no additional flow is being added, so there is no need for scouring protection. Mr. Storti indicated he wants to see the property (other Commissioners may wish to attend as well). Mr. Leifert will coordinate and send out an email to Commissioners with possible site visit dates.

MOTION by Ms. Bakker to accept the application of Colby Engineering and Consulting LLC, for 2904 Winsted Road, Activity: extend culvert pipe between adjacent properties, within regulated area. Motion seconded by Ms. Altman. Voting in favor of the Motion are Commissioners Bakker, Altman, Storti and Bate, motion carried.

6. Staff Report:

- a. . Agent Determination, 478 Greenwoods Road, Alan Machado, a/g pool within upland review area
- . Agent Determination, 20 Tara Drive, Christopher Kukuc, 12' x 24' deck within upland regulated area
- . Agent Determination, 31 Stonehouse Way, Paul Chhit, 12' x 6' shed within upland regulated area.
- . Agent Determination, New Litchfield Street (219-002-008), NERP Holding and Acquisitions Co., Inc., improvements to a driveway access within upland regulated area

Mr. Leifert provided the Commission with further details regarding the above listed agent determination approvals. The last one on New Litchfield Street is a large project in Litchfield, with a very small part of a driveway within the regulated area in Torrington. Mr. Leifert provided the Commission with screen share of the plans to construct a tractor supply and bank property in Litchfield.

7. Communications:

None

8. Adjournment:

MOTION by Ms. Altman to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Bakker, motion carried unanimously at 7:35 p.m.