

**CITY OF TORRINGTON
INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
MINUTES
August 18, 2020**

Present: Jay Bate, Jr., Chair
Christine Altman, Vice Chair (logged in at 7:17 p.m.)
Jane Bakker, Member/Secretary
Tomasz Kalinowski, Member
William Storti, Member

Also Present: Jeremy Leifert, Asst. City Planner/CWEO

Not Present: Jonathan Andrews, Member

1. Call To Order:

Jay Bate, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.; remote meeting via ZOOM online. (meeting not held at City Hall)

2. Roll Call and Announcement:

Jay Bate, Chair, announced present and serving on the Commission this evening will be Jane Bakker, William Storti, Tomasz Kalinowski, Jay Bate. Christine Altman logged in at 7:17 p.m. Also present is Jeremy Leifert, Asst. City Planner/CZEO.

3. Minutes for Approval:

a. 7/21/20

MOTION by Ms. Bakker to accept the 7/21/20 minutes, seconded by Mr. Storti, motion carried with Ms. Bakker, Mr. Storti, Mr. Bate voting in favor of the motion. Mr. Kalinowski abstained from voting.

New Business:

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Mr. Leifert requested an item be added to the agenda by 2/3rds vote, Applicant is To Design, LLC; Location: Slaiby Village, Koury Terrace / East Main Street; Construct two new buildings, within regulated area.

MOTION by Mr. Kalinowski to add the Slaiby Village item to the agenda by 2/3rds vote, seconded by Ms. Bakker, motion carried with Mr. Kalinowski, Ms. Bakker, Mr. Storti and Mr. Bate voting in favor of the motion.

Mr. Leifert noted a new application has been submitted for this project, as the original approved inland wetlands permit has expired. Mr. Leifert shared the computer screen with application and maps. This is the exact same plan that was submitted years ago.

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The applicant's engineer was not present on Zoom. Mr. Leifert will review the plans, and also get a report from the City Engineer.

MOTION by Mr. Kalinowski to accept the application of To Design, LLC, Location: Slaiby Village, Koury Terrace / East Main Street; construction two new buildings within regulated area, motion seconded by Ms. Bakker. Motion carried with Mr. Kalinowski, Ms. Bakker, Mr. Storti and Mr. Bate voting in favor of the motion.

Ms. Christine Altman logged on 7:17 p.m.

4. Old 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

Kenneth Hrica, P.E., licensed land surveyor, appeared via ZOOM representing the applicant. Mr. Hrica gave a presentation, stating Haynes is still operating under a plan granted in 1999 with a former owner. There are pockets of wetlands, as shown on the plan shared via computer screen. Swale design details and intermittent stream locations were reviewed.

Mr. Leifert stated he has no objections to the plans, which are basically the same as approved last time, with minor changes. City Engineer Paul Kundzins had no concerns with the submitted plans.

MOTION by Ms. Altman to GRANT a permit for Applicant: Haynes Aggregates – Torrington LLC, 3217 Winsted Road, Activity: Operation of a quarry within upland regulated area and discharge of storm water from operations. Motion seconded by Ms. Bakker, motion carried with Ms. Altman, Ms. Bakker, Mr. Storti, Mr. Kalinowski and Mr. Bate in favor of the motion.

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

Mr. Bill Colby of Colby Engineering and Consulting LLC appeared via ZOOM. Mr. Leifert screen shared plans, and Mr. Colby provided explanations. A site visit was held with Mr. Leifert and Inland Wetlands Commissioners to go over details. Mr. Colby has added two items to the plans, showing the square footage of wetlands to be filled, 1,500 sq. ft. approximately. Also shown on plans is the approximately 800 sq. ft. of wetlands that will be created.

Discussion followed, Mr. Colby explaining this is all the room they have to work with on the site. For further applications, a conservation easement along the Still River may be required, since they are trying to move some of the processing back from the river. This conservation easement would be addressed in a future application, as Mr. Fragale is looking to buy this adjacent property and move operations further away from the flood plain.

Mr. Leifert said he has no objections to this proposal. In response to questions from Mr. Storti, Mr. Leifert explained he will oversee the wetlands mitigation, visiting the site every few weeks to assess the work performed.

MOTION by Ms. Altman to GRANT a permit to Colby Engineering & Consulting LLC, 2904 Winsted Road, Activity: Extend culvert pipe between adjacent properties, within regulated area.

6. Staff Report:

- a. . Agent Determination, 170 Old Farms Road, Lukas Ledwochowski, 15' x 24' open deck within regulated area

Mr. Leifert briefly explained this Agent Determination.

7. Communications:

n/a/

8. Adjournment:

MOTION by Ms. Bakker to adjourn at 7:31 p.m., seconded by Ms. Altman. Motion carried with all Commissioners in favor of the motion.