

**CITY OF TORRINGTON  
INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
August 17, 2021**

Present: Jay Bate, Jr., Chair  
Christine Altman, Vice Chair  
Tomasz Kalinowski, Member  
William Storti, Member

Also Present: Jeremy Leifert, Asst. City Planner and Inland Wetlands Enforcement Officer

**1. Call To Order:**

Chair Jay Bate called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., City Hall Auditorium, 140 Main Street, Torrington, CT

**2. Roll Call and Announcement:**

Mr. Bate announced present and serving this evening are Commissioners Christine Altman, William Storti, Tomasz Kalinowski, and Jay Bate. Also present is Jeremy Leifert, Asst. City Planner and Inland Wetlands Enforcement Officer. (Mr. Bate noted Christine Altman is present via Zoom and others are present in person at City Hall.)

**3. Minutes for Approval:**

a. 5/18/21 Minutes

MOTION by Mr. Storti to approve the 5/18/21 minutes, seconded by Mr. Kalinowski, motion unanimously carried.

**4. Old Business:**

a. Show Cause Hearing  
Property Owner: Ron Raymond  
Address: Felicity Lane, Assessor Map 101 Block 011 Lot 008  
Violation: Grading and material processing within a regulated area  
without permits  
Discussion – no site plans available yet

Mr. Leifert provided background information and the history of this property. Corporation Counsel Vic Muschell has provided notice to the property owner. Mr. Leifert has spoken with Ron Raymond, who has now hired Kenneth Hrica, PE, to design a single family house for this property, so a plan is in place for development. Mr. Leifert has spoken with Mr. Hrica who verified he is working on such a plan.

This matter will appear again on the next meeting agenda.

**5. New Business:**

- a. Show Cause Hearing  
Property Owner: Jose Bonilla  
Address: 37 Stoneridge Drive, Assessor Map 121 Block 001 Lot 005  
Violation: Work in regulated area without permits

Mr. Leifert screen shared photos of the site, and provided background history on this property. Jose Bonilla appeared and explained what he is doing, and he has hired contractors to address this situation.

MOTION by Mr. Kalinowski to hold this application, and place on the next meeting agenda for further discussion, seconded by Mr. Storti, unanimously carried.

- b. Applicant: Stephen Girolimon  
Location: 194 Linton Street  
Activity: Place fill in regulated upland review area for lawn expansion; restore 670 square feet of wetlands from previous filling activity

Dennis McMorro, PE, Berkshire Engineering and Surveying, Bantam, CT appeared representing the applicant, providing maps and explanation of the proposed activity.

Discussion followed, with Mr. Leifert noting findings from past site visits, with follow up from Mr. McMorro.

MOTION by Mr. Kalinowski to accept this proposed activity, and that this is not a significant activity requiring a public hearing, seconded by Mr. Storti, unanimously carried.

**6. Discussion:**

- a. Inland Wetlands Commission Ordinance

Mr. Leifert reviewed with Commission members the suggested changes to the City's Ordinance regarding the number of Inland Wetlands Commission Members, and Alternates. Mr. Leifert's suggestion is that we have five members, with alternates, serving. Ms. Jane Bakker has just recently resigned after many years of service on this Commission, and we are now down to four members.

Discussion followed on this topic.

**6. Staff Report:**

- a. Agent Determinations:
1. 2360 Norfolk Road – 15-foot diameter above ground pool in upland review area
  2. 15 Silver Brook Lane – grading and tree removal in upland review area in rear yard; removal of one large dead tree in wetland area for safety purposes
  3. 51 Silver Brook Lane - grading and tree removal in upland review area in rear yard; removal of two large dead trees in wetland area for safety purposes

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Mr. Leifert reviewed the Enforcement List and Inland Wetlands Agent Determination permits.

**7. Adjournment:**

MOTION by Mr. Storti to adjourn at 7:35 p.m., seconded by Mr. Kalinowski, unanimously carried.

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