

**CITY OF TORRINGTON
INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
October 18, 2022**

Present: Jay Bate Jr., Chair
Christine Altman, Vice Chair
Tomasz Kalinowski, Member
Emily Jury, Member

Also Present: Nate Nardi-Cyrus, Assistant City Planner/
Inland Wetlands Official

1. Call To Order:

Chair Jay Bate called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.; in Room 218, City Hall Auditorium, 140 Main Street, Torrington, CT. Meeting was held in person and remotely via Zoom.

2. Roll Call and Announcement:

Chair Bate announced present in person and serving are Commissioners Christine Altman and Jay Bate. Present and serving remotely are Commissioners Tomasz Kalinowski and Emily Jury. Also present is Nate Nardi-Cyrus, Assistant City Planner/Inland Wetlands Official.

3. Minutes for Approval:

a. 9/13/22

MOTION by Mr. Kalinowski to approve the 9/13/22 minutes, seconded by Ms. Jury, unanimously carried.

4. Old Business:

a. Public hearing for updated wetlands map adoption

Chair Bate read the legal notice of public hearing.

MOTION by Ms. Altman to open the public hearing, seconded by Mr. Kalinowski, unanimously carried.

Mr. Nardi-Cyrus reviewed the changes/updates to the Wetlands Map.

There were no comments from either the Commissioners or from the public audience.

MOTION by Ms. Altman to close the public hearing, seconded by Mr. Kalinowski, unanimously carried.

MOTION by Mr. Altman to approve and adopt the updated September 12, 2022 Inland Wetlands Map, seconded by Ms. Jury, unanimously carried.

5. New Business:

- a. Applicant: Haynes Aggregate – Torrington LLC
 Location: 3217 Winsted Road and Winsted Road 242/001/017
 Activity: Unintended discharge of pollutants into Still River wetlands

Mr. Nardi-Cyrus briefly reviewed the violation that was issued by his predecessor, which was promptly responded to by the applicant.

Ken Hrica, PE, LS, appeared representing the applicant. Mr. Hrica screen shared maps and provided site details. Silt was going across the road and into the Still River wetlands area. A sediment stockpile was noted on the Haynes site, and Mr. Hrica explained in detail the washing process for their products, rocks and sand, and the method for cleaning out the two wash ponds. The sediment pile has gotten very large. There have been several extreme rain events which created a wash off.

Mr. Hrica further explained that in 1999, a pipe was discovered on site, but it was unknown where pipe discharged. Details were provided by Mr. Hrica about the loose silt, and how it made its way into an unclogged pipe under Winsted Road, and then deposited across the street near the bike trail into a wetlands area.

Mr. Hrica explained in detail the process of closing off the pipe on the Haynes property, and constructing a rip rap basin and swale on site, referring to maps and plans.

The site has been restored, Mr. Hrica reviewed the silt deposit area being restored, and noted there is vegetation growing in the area. Mr. Hrica answered questions from Commission members.

George Logan of REMA Ecological Services appeared representing the applicant and screen shared his many photos, maps and research information. Mr. Logan had concluded that the wetlands remain unaffected because the hydrology has been maintained. There is substantial vegetation in the wetlands area.

The existing conditions of the culvert and adjoining areas near the bike trail were reviewed by Mr. Hrica and Mr. Nardi-Cyrus.

MOTION by Ms. Altman to accept the subject application:

- Applicant: Haynes Aggregate – Torrington LLC
- Location: 3217 Winsted Road and Winsted Road 242/001/017
- Activity: Unintended discharge of pollutants into Still River wetlands

MOTION seconded by Ms. Jury, unanimously carried.

6. Staff Report:

a. Enforcement Report – update

Mr. Nardi-Cyrus briefly reviewed the new enforcement matter on 137 Babbling Brook Road, a section of a small intermittent stream had been piped and lawn established. The property owner is cooperative and will be submitting an after-the-fact permit application.

b. Agent Determinations:

- 56 Oakbrook Lane – conversion of deck to home addition in URA
- 887 Migeon Ave – installation of stormwater infrastructure in URA

Mr. Nardi-Cyrus briefly reviewed the agent determinations.

c. Commissioner membership update

Mr. Nardi-Cyrus updated the Commission on recent discussion he had with a potential Inland Wetlands Commission member.

7. Adjournment:

Nate Nardi-Cyrus, Assistant City Planner
Assistant City Planner / Inland Wetlands Official