

**CITY OF TORRINGTON
INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
May 24, 2022**

Present: Jay Bate, Jr., Chair
Christine Altman, Vice Chair
William Storti, Member
Alexis Apruzzese, Member

Also Present: Jeremy Leifert, City Planner
Nate Nardi-Cyrus, Asst. City Planner

Not Present: Tomasz Kalinowski, Member

1. Call To Order:

Chair Jay Bate, Jr. called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.; Room 218, City Hall Auditorium, 140 Main Street, Torrington, CT. The meeting was also held remotely meeting via ZOOM online.

2. Roll Call and Announcement:

Mr. Bate announced present and serving on the Commission this evening will be Christine Altman, William Storti, Alexis Apruzzese and Jay Bate. Also present is Jeremy Leifert, City Planner and Nate Nardi-Cyrus, Asst. City Planner.

3. Minutes for Approval:

a. 4/12/22

MOTION by Mr. Storti to approve the April 12, 2022 minutes, seconded by Ms. Apruzzese, motion unanimously carried.

4. Old Business:

a. Applicant: Torrington Historical Society
Location: John Brown Road (Assessor Map 213 Block 003 Lot 010)
Activity: Wetland crossing for hiking trail connecting the John Brown Birthplace with Five Points Arts

Mr. Leifert noted at last month's meeting, this activity was determined to not be a significant activity. This proposal is a valuable use of the property, and no actual excavation or digging will occur. The wetland crossing is a lay down footbridge. In Mr. Leifert's opinion, this application is ready for approval.

The Torrington Water Company does have an easement on this property, and a favorable letter from the Torrington Water Company has been received.

MOTION by Ms. Altman to grant a permit:

Applicant: Torrington Historical Society

Location: John Brown Road (Assessor Map 213 Block 003 Lot 010)

Activity: Wetland crossing for hiking trail connecting the John Brown Birthplace with Five Points Arts

MOTION seconded by Ms. Apruzzese, unanimously carried.

Mark McEachern of the Torrington Historical Society spoke and thanked the Inland Wetlands Commission.

- b. Applicant: Crystal Gilbert and Michael Gillotti
Location: 2315 Torrington West Street
Activity: Construct new house and driveway crossing within regulated areas

Mr. Leifert reviewed that at last month's meeting, the Commission determined this activity is not a significant activity, and is ready for a vote this evening. There were some comments received from City Engineer Paul Kundzins regarding grading, and those issues have been received. An email was received today from Paul Kundzins his concerns have been addressed to his satisfaction.

MOTION by Ms. Altman to grant a permit:

Applicant: Crystal Gilbert and Michael Gillotti

Location: 2315 Torrington West Street

Activity: Construct new house and driveway crossing within regulated areas

MOTION seconded by Ms. Apruzzese, unanimously carried.

5. New Business:

n/a

6. Staff Report:

- a. Enforcement Report – update

Mr. Leifert noted Nate Nardi-Cyrus will be handling the enforcement reports going forward.

At next month's meeting, Mr. Leifert will add an item to the agenda, to official appoint Nate Nardi-Cyrus as the Inland Wetlands Enforcement Officer for the City of Torrington. As tonight's meeting is a Special Meeting, no additional items can be added to the agenda.

Agent Determinations:

- a. . 49 Liberty Lane, removal of dead and damaged trees from a wetland area
- . Eagle Ridge, Assessor Map 244 Block 006 Lot 031, new house construction within upland regulated area

Mr. Leifert briefly reviewed the two agent determinations.

7. Adjournment:

MOTION by Ms. Altman to adjourn at 7:13 p.m., seconded by Ms. Apruzzese, unanimously carried.

Land Use Office