

**CITY OF TORRINGTON  
INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION  
Minutes  
November 17, 2020**

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

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

**1. Call To Order:**

Chair Jay Bate called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.; remote meeting via ZOOM online meeting.

**2. Election of Officers:**

Jeremy Leifert briefly reviewed procedure for Election of Officers of City of Torrington Inland Wetlands Commission.

MOTION by Ms. Altman to nominate current slate of officers:

Jay Bate for Chair  
Christine Altman for Vice Chair  
Jane Bakker for Secretary

Motion seconded by Ms. Bakker, unanimously carried.

**3. Roll Call and Announcement:**

Chair Jay Bate announced present and serving on the Commission this evening will be Jane Bakker, Christine Altman, William Storti, Tomasz Kalinowski and Jay Bate. Also present is Asst. City Planner/Wetlands Enforcement Officer Jeremy Leifert.

**4. Minutes for Approval:**

- a. Site Walk Record – 8/8/20; record noted by Commission.
- b. 9/15/20 Regular Meeting – MOTION by Ms. Bakker to accept the 9/15/20 minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Kalinowski, unanimously carried.

**5. 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 updated the Commission on the status of this violation. He has met with property owner Ron Raymond in the City Hall office to review progress. Kenneth Hrica, PE is preparing plans for the Commission's review. Mr. Raymond has received permission to move stockpiles of material and equipment near front of property. A plan needs to be provided by the property owner to this Commission to show the wetlands boundaries.

This item will appear on next month's agenda.

**6. New Business:**

- a. Applicant: Michael Gutowski  
Location: 259 Westside Road  
Activity: Septic system repair within regulated area, with proposed wetlands crossing

Dennis McMorrow, PE of Berkshire Engineering and Surveying, Bantam, CT appeared representing the applicant. Mr. Leifert shared his screen with Commission members, presenting the plans prepared by Mr. McMorrow. Mr. McMorrow reviewed the plans. Much of this site has heavy clay material that is not suitable for a septic system. There is an old wood road on this property that has been selected as the wetlands crossing. A stabilization fabric will be placed across the road and covered with gravel to allow access by construction vehicles. This area has already been disturbed and is clear, and is the best spot on this property to cross the wetlands area.

Mr. Leifert stated a review is forthcoming from the City's Engineer.

MOTION by Ms. Bakker to accept the application from Michael Gutowski, Location: 259 Westside Road, activity: septic system repair within regulated area, with proposed wetlands crossing, and that this proposal is not a significant activity requiring a public hearing. Motion seconded by Ms. Altman, motion unanimously carried.

**7. Staff Report:**

- a. CACIWC Conference Information

Mr. Leifert reviewed the plans for an on line conference for CACIWC, which has been broken into two sessions now, a half day session on December 5, 2020 and another half day session sometime in January. Mr. Leifert will send further information to Commission members once he receives details from CACIWC.

- b. . Agent Determination, 68 Nutmeg Drive, Scott Conliffe, construct home addition within upland review area
- . Agent Determination, 1858 East Main Street, Torrington Fair Plaza; modifications of approved building pad and associated site work, in upland review area.

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- . Agent Determination; 100 Franklin Drive, Nidec America Corporation, excavation and removal of approximately 400 yards of impacted soil and backfill area with crushed rock
- . Agent Determination; 54 Pumping Station Road, new home construction in upland review area
- . Agent Determination; 277 Winthrop Street, new sidewalk section and fencing for splash pad at Besse Park in upland review area

Mr. Leifert reviewed the Agent Determinations with Commissioners, presenting maps of the plans on 1858 East Main Street, reviewing the entranceway and proximity to wetlands.

c. Enforcement Update

Discussed in general with Commission. Mr. Leifert asked if Commissioners had any questions, Ms. Bakker requested the report be sent by email to Commissioners.

**8. Communications:**

n/a

**9. Adjournment:**

MOTION by Ms. Bakker to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Altman, motion unanimously carried at 7:27 p.m.

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Land Use Office