

**CITY OF TORRINGTON
INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
July 12, 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,
Inland Wetlands Enforcement Officer

Not Present: Tomasz Kalinowski, Member

1. Call To Order:

Chair Jay Bate called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.; Room 218, City Hall Auditorium, 140 Main Street, Torrington, CT. The meeting is being held also via zoom on-line.

2. Roll Call and Announcement:

Chair Jay Bate announced Commissioners present in the City Hall this evening and serving are Christine Altman, William Storti, and Jay Bate. Commissioner Alexis Apruzzese was present and serving via zoom on line. Also present are Jeremy Leifert, City Planner, and Nate Nardi-Cyrus, Assistant City Planner/Inland Wetlands Enforcement Officer.

3. Minutes for Approval:

a. 5/24/22

MOTION by Ms. Altman to accept the 5/24/22 minutes, seconded by Mr. Storti, motion carried.

4. Old Business:

None

5. New Business:

a. Determination of Significance
Applicant: City of Torrington
Location: Bogue Road (CTDOT Bridge No. 05059)
Activity: Temporary placement of ground supported shoring towers in Naugatuck River

City Engineer Paul Kundzins was not present. Agenda item passed until later in the meeting.

- b. Determination of Significance
Applicant: Paul Abeling
Location: 471 Newfield Road
Activity: Removal of vegetation in the upland review area

Applicant Paul Abeling was not present. Agenda item passed until later in the meeting.

6. Show Cause Hearing:

- a. Timberlake Court (Assessor Map 202 Block 002 Lot 023)
Current Permits: #AD-17-12-02 and #WC 18-0501
Wetlands Violations not permitted under above referenced permits

Passed until later in the meeting.

7. Staff Report:

- a. Enforcement Report – update

Mr. Nardi-Cyrus provided an update to the Commission. Mr. Leifert provided an update and status on the violation on Winsted Road, Haynes Quarry.

- b. Minor revisions to Permit #WC22-04-02
Location: John Brown Road (Assessor Map 213 Block 003 Lot 010)

No action.

- c. Agent Determinations:

- . 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
- . 77 Belmont Drive – installation of gutter drains within upland regulated area
- . 341 Hillandale Blvd. – installation of gutter drains within upland regulated area

Mr. Nardi-Cyrus briefly reviewed the new Agent Determination permits.

- d. Appointment of Nate Nardi-Cyrus, Asst. City Planner as official City of Torrington Inland Wetlands Agent

MOTION by Ms. Altman to appoint Nate Nardi-Cyrus, Asst. City Planner, as the City of Torrington's Inland Wetlands Enforcement Officer, seconded by Mr. Storti, motion carried.

- e. New Inland Wetlands Commission member: Emily Jury

Mr. Nardi-Cyrus updated the Commission, Ms. Emily Jury should be on the City Council's next agenda for appointment as a new Inland Wetlands Commission member and she will be at the next Commission meeting.

6. Show Cause Hearing:

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Mr. Leifert updated Commission members on the status of this lot, it is a building lot and no actual engineer's plan has been submitted for approval of house construction. Work and disturbance is occurring on the property.

Mr. Nardi-Cyrus updated the Commission with evidence and photographs, in the file. There are photos in the file of grading within the wetlands.

Mr. Leifert reviewed the procedures for a show cause hearing.

Property owner Mr. John Sliwa appeared and explained what he is working on at the property site. Mr. Sliwa stated he has permits and approvals for everything he is doing on site, and he has the right to use his property.

Mr. Leifert explained an approved Zoning Permit and engineered plans are needed before any work is done on a vacant building lot. Now there is storage of equipment, site disturbance and pesticide spraying on site (not by a licensed provider). Mr. Sliwa disagreed. Mr. Sliwa stated he does not have the funds for a new house, and engineered plans.

The Commission unanimously agreed to give Mr. Sewell thirty (30) days to remove all equipment from the site.

MOTION by Ms. Altman to allow the Cease and Desist Order to remain in place, and to give the property owner thirty (30) days to remove all equipment from the site:

Timberlake Court (Assessor Map 202 Block 002 Lot 023)

Current Permits: #AD-17-12-02 and #WC 18-0501

Wetlands Violations not permitted under above referenced permits

motion seconded by Mr. Storti. Motion unanimously carried with Commissioners Apruzzese, Storti, Altman and Bates voting in favor of the Motion.

5. New Business:

- a. Determination of Significance
Applicant: City of Torrington
Location: Bogue Road (CTDOT Bridge No. 05059)
Activity: Temporary placement of ground supported shoring towers in Naugatuck River

City Engineer Paul Kundzins was not present. Mr. Nardi-Cyrus provided details of the subject activity, maps were screen shared.

MOTION by Ms. Altman to accept the application:

Applicant: City of Torrington
Location: Bogue Road (CTDOT Bridge No. 05059)
Activity: Temporary placement of ground supported shoring towers in Naugatuck River

And that this is not a significant activity requiring a public hearing. Motion seconded by Mr. Storti, unanimously carried.

b. Determination of Significance

Applicant: Paul Abeling
Location: 471 Newfield Road
Activity: Removal of vegetation in the upland review area

Applicant Paul Abeling was not present. Mr. Nardi-Cyrus reviewed details of the subject activity, referring to maps that were screen shared. There are flood plains on the site, a low slope, some grass seeding as an erosion control. This permit application is the result of an enforcement action.

MOTION by Ms. Altman to accept the application:

Applicant: Paul Abeling
Location: 471 Newfield Road
Activity: Removal of vegetation in the upland review area

And that this is not a significant activity requiring a public hearing. Motion seconded by Mr. Storti, unanimously carried.

8. Adjournment:

MOTION by Ms. Altman to adjourn at 7:44 p.m., seconded by Mr. Storti, unanimously carried.