

**TOWN OF EAST WINDSOR
INLAND WETLANDS WATERCOURSE AGENCY**

Special Meeting – June 24, 2014

MEETING MINUTES

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CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Savaria called the Meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Meeting Room, 11 Rye Street, Broad Brook, CT.

ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM:

Present: Regular Members Ron Savaria (Chairman), Richard Osborn, Robert Slate, and Alternate Member Michael Sawka.

Unable to Attend: John Malin, Dave Menard, and Alternate Member Kathryn Roloff.

Guests: Town Engineer Len Norton.

Chairman Savaria noted the establishment of a quorum with 3 Regular and 1 Alternate Members as noted above. All members will sit in on votes this evening. .

Also in attendance was Wetlands Agent/Zoning Enforcement Officer Robin Newton.

AGENDA ADDITIONS:

No Added Agenda Items under a Special Meeting.

NEW APPLICATION TO BE RECEIVED: 1) Application #11-2014/Town of East Windsor-Emergency Management – Creation of AN EMERGENCY ACCESS area at Connecticut River on South Water Street for emergency management staff for boat rescue activities. A-2 Zone; Assessor's Map 091, Block 05, Lot 028.

Chairman Savaria read the description of this Item of Business. Appearing to present the Application was Town Engineer Norton.

Town Engineer Norton reported this proposal is to create an area for emergency access for the fire department to launch their emergency craft into the Connecticut River on the East Windsor side. The fire department has indicated they receive approximately 12 or more calls per year to assist with river searches. The present access to the river is on the Windsor Locks side; this emergency access enable the fire department to engage in the search process much more quickly.

Town Engineer Norton referenced his plans, noting they plan to install riprap as a base, then install 6" of aggregate material down to the river. The driveway will have a paved

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apron; new construction will match existing grades in the area. A double gate will be installed to provide the fire department consistent/unhampered access to the area.

Town Engineer Norton indicated the fire department would like something more substantial, with perhaps a mafia block base, but that proposal will require review by the Army Corp of Engineers (ACOE). This proposal will enable the fire department emergency access as soon as the construction is completed.

Commissioner Osborn questioned where the sewer line was located in relation to this proposal? Town Engineer Norton referenced the location, noting the sewer line was some distance away.

Chairman Savaria questioned if the area will be plowed in the Winter? Town Engineer Norton indicated that hadn't been discussed at the recent Emergency Management Meeting but he anticipated it would be plowed.

Commissioner Sawka noted the water gets pretty low in this area during the Summer. Town Engineer Norton concurred, noting they will be proposing a more substantial plan through the ACOE which is expected to include the mafia blocks or some other more permanent material. This proposal allows the fire department access to the river almost immediately.

Inlands Wetlands Agent Newton noted she is pleased with the proposal. They are adding the aggregate material at her request as it will ensure the riprap stays in place and the aggregate will bind together as it accepts moisture.

MOTION: To ACCEPT Application #11-2014/Town of East Windsor-Emergency Management for the Creation of AN EMERGENCY ACCESS area at Connecticut River on South Water Street for emergency management staff for boat rescue activities. A-2 Zone; Assessor's Map 091, Block 05, Lot 028.

Slate moved/Sawka seconded/

DISCUSSION: See comments made during meeting.

VOTE: In Favor: Unanimous (Oborn/Savaria/Sawka/Slate)

STATUS REPORTS: None.

GENERAL BOARD DISCUSSION: None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (Discussion on non-Agenda items only):

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No one requested to speak.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: To ADJOURN this Meeting at 5:43 p.m.

Osborn moved/Slate seconded/VOTE: In Favor: Unanimous

Respectfully submitted:

Peg Hoffman, Recording Secretary, Inland Wetlands and Watercourse Commission