

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

Regular Meeting – September 7, 2016

: MEETING MINUTES

*******Draft Document Subject to Commission Review/Approval*******

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Baker called the Meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. in the Town Hall Meeting Room, 11 Rye Street, Broad Brook, CT.

ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM:

Present: Regular Members Alan Baker (Chairman), Richard Osborn, and Rebecca Talamini, and Alternate Member Michael Sawka.

Unable to Attend: Regular Member Dave Menard and Alternate Member Steve Smith.

Guests: Deputy Selectman Richard P. Pippin, Jr., Inland/Wetlands Liaison; Kathy Pippin, Board of Finance.

Chairman Baker 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 Acting Wetlands Agent Virginia Higley. .

AGENDA ADDITIONS:

MOTION: To ACCEPT the Agenda Additions #05-2016 Suzanne Roberts for property at 172 Wells Road, and #06-2016 Bacher Corp. for property at the corner of Wells and North Roads.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES/1) June 1, 2016 – Regular Meeting:

MOTION: To APPROVE the Minutes of Regular Meeting dated June 1, 2016 as written.

Talamini moved/Osborn seconded/DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: In Favor: Unanimous (Baker/Osborn/Sawka/Talamini)

MOTION: To APPROVE the Minutes of Special Meeting dated June 9, 2016 as written.

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Talamini moved/Osborn seconded/DISCUSSION: None
VOTE: In Favor: Unanimous (Baker/Osborn/Sawka/Talamini)

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.

CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.

NEW APPLICATIONS TO BE RECEIVED/1) #04-2016 /Crane Properties, LLC
(Carl Crane) - Request to conduct regulated activities to fill drainage ditch at front of site, install drainage, sewer, & clean & improve site. Property located 118 Prospect Hill Road, south of Bridge Street/Route 5. Map 112, Block 17, Lot OPA:

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Osborn moved/Talamini seconded/

DISCUSSION: The Commission considered if this application should be heard under a Public Hearing. They noted there are several abutting properties but most are commercial uses. Chairman Baker acknowledged Mr. Crane's presence if the anyone had questions. Mr. Crane suggested he felt the application was pretty straight forward; the ditch is what it is but currently is overgrown with weeds and accumulates papers. He is also proposing to connect to the sewer system. Mr. Crane joined the Board to note a corner of wetlands which contains several large trees, perhaps half of which are dead and some of which overhang abutting properties. He would also like to take down the dead trees. Chairman Baker suggested he would like to visit the property. Acting Wetlands Agent Higley indicated she has an inspection on her schedule as well. She would like to review the trees mentioned by Mr. Crane; she noted removal of trees often impacts wetlands ability to filter run off. Mr. Crane offered to meet with anyone wishing to view the property.

The consensus of the Commission was that this application does NOT need to be heard via a Public Hearing.

VOTE: In Favor: Unanimous (Baker/Osborn/Sawka/Talamini)

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Osborn moved/Talamini seconded/DISCUSSION: None.

VOTE: In Favor: Unanimous (Baker/Osborn/Sawka/Talamini)

NEW BUSINESS: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

MISCELLANEOUS: Nothing presented.

AGENT DECISIONS/REPORT:

Acting Wetlands Agent Higley reported she has visited Newberry Village on several occasions. She has received complaints from residents regarding removal of trees which they feel are dead. She has met with one resident and allowed removal of two trees while requiring the third tree to remain. She has also met with a representative from the homeowners association who has agreed to advise Newberry Village residents of the need to bring requests regarding trees to the Association; permission must be received from the Newberry Village Board of Directors and the Town.

Chairman Baker and Commissioner Osborn recalled the lengthy/detailed discussion during approval of this project regarding the need to preserve the wetlands and vernal pools. They also noted the property encompassing Newberry Village is heavily impacted by a Conservation Easement. Discussion followed regarding the specifics of the landscaping plan for this project. Commissioner Osborn suggested a copy of the map reflecting the Conservation Easement be posted on the Homeowners Association bulletin board.

STATUS REPORTS:

Chairman Baker questioned the status of a request from a Scantic Road resident regarding placement of a shed near a slope? Acting Wetlands Agent Higley reported the resident had questioned placement of a container; the suggested location was unfavorable to the resident.

See also discussion of issues at Newberry Village under **AGENT DECISIONS/REPORT** above.

VIOLATIONS: None.

CONFERENCES/SEMINARS/TRAINING:

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- “Habitat” provided for Commissioners.
- Acting Wetlands Agent Higley advised the Commission of the 2016 Annual Meeting and Environmental Conference of CACIWC (Connecticut Association of Conservation and Inland Wetlands Commissions) scheduled for Saturday, November 12, 2016

CORRESPONDENCE/ 1) Letter from Susman, Duffy & Segaloff, P.C. regarding filing of application for Special Use Permit for the Montgomery Mill property, 25 Canal Bank Road, Windsor Locks:

- Notification to adjacent municipalities from Windsor Locks regarding pending applications for development of the Montgomery Mill property.

GENERAL BOARD DISCUSSION: None.

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

No one requested to speak.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: **To ADJOURN this Meeting at 7:21 p.m.**

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

Respectfully submitted:

Peg Hoffman, Recording Secretary, Inland Wetlands and Watercourse Commission