## East Hampton Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Agency Regular Meeting March 27, 2013 Town Hall Meeting Room REGULAR MEETING

**Approved Minutes** 

1. Call to Order: Chairman Jeff Foran called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**Present:** Jeffry Foran, Dean Kavalkovich, Scott Hill and Bob Talbot

**Absent:** Josh Wilson, David Boule, and Peter Wall

- 2. Seating of Alternates:
- 3. Approval of Minutes:
  - A. December 19, 2012 Meeting Scott Hill moved to approve the minutes of December 19, 2012 as presented. Motion was seconded by Dean Kavalkovich.

The motion carried 4-0-0.

4. Communication, Enforcement, and Public Comment:

**Communications:** Ruth Plummer reported that at the Town Council regular meeting dated December 11, 2012, Jeff Foran was reappointed as a member of the IWWA thru June 1, 2015 and Bob Talbot was appointed to a full regular member thru June 1, 2014.

**Enforcement:** Ruth Plummer updated the agency on the Island #3/Bok issue. The owner has contacted the services of a soil scientist and a surveyor and they will be visiting the island in the beginning of April.

**Public Comments:** None

- **5.** Agent Approval: Jeff Foran reported on a property located at 47 Tartia Road. The applicant has requested to construct a garage. 4' of one corner of the proposed garage is in the upland review area. If they were to move it out of the upland review area they would need to reconstruct their existing sidewalk. Hay bales and/or silt fence will be in place prior to construction.
- **6.** Reading of the Legal Notice: None
- 7. New Applications:
  - A. Application for Traditional Innovations, 265 West High Street, Sports on 66 for a Commercial Site Plan Modification. M06/B12/L9- Mr. McLarty was before the agency with an amendment to the original application. Mr. Foran asked about the water basin. Mr. McLarty reported the water basin will be a little

bigger, and there will be no more additional clearing than what was originally proposed.

Mr. Hill moved to table this agenda item in order for the applicant to retrieve the original plans for the agency to further review. Motion was seconded by Mr. Talbot.

The motion passed unanimously.

NOTE: See 7A continued below.

B. Application of Meghan Greer, 000 Long Hill Road, for timber forestry. M06/B12/L8- Ms. Plummer reported to the agency that she has submitted this application to Rich Walsh, Chairman of the Middle Haddam Historical Commission and received an email back from him stating this property is not located in the historical district area therefore does not need their review. Don DuBuaw forestry was before the agency representing Ms. Greers property. The property is a selective thinning to remove mostly trees that are in decline and dieback mode for more superior trees to grow including red oak, sugar maple and hickory. This is an upland site. There is an opening that slopes gently up towards the road. The skid rows will be located entirely in upland areas; There is a seasonally flow of water into the main drainage. This area is going to require a small temporary portable bridge.

Mr. Hill moved to continue this application to the next regular scheduled meeting. Motion was seconded by Mr. Kavalkovich.

The motion passed unanimously.

C. Application of Tom Wells, 9 Wells Avenue, demolition of 2 cottages. M05A/B63/L22. As this was listed on the agenda as a new application, the applicant requested it be withdrawn this month as new application; however allow some time to discuss with the agency as a preliminary discussion requesting direction. The agency accepted the withdrawal and Mr. Wells proceeded with discussion. Mr. Wells is before the agency representing the estate of Druscilla Wells. A piece of this land is going to be donated to the land trust that is located on Lake Pocotopaug. This property is approximately 1.08 acres. The property has not been delineated but you can assume there are wetlands on the property. Mr. Hill stated he sees this as Mr. Wells creating an improvement to an existing wetland. The property is going to be donated to the trust and he is requesting to remove structures that exist in a wetland and restoring that wetland. He is unsure how the agency can find a negative impact on the wetland. The agency suggested Mr. Wells leave this application on the agenda as an application and move forward allowing it to be heard so they will be able to vote on this at their next regular scheduled meeting. Mr. Wells expressed his concerns then with the application requirement of delineating. There currently is a survey on file. Mr. Foran expressed his concerns as to what will be used to remove these cottages and the area around the cottages being disturbed. Mr. Foran asked Mr. Wells to show on the plan for the next meeting the location of hay bales to protect the pool

located in between the cottages. Mr. Talbot requested having an area in the grass surrounded with hay bales with enough area to pump water to, if needed while capping the laterals.

Mr. Hill moved to waive the requirement for wetland mapping on this particular application based on the fact that the property is going to be donated to the land trust. He is removing structures, and delineating the wetland is not necessary as everything is going to be removed from the wetlands and never be replaced. Motion was seconded by Mr. Talbot.

The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Hill moved to continue this application until the next regular scheduled meeting. Motion was seconded by Mr. Kavalkovich.

The motion passed unanimously.

D. Application for Mr. Emmons, 68 Long Crossing, for a timber harvest. M12/B36/L33. Mr. Gosselin, PermaTree representative was before the agency to and discussed with the agency of a pond that is situated on the property. Hay bales will be in place and reseeding will take place after the job is complete. Mr. Hill moved to continue this application to the next regular scheduled meeting. Motion was seconded by Mr. Kavalkovich.

The motion passed unanimously.

E. Application for Mr. Stano, 44 Long Crossing, for a timber harvest. M12/B36/L38. Mr. Gosselin, PermaTree representative was before the agency to discuss the stream in the western boundary of the property. The applicant will remain approximately 100 feet from this area.

Mr. Hill moved to continue this application to the next regular scheduled meeting. Motion was seconded by Mr. Talbot.

The motion carried unanimously.

F. Application for Mr. Bagley, Young Street, for a timber harvest.

**M21/B53/L27-2.** Mr. Gosselin, PermaTree representative was before the agency to discuss a small selection of single trees that will be removed. This property has two crossings involved that will have 24' 6x6 temporary bridge for these crossings.

Mr. Kavalkovich moved to continue this application to the next regular scheduled meeting. Motion was seconded by Mr. Talbot.

The motion carried unanimously.

Continued: 7A. Application for Traditional Innovations, 265 West High Street, Sports on 66 for a Commercial Site Plan Modification. M06/B12/L9. Mr. McLarty provided copies for the agency the original grading and the original marsh. The discussion of the reduction of the proposed size of the created wetland and if this has a negative impact on anything. Mr. Hill felt this did not.

Mr. Hill moved to approve the application for Traditional Innovations, 265 West High Street, Sports on 66 for a Commercial Site Plan Modification based on the fact that there is no additional wetland impact, however the impact is associated with removing a little less than 3000sf of a proposed man made wetland. The buffer will remain the same between the man-made wetland and the low functioning wetland and there is no negative impact to the environment associated with this modification. Motion was seconded by Mr. Talbot.

The motion carried unanimously.

- 8. Continued Applications: None
- 9. Public Hearing: None
- 10. New Business: None
- 11. Old Business: Mr. Foran reported on activity at 18/16 Wells Avenue that has taken place. In a site visit to this property it has been made aware to the agency that one of the cottages that was to remain on the property has been removed. Ms. Plummer has been in contact with the property owner advising them to cease all activity and expects to have a modification application from them for the next regular scheduled meeting.
- 12. Public Comments: None

## 13. Adjournment:

Mr. Hill moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Talbot seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kamey Peterson Recording Secretary