

**Town of East Hampton
Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Agency
February 24, 2016
Regular Meeting**

Unapproved Minutes

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Jeffry Foran called the IWWA Regular Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Chairman Jeffry Foran, Vice Chairman Joshua Wilson, Regular Members David Boule, Dean Kavalkavich, Peter Wall, Alternate Member Harold L'Hote, and Planning & Zoning Official Jeremy DeCarli were present.

Absent: Regular Members Scott Hill and Robert Talbot were not in attendance.

2. **Seating of Alternates:** No one was seated at this time.

3. **Approval of Minutes:**

A. January 27, 2016 Regular Meeting: *Mr. Wall made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes of January 27, 2016. The motion was seconded by Mr. Boule. The motion passed unanimously.*

4. **Communications, Enforcement and Public Comment:**

Communications: Mr. DeCarli reported that the Connecticut Lakes Conference 2016 has been rescheduled to April 9, 2016. The new registration deadline is April 4th.

The Baseline Water Quality Monitoring in the Salmon River Watershed (Summers 2013-2015) has been included in tonight's packages.

The Habitat Winter 2016 newsletter of CACIWC is also included in tonight's packages.

Enforcement: Cease and Desist Order – 135 Middle Haddam Road, - M02/B18/L21-1E - Peter Minoli and David Wezdenko; Activity in Wetlands/Upland Review Area to repair a pipe to an underground spring on 136 Middle Haddam Road. The Cease and Desist order to remain in effect until the decision regarding legal access has been reached. (Continued from 9/17/2015)

Mr. DeCarli reported that he has been in communication with the owner of 135 Middle Haddam Road. They indicated that their attorney will be providing this Agency with an update.

Public Comment: None

5. **Agent Approval:** None
6. **Reading of the Legal Notice:** None
7. **Continued Applications:**

A. Application of Charles E. Yenker, 65 Spellman Point Road, Activity in the Upland Review Area to Demolish Existing Structure and Rebuild New Single Family Home – Map 09A/Block 70A/Lot 3:

The Commission reviewed the revised plans dated 02/16/2016 and discussed the rain gardens, dry wells, and roof leaders with staff and the applicant.

Mr. Wilson moved to approve, and Mr. Wall seconded, the application of Charles E. Yenker, 65 Spellman Point Road, for activity in the upland review area to demolish existing structure and rebuild a new single family home, Map 09A/Block 70A/Lot 3, because they have met requirements of the IWWA Regulations and are providing

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enhanced protection to wetlands and watercourses on or adjacent to the site. The permit shall be the standard short-form with the addition of a condition specific to this site that the final plans must indicate the location of the leaders to the rain gardens on the lake side of the house and the leaders to the dry well on the road side of the property. The motion carried unanimously.

8. New Applications:

- A. Application of Andrew Clark for Eric Peterson & Laura Engel, 210 Tartia Road, Routine Maintenance Timber Harvest – Map 28/Block 54/Lot 5;**
- B. Application of Andrew Clark for John Redfield, 000 Tartia Road, Routine Maintenance Timber Harvest – Map 28/Block 54/Lot 5B; and**
- C. Application of Andrew Clark for Tom & Carrie Clausi, 124 Tartia Road, Routine Maintenance Timber Harvest – Map 27/Block 54/Lot 7 & Map 28/Block 54/Lot 10:**

The Chairman explained to the Agency that the harvest is being conducted on four separate and distinct parcels owned by three different property owners within the same family. Three of the properties border each other and a fourth is being included at the request of one of the owners.

Andrew Clark, Limb-it-less Logging, Essex Connecticut, Certified Connecticut Forest Practitioner was present to discuss all three applications and the harvest plan with the Agency. The family approached him about five years ago to conduct the harvest and he is just now getting to it. Recent storms in the area have necessitated the harvest.

This harvest will focus on removing storm damaged trees, over mature hardwoods, and thinning the hemlock. The eastern hemlock in this river valley is very healthy and has survived the woolly adelgid. The primary objective is wildlife management and growing timber.

The main landing area has been located on the property of John Redfield to avoid wetlands crossings. All activity will be about 500' from the Salmon River. All the activity will be done with the aid of forwarders. No skidders will be used. A buffer of at least 100' has been planned around each wetland and there are no wetlands crossing.

Mr. Wilson moved that the proposed activity in the applications of Andrew Clark for Eric Peterson & Laura Engel, John Redfield, and Tom & Carrie Clause is an as-of-right use and does not require a permit from the East Hampton Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency as there are no wetland crossings nor are there activities within the wetlands. Mr. Foran seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

- D. Application of Clark Hill Estates LLC, 000 Clark Hill Road, New Residential Development for Single Family Homes (3-Lots) – Map 11/Block 39/Lot 2:**

Pat Benjamin, Bascom & Benjamin, Professional Engineer, was present to discuss the application. He reported that the site is 75.8 acres on the south side of Clark Hill Road. There will be a total of four lots. The first lot was a free cut approved by the Planning & Zoning Official in January. The application before the Agency is for another 3 lots. The site contains approximately 12.31 acres of wetlands.

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Mr. Benjamin described the site, and the surrounding area to the Agency. He showed the Agency the wetlands boundary plaques that will be posted along the wetlands. He also discussed the color diagram of the cuts and fill proposed for the site.

Mr. Wilson moved, and Mr. Kavalkovich seconded, to continue the application of Clark Hill Estates LLC, 000 Clark Hill Road, New Residential Development for Single Family Homes (3-Lots), Map 11/Block 39/Lot 2, to the next regularly scheduled meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

9. Public Hearings: None

10. New Business:

A. Discussion: Potential Application – Reconstruction of Bevin Brothers Manufacturing, 10 Bevin Road – Map 05A/Block 62A/Lot 14H:

Richard Mihok was before the Agency to discuss potential for rebuilding the site including a culvert. The Agency indicated that they would be receptive to reviewing an application brought before them to redevelop the site including the culvert.

B. Discussion - POCD Update:

Mr. DeCarli reported that the Town is required to provide a revised Plan of Conservation and Development to the Office of Policy and Management no later than July 1, 2016. The revisions are well underway. He has held two, and will hold a third, special meeting/workshop, open to the public, this month. The plan is on schedule for adoption June 1, 2016.

11. Old Business:

A. Status on Lake Study: Mr. DeCarli reported that the Public Work's Director has been in communication with New England Aquatic Research (NEAR) who has begun gathering information for the Nine Point Watershed Plan. They have identified a number of "mystery pipes" connected to catchbasins, and although they are supposed to be permitted by Public Works there is no record of these connections. These elicit connections are an issue for lake water quality and will become an issue when the town is required to meet new mandates.

B. Review Open Permits: Mr. DeCarli reported that he has been in contact with Hampton Woods, Skyline Estates, West High Enterprises, Sports On 66, Salmon Run, and Edgewater Hill. All are willing to work with the Department to provide all necessary documentation to become compliant with permit requirements.

12. Public Comments: None.

13. Adjournment: *Mr. Kavalkovich made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wall. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,

Daphne C. Schaub
Recording Secretary