

**CITY OF TORRINGTON
INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
MINUTES
July 20, 2010**

Present: Jay Bate, Jr., Chairman
Jane Bakker, Member and Secretary
Doris Murphy, Member and P&Z Liaison
Thomas Telman, Member

Also Present: Kimberly Barbieri, Inland Wetlands Enforcement Officer

Absent: Nancy Schroeder Perez, Vice Chairwoman
Christine Altman, Member
Kathy Carlson, Member

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Jay Bate called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m., Torrington City Hall, Room 218, Council Chambers, 140 Main Street, Torrington, CT

2. **Roll Call and Announcement:**

Chairman Bate announced present and serving on the Commission this evening will be Jane Bakker, Doris Murphy, Thomas Telman and Jay Bate. Also present is Inland Wetlands Enforcement Officer Kimberly Barbieri.

3. **Minutes for Approval:**

- a. 6/15/10

MOTION by Mr. Telman to approve the 6/15/10 minutes, seconded by Ms. Bakker, unanimously carried.

4. **Old Business:**

- a. Applicant: 65 Grant Street LLC
Location: Oak Avenue, Assessor Map 128-2-18
Activity: Placement of gravel as impervious area, storage area for mobile containers.

Ms. Barbieri noted Mr. Mazzarelli was unable to attend the last meeting. Additional information has been added to the plans, it is very similar to what we had seen before. Now easements, etc., have been added to the drawings to ensure there are no conflicts.

Revised maps were distributed to Commissioners.

Brief discussion of the activity followed.

MOTION by Ms. Bakker to GRANT a permit for the above referenced activity, motion seconded by Mr. Telman, unanimously carried.

5. New Business:

- a. Applicant: Stephen & Caroline Siegfried
Location: 272 University Drive
Proposal: Two lot subdivision

Dennis McMorrow of Berkshire Engineering and Surveying appeared before the Commission. Mr. McMorrow reviewed the proposal, referring to site maps and noting site details. A rain garden has been designed and proposed. A portion of the property is in the RWP zone, and Mr. McMorrow had to notify the water company (handed in green card). The rear portion of the property is in the R60 zone.

Ms. Barbieri had photos and key descriptions of the property, which the Commission reviewed. Ms. Barbieri is comfortable with the changes made to the plan to ensure no impacts to on and off-site wetlands.

In response to questions from Ms. Murphy, Mr. McMorrow pointed to areas of the driveway that must be paved, due to grade, per the town's zoning regulations.

The Commission noted all activities are outside of the regulated area, and a permit is not needed.

MOTION by Ms. Bakker that the subject proposal/activity is outside of the regulated area and no permit is necessary, motion seconded by Mr. Telman, unanimously carried.

- b. Applicant: Heather Sulkowski & Lance Boynton
Location: 2024 Weed Road
Proposal: Remove invasive plants and replant with native species, within upland regulated area

Lance Boynton appeared before the Commission, maps were reviewed. Mr. Boynton reviewed the work that was done by him and his plans for the property. The Phragmites are being removed and will be replaced by something blackbirds like more. Discussion followed, referring to the maps.

Ms. Barbieri noted the Commission had asked for a remediation plan. The application is ready for approval by the Commission, or more information can be asked for. Ms. Barbieri noted phragmites and oriental bittersweet will reestablish themselves with just root fragments, and the applicants may want to wait a year before installing all new plantings. It should be chemically treated in a year, there are a couple brands that are approved by DEP for use near water and wetlands. The path, transplanted oak, etc. can be installed, and watch next Spring for the invasives to pop up again.

MOTION by Ms. Bakker to grant a permit for the above referenced proposal, motion seconded by Ms. Murphy, unanimously carried.

6. Staff Report:

Ms. Barbieri reviewed an agent determination coming up for O & G on Winsted Road, they are making their floor area smaller, there are no regulated areas.

There is another agent determination for CL&P right on the trailway. These are two fairly high profile determinations that Ms. Barbieri wanted to review with the Commission.

Ms. Barbieri noted the wall on Brightview Avenue, owned by Mr. Eucalitto is getting worse. Ms. Barbieri will start work on this again. An application had never been filed, it was all based upon a violation.

The Winsted Road property owned by Mr. Ledda needs more attention, this has been about five months now.

7. Adjournment:

MOTION by Mr. Telman to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Murphy, motion unanimously carried at 7:38 p.m.