

**CITY OF TORRINGTON
INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
MINUTES
August 16, 2011**

Present: Jay Bate, Jr. Chairman
Christine Altman, Vice Chairwoman
Doris Murphy, Member and P&Z Liaison
Jane Bakker, Secretary/Member
Nicole Bastiannse-Fritch, Member

Also Present: Kimberly Barbieri, Inland Wetlands Enforcement Officer

Excused: Kathy Carlson, Member
Tom Telman, Member

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Jay Bate called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., Torrington City Hall Council Chambers, Room 218, 140 Main Street, Torrington, CT

2. **Roll Call and Announcement:**

Chairman Bate announced present and serving on the Commission this evening will be Commissioners Christine Altman, Doris Murphy, Jane Bakker, Nicole Bastiannse-Fritch and Jay Bate. Also present is Inland Wetland Enforcement Officer Kimberly Barbieri.

3. **Minutes for Approval:**

a. 7/19/11

MOTION by Ms. Murphy to accept the 7/19/11 minutes, seconded by Ms. Bakker, motion carried.

4. **Old Business:**

a. Location: 51 Greenwoods Road
Applicant: HRP Associates, Inc.
Activity: Environmental Soil Remediation, Soil Excavation and Paving within Upland regulated area

Ms. Barbieri briefly reviewed the application, there have been no changes over the past month to the application.

Robert Simmons, licensed Environmental Professional from HRP Associates, Farmington, CT, appeared before the Commission. Per Ms. Barbieri, the applicant is following the DEEP remediation guidelines.

MOTION by Ms. Bakker to GRANT a permit at 51 Greenwoods Road for HRP Associates, Inc., for environmental soil remediation, soil excavation and paving within upland regulated area, seconded by Ms. Altman, unanimously carried.

- b. Location: 399 Westside Lane
Owner: Victor and Mary Tamplaru
Activity: After-the-fact permit, clearing and filling, WC06-80

Ms. Barbieri gave the Commission an update on this matter, a letter has been sent to the Tamplarus with a scaled map for their gardener to use for the site restoration. No action needs to be taken.

5. New Business:

- a. Location: 1092 New Harwinton Road Pump Station
Applicant: Water Pollution Control Authority, Ray Drew
Activity: Upgrade of pump station

Mr. Ray Drew, WPCA Administrator, is requesting this application be processed as maintenance. Mr. Drew explained the pump station has been in existence since the 1950's and the last upgrade to the station was in 1987. The pump station serves the eastern most drainage basin for the City of Torrington. The project is to reconstruct and rehab the mechanicals and electrical services for this station. There is no structural modifications other than to a request to install a chain link fence around the station for security reasons; and the installation of a new concrete pad for a new emergency back up generator. All other activities would incur inside the footprint of the existing station.

Ms. Barbieri noted this is at the edge the wetlands near Dutton Road and New Harwinton Road. Mr. Drew stated it is almost across from New Harwinton Lake Road. Details of how to process this application were discussed, and it was the consensus of the Commission to process this as an agent determination, to get started on the project. Mr. Drew stated they are looking to start construction in mid-October. Ms. Barbieri explained the permit timing.

MOTION by Ms. Bakker to allow the application for 1092 New Harwinton Road Pump Station for Water Pollution Control Authority for an upgrade of the pump station to be an Agent Determination, seconded by Ms. Altman, unanimously carried.

Ms. Barbieri noted Mr. Drew was in yesterday reviewing the application with her, and there are sewer lines that go across the wetlands and open space, to thye pump station. WPCA is clearing their easements in the areas of the lines to facilitate maintenance of these areas. It was the consensus of the Commission to go along with Ms. Barbieri's recommendation of leaving the areas alone as much as possible in the wetlands, with just trimming/cutting, and keep the swath as narrow as possible, still allowing for maintenance. Mr. Drew noted some areas can be accessed only by foot because it is so wet, and those areas will have a clearing of only five or six feet. Agent determinations will be done on access roads in the future, if the roads are close to the wetlands, and if the roads are in the wetlands, the Commission will want to see plans/maps beforehand.

- b. Location: 184/188 Hoffman Street, Assessor Map 110 Block 10 Lot 26 and portion of Lot 21
Applicant: Robert W. Wesneski
Activity: Stabilization/repair of existing retaining walls, removal of contaminated soil, Birney Brook

Robert and Camille Wesneski appeared before the Commission, their engineer was unavailable this evening. Mr. Wesneski explained their proposal, referring to site photos. Contaminated material/soil will be removed from the site, contamination is from asbestos gaskets from Fitzgerald Gasket Company long ago. Mr. Wesneski provided details to repair the

walls/repair the existing garage.

It was the consensus of the Commission that this was not a significant activity.

MOTION by Ms. Altman to accept the application for 184/188 Hoffman Street, Assessor Map 110 Block 10 Lot 26 and portion of Lot 21 for Robert W. Wesneski, for stabilization and repair of existing retaining walls, removal of contaminated soil, Birney Brook. This is not a significant activity. Motion seconded by Ms. Bakker, unanimously carried.

- c. Location: Norfolk Road, Assessor Map 211 Block 2 Lot 14
Applicant: Richard P. Gravel
Activity: Proposed driveway, bridge and associated grading within regulated area

Richard P. Gravel appeared before the Commission. The bridge span has been changed to 70 feet, the deck has been changed from wood to concrete. Conceptual approval was previously obtained from this Commission. Mr. Gravel has received approval from Army Corps and DEEP.

MOTION by Ms. Bakker to accept the application for Norfolk Road, Assessor Map 211 Block 2 Lot 14, for Richard P. Gravel for a proposed driveway, bridge and associated grading within regulated area. This is not a significant activity. Motion seconded by Ms. Altman, unanimously carried.

- d. Location: 299 Industrial Lane
Applicant: Seaman Realty Enterprises LLC
Activity: Warehouse and parking lot expansion within regulated area

Richard Calkins, licensed Professional Engineer with Northeast Consulting in Torrington, CT. This project is for a distribution facility for Eblens. This is part of the old industrial park that was built in the late 1970's to early 1980's. The existing building is 18,000 square feet and the proposed addition would add an additional 9,600 square feet. Mr. Calkins provided details on the detention basins in the industrial park, one of which is located behind the subject building. An asphalt area will be added for truck turnarounds, and additional parking for employees. Site vegetation and grading was discussed. The slope in the rear will be a 2:1 ratio, with seeding and possibly anti-erosion control matting in place or rip rap depending on when the project completes. Mr. Calkins reviewed the wetlands map, answering questions from Commission members.

MOTION by Ms. Bakker to accept the application for 299 Industrial Lane, Seaman Realty Enterprises LLC for warehouse and parking lot expansion within a regulated area and this is not a significant activity. Motion seconded by Ms. Altman, unanimously carried.

- e. Location: Eagle Ridge, Lot #8, Assessor Map 224 Block 6 Lot 31
Applicant: Thomas Szabo
Activity: Driveway wetland crossing; house, driveway, well and grading within upland regulated area

Kenneth Hrica, professional engineer and licensed land surveyor and Thomas Szabo appeared before the Commission. Mr. Hrica briefly reviewed site details and a previous, expired wetlands permit was approved in 2004.

The same configuration of the house lot is to be used by Mr. Hrica on the east lot. Everything remains the same as in the expired 2004 permit. Referring to the map, Mr. Hrica reviewed the wetlands crossing and answered questions from Commission members. The new house and lot are being proposed in a pocket of upland soils as shown on the 2004 survey.

Ms. Barbieri noted this wetlands area has been choked off by previous developments, and not receiving any significant amounts of water.

In response to questions from Ms. Barbieri, Mr. Hrica stated this house will have a basement, and discussed where the drainage pipes would be placed. There is a drainage swale along the roadway.

Ms. Barbieri reviewed the root systems and growth patterns of trees growing in some conservation districts/wetlands areas and discussed the possibility of a wider tree removal around the house envelope.

MOTION by Ms. Altman to accept the application for Eagle Ridge, Lot #8, Assessor Map 224 Block 6 Lot 31 for Thomas Szabo, driveway wetland crossing; house, driveway, well and grading within upland regulated area. Motion seconded by Ms. Bakker, unanimously carried.

6. Staff Report:

With Kenneth Hrica, professional engineer/licensed land surveyor present, Ms. Barbieri reviewed a meeting held today regarding the Senior Living Project on 1058 New Litchfield Street. The roof garden, in-ground filtration, reduced retaining wall lengths, etc. were briefly reviewed by Ms. Barbieri. It was the consensus of the Commission to allow Ms. Barbieri to modify the permit as changes are made and no other permitting would be required based on the described changes. The building was pulled back from New Litchfield Street. The parking lot has been pulled away from the wetlands area.

Agent Determination: 132 Belmont Drive, Michael White, excavation/regrade drainage ditch, construct shallow grass swale. Ms. Barbieri reviewed the agent determination. She is pleased with the progress on the drainage in this area, and she expects more applications to come in. The water quality has been improving.

7. Adjournment:

MOTION by Ms. Altman to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Bakker, motion unanimously carried at 8:18 p.m.

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