

**CITY OF TORRINGTON
INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
MINUTES
November 19, 2013**

Present: Jay Bate, Jr., Chairman
Christine Altman, Vice Chair
Jane Bakker, Member and Secretary
Nicole Bastiannse-Fritch, Member
Doris Murphy, Member and PZC Liaison
Kathy Carlson, Member
Tom Telman, Member

Also Present: Kimberly Barbieri, Inland Wetlands Enforcement Officer

1. Call to Order:

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

2. Roll Call and Announcement:

Chairman Jay Bate announced present and serving on the Commission this evening will Commissioners Christine Altman, Jane Bakker, Nicole Bastiannse Fritch, Doris Murphy, Kathy Carlson, Tom Telman and Jay Bate. Also present is Torrington Inland Wetlands Enforcement Officer Kimberly Barbieri.

3. Minutes for Approval:

a. 10/15/13

MOTION by Ms. Murphy to accept the 10/15/13 minutes, seconded by Ms. Altman, motion carried with Ms. Bakker, Ms. Fritch and Mr. Telman abstaining from voting.

4. Old Business:

a Applicant: A.J.K., LLC
Location: Winsted Road, Assessor Map 242-003-001)
Activity: ATV Track within upland regulated area

Ms. Barbieri noted this is the final step in the resolution of the AJK LLC situation. Attorney Jerry Sanchy was unable to attend this evening and has asked Dave Curtis to speak about the changes, as he was the one who did the actual work on the track. Ms. Barbieri walked the track with Mr. Curtis and the photographs were sent to Ms. Barbieri. Commissioners received copies of the photographs. Ms. Barbieri provided details. Ms. Barbieri is satisfied with what was on site.

Mr. Curtis noted the photographs show native wood chips except for one berm along the river, that is more of a topsoil type material which will grow and establish itself. At the most ten ATVs would be on site, most often three to five, once a week or every other week. Ms. Murphy inquired who would be using this track, and Mr. Curtis responded friends of the owners and their families.

Ms. Barbieri explained if the applicant wants to intensify the use of the track and open to the public, there is a process to go through Planning and Zoning Commission to acquire those approvals.

MOTION by Ms. Altman to GRANT a permit for the existing ATV track, motion seconded by Ms. Bakker, unanimously carried.

5. New Business:

- a. Applicant: Greg Campanelli
Location: 2335 Mountain Road
Activity: Pond Maintenance, as of right farm use

Ms. Barbieri recused herself from this application.

Gregory Campanelli appeared and explained their plans to clean up the fields. This was an existing farms years ago and there was a pond there which has now been overgrown. The field will be opened up, also for more hay and the pond restored to its original size.

MOTION by Mr. Telman to GRANT an As of Right Farm Use to Greg Campanelli for pond maintenance and field clearing within upland regulated area, seconded by Ms. Bakker, unanimously carried.

6. Show/Cause Hearing:

- a. Owner: Martin Marolda
Location: 1950 Norfolk Road
Clearing in wetlands, no permits

Ms. Barbieri has met with Mr. Marolda for clearing an old access road to neighbor's existing orchard. We are trying to take this from a violation to an as of right use.

Martin Marolda appeared before the Commission and explained the work that has been done. Nothing has been done in a year and a half, and Ms. Barbieri came up to the property. Ms. Barbieri gave more details on the site work, and the as of right use makes the violation go away. The Assessor's Office has a different definition of "farm" than the Land Use Office.

Mr. Marolda provided more site details in response to questions from the Commission members. He described the area cleared and what farm uses he intends for the area including fruit trees and possible pasture.

MOTION by Ms. Altman to GRANT an As-Of-Right Farm use for clearing in wetlands and planting of trees, seconded by Mr. Telman, unanimously carried with the stipulations that Ms. Barbieri will walk the site with Mr. Marolda to verify limits.

8. Staff Report:

- a. Staff Update:
East Street North, Goshen, CT (04/010/31) Torrington Water Company,
commercial timber harvest within 500 feet of town line

Ms. Barbieri stated this is Water Company timber harvest, this is a similar application to the Agent determination below for the Girl Scout property, the ash trees are being cleared out before the arrival of the ash borer. Ms. Barbieri explained this is being done to get the wood out and sold before the borer arrives, and the wood is destroyed, and the wood cannot be transported out of the area once the insect arrives. The more work such as this that is done makes it harder for the borers to travel.

Agent determinations:

- a. 51 Greenwoods Road, Dymax Corporation, driveway maintenance within URA
- b. 161 Margerie Street, Dan and Patricia Lauzier, fill within upland regulated area
- c. 1153 Brandy Hill Road, Scotland Hardwoods, timber harvest, stream crossings

Ms. Barbieri reviewed the agent determinations, with more details on the 162 Margerie Street site, which has incurred incredible changes. A dike is being built around the yard to direct the

water in the correct direction. This was important to do and get stabilized before the winter.

9. Adjournment:

MOTION by Ms. Altman to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Telman, unanimously carried.

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