

**CITY OF TORRINGTON
INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
MINUTES
March 18, 2014**

Present: Jay Bate, Jr., Chairman
Jane Bakker, Member/Secretary
Kathy Carlson, Member
Nicole Bastiannse Fritch, Member

Also Present: Kimberly Barbieri, Inland Wetlands Enforcement Officer
Rista Malanca, Inland Wetlands Enforcement Officer

Not Present: Christine Altman, Vice Chair
Doris Murphy, Member/Planning and Zoning Liaison
Tom Telman, Member

1. Call to Order:

Chairman Jay Bate, Jr. 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 members Jane Bakker, Nicole Bastiannse Fritch, Kathy Carlson and Jay Bate. Also present is Inland Wetlands Enforcement Officer Kimberly Barbieri and the City's new Inland Wetlands Enforcement Officer Rista Malanca.

3. Minutes for Approval:

- a. 11/19/13 – Motion by Mr. Bate to approve the 11/19/13 minutes, seconded by Ms. Carlson, motion carried.
- b. 2/18/14 – Motion by Ms. Carlson to approve the 2/18/14 minutes, seconded by Ms. Fritch, motion carried with two abstentions.

4. Old Business:

none

5. New Business:

- a. Applicant: City of Torrington
Location: 100 Franklin Street
Activity: Environmental remediation, development of parking and green space within upland regulated area

Mayor Elinor Carbone and Director of Economic Development Erin Wilson appeared before the Commission with the City's proposal to develop a parking area and green space at the site. At the end of January the property was acquired by the City. Environmental assessments PH1 and PHII have been completed and the City is awaiting for final remediation options and assuming greatest pollution with "worst case scenario".

Discussion on the project followed. The 100' upland review area needs to be shown, Nothing will leave the site between the headwall and flood project wall. If contamination capping occurs to stop water going through the ground. If reporting shows the area is good, Low Impact Development procedures will be followed, similar to suburban development. A concept drawing will be prepared to get feedback. Contaminated material will be taken out in a safe manner that is very safe, even during flooding. The same footprint of the prior building will be used, there will be less impervious area, and the water will be of a better quality that filters through.

Once final drawings are submitted, an agent determination can be issued. Water would infiltrate a possible basketball court. Right now there is asphalt on sit, if good news is received regarding environmental issues, the easiest way to completion is capping. Off site, the front parking can been pulled back further from the river. No Army Corps approval is required. It would be beneficial to have as much green space as possible, which would reduce construction costs.

MOTION by Mr. Bate to accept the application and a Wetlands Agent Determination will be issued for the final approval. Motion seconded by Ms. Fritch, unanimously carried.

6. Staff Report:

7. Adjournment:

Motion by Mr. Bate to adjourn at 7:30 p.m., seconded by Ms. Carlson, unanimously carried.