

**CITY OF TORRINGTON
INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
Minutes
October 20, 2015**

1. Call To Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.; Torrington City Hall, Room 215, 140 Main Street, Torrington, CT

2. Roll Call and Announcement:

Present was Chairman Jay Bate, Commissioners Doris Murphy, Christine Altman and William Sorti. Also present was Inland Wetlands Enforcement Officer Rista Malanca.

3. Minutes for Approval:

In a motion made by Ms. Altman seconded by Mr. Sorti it was voted to APPROVE the 9-15-15 meeting minutes as written. Vote Unanimous

4. Old Business:

none

5. New Business:

- a. Applicant: George T. Ruwet
Location: 1707 East Main Street
Activity: Remove invasive plants, cut overgrowth and remove dead trees; dredge pond that is filled with road runoff.

Mr. Ruwet was present to discuss his plans with the Commission. He explained that there is currently phragmites growing in the wetlands on his property along with several dead standing trees. This winter, when the ground is frozen, he would like to go in and cut the both the phragmites as well as the dead trees. He would be using a machine on tracks so it would not disturb the ground. All material cut would be hauled away. He would hire a contractor to take away the phragmites to ensure proper disposal since they are invasive.

In addition, there was a pond on this property that has gotten silted in over the years from road sand. He would like to clean out this pond, approximately 50' X 50' - this would be under the 5, 000 sq. ft. that would trigger an Army Corp of Engineers Permit. For the next meeting he will

have more information on how deep he will be excavating and where the spoils will be place on site or if they will be hauled away as well.

In a motion made by Ms. Altman seconded by Ms. Murphy it was voted to ACCEPT this application as NON-SIGNIFICANT. Vote Unanimous.

6. Staff Report:

Ms. Malanca reported that she approved two Agent Determinations; 955 Saw Mill Hill Road, Kyle Schoonmaker, minor grading, tree and rock removal in upland review area and 62 broad Street, Martin Marola, clearing and minor grading for an access road for a brownfield remediation project

Ms. Malanca also reported that the appeal of the Commission's decision to uphold the C&D order issued to 76 E Pearl ST LLC is still in court. There have been several court dates and meetings, but no resolution to date.

7. Adjournment:

In a motion made by Ms. Altman seconded by Mr. Storti it was voted to ADJOURN the meeting at 7:25pm. Vote Unanimous

Respectfully Submitted,

Rista Malanca
Wetlands Enforcement Officer