

**CITY OF TORRINGTON
INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
MINUTES
February 24, 2015**

Present: Jay Bate, Jr., Chairman
Jane Bakker, Member/Secretary
William Storti, Member
Jonathan Andrews, Member

Also Present: Rista Malanca, Inland Wetlands Enforcement Officer

Not Present: Christine Altman, Vice Chair
Doris Murphy, Member and PZC Liaison
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:

Mr. Bate announced present and serving this evening will be Commissioners Jane Bakker, William Storti, Jonathan Andrews and Jay Bate. Also present is Inland Wetlands Enforcement Officer Rista Malanca.

3. Minutes for Approval:

a. 12/16/14

MOTION by Ms. Bakker to approve the 12/16/14 minutes, seconded by Mr. Storti, unanimously carried.

4. Old Business:

none

5. New Business:

a. Location: 391 Kennedy Drive – Alvord Park
(Assessor Map 236 Block 005 Lot 001)
Applicant: Northwest Conservation District/Sean Hayden
for the City of Torrington

Activity: Declaratory Ruling for recreational use, construction of disk golf course trails, baskets and T's (non regulated use)

Michael Morin appeared for Sean Hayden of the NW Conservation District, working with the City of Torrington on a disc golf course at Alvord Park. Mr. Morin explained what disk golf is.

Mr. Morin and Mr. Hayden visited the site and took soil samples, there are no wetlands that will be impacted. There are wet areas that will be crossed, but those areas will not be modified. Some land will be disturbed, but not is the wetlands area.

Ms. Malanca asked Mr. Morin to explain the T-pads, which he did. It is a large rubber mat staked into the ground, or a poured concrete pad or pavers for the T-pad. Details were provided for the post, etc. for the basket.

Mr. Bate inquired who would be doing the tree cutting and clearing. Mr. Morin responded that is still to be discussed. A volunteer group will be established if the City does not participate. Mr. Morin and Ms. Malanca will walk the site, and mark the area.

Further discussion followed, referring to site maps. Potential vandalism was discussed, such as ATVs, and other vehicles causing damage to the site. Mr. Bate suggested places logs across accessways to discourage such traffic.

Ms. Malanca explained Section 4.2b, which would allow this as an as-of-right use.

MOTION by Mr. Bakker to APPROVE the application for 391 Kennedy Drive – Alvord Park, Assessor Map 236-005-001, Sean Hayden, Northwest Conservation District for the City of Torrington; Declaratory Ruling for recreational use, construction of disk golf course trails, baskets and T's per Section 4.2b of the Regulations, seconded by Mr. Sorti, unanimously carried.

b. Location: 945 New Harwinton Road
Applicant: Daniel Gervais, Jr.
Activity: Construct new building with associated parking in upland review area and 675 sq. ft. of man made wetlands filled

Ms. Malanca explained this came to her attention as work was begun without permits. The site was immediately stabilized, and an engineer was contracted. Berkshire Engineering was hired. A public hearing is to be held with actual work in the wetlands, per Ms. Malanca.

Discussion followed on the water quality detention basin that will be created, etc. It was the consensus of the Commission this is a very small pocket of wetlands.

Ms. Malanca noted her concerns on the site, which has been greatly disturbed. She has requested a landscape plan.

Mr. Sorti questioned how the detention basin will work, and that it appears would be full all the time.

The criteria for a public hearing was discussed by the Commission and Ms. Malanca.

MOTION by Ms. Bakker to accept the application for 945 New Harwinton Road, Daniel Gervais, Jr. to construct a new building with associated parking in upland review area and 675 sq. ft. of man made wetlands filled. This is not a significant activity, motion seconded by Mr. Storti, unanimously carried.

6. Staff Report:

Ms. Malanca introduced our newest Commissioner Jonathan B. Andrews, who has a background in meteorology.

a. Agent Determination: 12 Daycoeton Place, Torrington Library, Peter Wells, AIA

7. Adjournment:

MOTION by Ms. Bakker to adjourn at 7:53 p.m., seconded by Mr. Storti, unanimously carried.