

**CITY OF TORRINGTON
INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
MINUTES
June 21, 2016**

Present: Christine Altman, Acting Chair
Doris Murphy, Member
Tom Telman, Member
Jane Bakker, Member/Secretary

Also Present: Rista Malanca, Inland Wetlands Enforcement Officer

Not Present: Jay Bate, Jr., Chairman
William Storti, Member
Jonathan Andrews, Member

1. Call To Order:

Acting Chair Christine Altman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.; Torrington City Hall, Room 218, City Hall Council Chambers, 140 Main Street, Torrington, CT

2. Roll Call and Announcement:

Ms. Altman announced present and serving on the Commission this evening will be Doris Murphy, Tom Telman, Jane Bakker and Christine Altman. Also present is Inland Wetlands Enforcement Officer Rista Malanca.

3. Minutes for Approval:

a. 4/19/16

MOTION by Ms. Murphy to approve the 4/19/16 minutes, seconded by Mr. Telman, motion carried with one abstention from Ms. Bakker.

4. Old Business:

none

5. New Business:

a. Applicant: Gayle Gagliano
Location: 81 Culvert Street
Proposal: Repair of retaining wall in regulated area

Ms. Gayle Gagliano, owner of the subject project which is an 8 unit building appeared before the Commission. Ms. Gagliano provide site features and explained the retaining wall at the rear of the property has started leaning towards the brook. Work has been done in the area to try to alleviate weight on the concrete wall.

Ms. Gagliano explained what she has done over the years with a survey, engineer consulting work, testing on the property, etc. It is approximately 8 – 10 feet from the back of the building to the brook.

A representative from Tetronic (Tim, Structural Engineer) appeared before the Commission. The main issue is the hydrostatic pressure on the wall which is causing it to fail. More site details were given. Plans were reviewed, and the proposal is to cut the wall down about half way. Technical details were provided and maps reviews. No equipment will be used in the brook, and this proposal should fix the situation.

(portions of testimony inaudible due to paper/map rustling)

Ms. Gagliano requested a waiver of the application fee, as she is a good landlord, takes good care of her property, and provides Section 8 housing to people in need, and the money spent on engineering work. She will lose the laundry room due to this construction.

Mr. Telman noted that he is also a commercial landlord, he has paid Inland Wetlands permit fees as well, and it is just fair that all parties pay their fee. Ms. Altman read portions of the fee waiver section of the regulations, and it was the consensus of the Commission that this fee not be waived.

MOTION by Ms. Bakker to accept the subject application, and the Commission makes the finding that this is not a significant activity and that there will be no waiver of the application fee, motion seconded by Mr. Telman, motion carried.

Ms. Malanca stated the engineer has done a good job explaining the proposal and that it was not necessary for him to appear at the next meeting. Ms. Gagliano stated she wanted to replace the check the City has with a check from a different account, and she will be in this week to do so.

6. Staff Report:

Ms. Malanca reviewed the status of the situation regarding the violation on East Pearl Street. Our order will stand.

- a. Agent Determinations:
 - . 165 Pineridge Road, Jamie Sheldon, above ground pool and deck within upland regulated area
 - . 121 Yorkshire Street, Warren Sabury, 18' above ground pool within upland regulated area
 - . 522 Winsted Road, Alfano Nissan, Construction of island extension within regulated area
 - . 93 Pinewoods Road, Fellowship of Believers, Daniel Bealieu; Construct classrooms within regulated area

Ms. Malanca reviewed the Agent Determinations and an application that will be coming in from Dymax.

7. **Adjournment:**

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

Land Use Office