

Town of East Haven, CT  
Inland Wetland and Watercourse Commission  
East Haven Community Center  
Taylor Ave.  
Corrected Minutes  
April 11, 2018

1. Call to Order

Chairman Jerry Jaffe called the meeting to order at 7:02

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Members recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call

Jerry Jaffe-present  
Nicole Nastri-present  
Vin Corso-absent  
Ric Raffone-present  
Robert Cubellotti-absent

Also in attendance was Sal Brancati, Economic Development, Kevin White, Town Engineer, Al Zullo, Town Attorney and Michael Apotria, a SCSU Journalism student.

4. Approval of Minutes from March 14, 2018

A motion was made by Mr. Raffone and seconded by Ms. Nastri to approve the minutes. All were in favor, motion carries.

5. Public Comment-None

6. New Business –

Application 18-01A Town Fair Tire- Modification to Site Plan

Jim Galligan of Nafis & Young explained that this was a modification to the plan that neglected to show a small pre-fab building that would house controls and a propane generator. The building will be approximately 8 x 12 and 6 -8 feet tall. There are lots of phragmites, an invasive reed, in the area. Kevin White reached out to the Fire Department regarding this. They did not feel it was a problem. A copy of the letter from the Fire Chief is attached to these minutes. A motion was made to approve application 18-01A with the condition that a buffer zone be created around the property by removing some phragmites by Ms. Nastri. It was seconded by Mr. Raffone.

Vote:

Rick Raffone- Yes  
Jerry Jaffe-Yes.  
Nicole Nastri-Yes  
Motion carries.

#### Application 18-02 Road Reconstruction Hemingway & Coe

Jim Galligan from Nafis & Young, had plans for raising the road at the intersections of Hemingway & Coe. This project was to raise the road approximately 2 feet to alleviate some flooding issues. It was not enough elevation to completely eliminate flooding but would allow for emergency vehicles to pass in the event of an emergency. The Town had applied to the State for this project and it is being funded by the State. There would be no fill in the wetlands. The project does have to go to DEEP for a CAM report and would follow state protocol for sedimentation and erosion control. Two inspectors would oversee the work and the work has to be done by Dec. 31, 2018.

A motion to accept and review the application was made by Mr. Raffone and seconded by Ms. Nastri.

Vote:

Rick Raffone- Yes  
Jerry Jaffe-Yes.  
Nicole Nastri-Yes  
Motion carries.

#### 7. Enforcement – Diamond Marine

Karl Muller owner of the property was in attendance. Mr. White noted that at the end of February 2018, it was noticed that fill was placed in the wetlands/within the 50ft buffer zone. Mr. White instructed Mr. Muller to stop all activity and suggested he be present at this meeting. Mr. Muller noted that he had owned the property since 1992 and had never brought in fill. This is on the southside of the building where phragmites are a huge problem and uses this area to park trailers. He had scraped some soil and put in fabric to prevent the regrowth of the phragmites and put in about 1 ½ inches of process. He noted that he had not changed the elevation of the property. He had David Lord, soil scientist, do a report and had used silt fencing. Mr. Jaffe had aerial photos of the property, which he shared with the commission and stated that the work appeared to be within the 50 ft buffer zone. Mr. Brancati noted he thought the work encroached onto Town property. Mr. White suggested a written order under section 13-3A of the IWWC regulations. A motion was made to issue a Cease & Desist Order with requests for the following: a copy of David Lord's report and

flagging map delineating the wetlands, a copy of previous, existing and proposed topography maps and existing property lines by May 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Nastri. It seconded by Mr. Raffone.

Vote:

Rick Raffone- Yes  
Jerry Jaffe-Yes.  
Nicole Nastri-Yes  
Motion carries.

8. Old Business- None

9. Other Business – none

10. Discussion -

Mr. White had three DVD's on IWWC regulations. He gave them to Mr. Jaffe. He suggested that perhaps the commission watch them on a night when there were no applications on the agenda.

11. Communications/Correspondence-None

12. Comments from members- None

13. Adjournment

Mr. Raffone made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:43. It was seconded by Ms. Nastri, all were in favor. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Vineyard, Clerk