

Town of East Haven, CT  
Inland Wetland and Watercourse Commission  
East Haven Community Center  
Taylor Ave.  
Minutes  
January 9, 2018

1. Call to Order

Chairman Jerry Jaffe called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Members recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call

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

Also, in attendance was Kevin White (Town Engineer). Al Zullo, Town Attorney was not in attendance.

4. Approval of Minutes from November 14, 2018 and December 5, 2018 Special Meeting.

A motion was called for by the chairman to approve the minutes from November 14, 2018 and December 5, 2018 Special Meeting.

Mr. White stated his opinion that since there was not a quorum at the December Special Meeting, it was not a meeting and therefore no minutes should have been generated. He suggested they be notes.

Mr. Jaffe indicated a meeting should be called to order to establish a quorum or the lack thereof and then adjourned if one is lacking. Also, if a guest was invited he/she should be given the opportunity to speak. Any other discussions after adjournment would be listed as notes.

Said motion was changed to approve the minutes from November 14, 2018 and the December 5, 2018 minutes amended accordingly. Motion was advanced by Mr. Cubellotti and seconded by Ms. Nastri. All were in favor.

5. Public Comment-

Nikki Whitehead asked for an update on procedures for the public to access files. Mr. Jaffe noted that he will meet with Mr. White to establish guidelines. Mr. White noted that request should be in writing and they are typically responded to within 48 hours.

Bob Sand inquired about apparent wetlands that are not on the DEEP site, how do they become classified as such. Mr. White noted that the only way to get land classified as wetlands is to bring in a State certified soil scientist for testing the soil, and if determined to be wetland, a surveyor to properly flag and mark as such on a map.

6. New Business –

A. Golfcrest Condominiums- Mr. White had an application and plans for the property. He noted that the existing application with maps (approved in 2005) had expired. Mr. Phil Bilides, representing the contractor, noted they want to build the last 4 of the single-family homes in the development (lots 10-13). There appears to be wetlands on the property where a trench was dug. Mr. White noted that the map was from the old application and does not represent the current conditions on the property. Since new conditions exist a map with the current conditions needs to be submitted with the application.

B. County Walk Tree Removal-

Mr. Jaffe received an email from the Condo Association of County Walk requesting permission to remove some dead trees located within the wetlands. A representative from the Condos was in attendance. The Town Tree Warden, Anthony Purificato,, had marked some trees on the property. The trees are located within the condo property and they have the right to maintain them. Mr. Jaffe requested that it be put into writing how many trees were to be taken down, the method of removal, a time frame for the project and if there would be any intrusion into the wetland. An application may not be necessary and a decision should be made at the next regular meeting.

C. Wheaton Road- Mr. Clemente, property owner had made a request to the commission in March 2017 requesting an extension of the application. That motion had been approved at that time. Mr. White's opinion was that the action carried on for 5 years to 2022. He suggested that the commission ask the Town Counsel (Town Attorney) to review the history and give an opinion on the formal extension. The chairman made a motion to ask the Town Counsel to review the files for Wheaton Rd for a valid permit. It was seconded by Mr. Cubellotti.

Vote: Mr. Jaffe- yes

Ms. Natri – yes

Mr., Cubellotti – yes

Motion carries

The Chairman asked for a motion to move Enforcement to the end of the agenda. Said motion was made by Mr. Cubellotti and seconded by Ms. Nastri. All were in favor.

8. Old Business – Mr. Jaffe had sent a email to Mayor Maturo, Town Attorney Joseph Zullo and Assistant Town Attorney Al Zullo requesting the consideration of George Smith as a Commissioner. To date he has had no response to this request.

The Clerk noted that there is not a dedicated mailbox for the IWWC. It was noted that she make a request to Town Hall to have one made available for commission use.

9. Other Business:None

10. Discussion - None

Communications/Correspondence- Ms Debbie Torres had emailed the commission regarding the location of wetlands at 135 Warner Rd. She was given the contact information and suggested that she contact Mr. White and/or Mr. Tramontano for verification. Mr.White noted that the online maps are pulled from the State and that those maps are from the 1970's and may not be completely accurate. It was suggested that any future requests such as this be addressed to the Town Engineer.

11. Comments from members- None

The chairman asked for a motion to go into Executive Session regarding the Enforcement for Diamond Marine. Said motion was made by Ms. Cubellotti and seconded by Ms. Nastri . All were in favor. The commission went into Executive Session at 8:10


7. Enforcement – Diamond Marine

Regular session resumed at 8:20

13. Adjournment

Mr. Cubellotti made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:21, it was seconded by Ms. Nastri. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Kristen Vineyard, Clerk