

**TOWN OF EAST HAVEN
FLOOD AND EROSION
Regular Meeting Minutes**

The East Haven Flood and Erosion Commission held its regularly scheduled meeting Monday, April 6, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the East Haven Community Center, 91 Taylor Avenue, East Haven, CT in order to transact the following:

Chairman Leonardi called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm

Roll call – 3 Present (Leonardi, McGuire, and Salemme) Absent 2 (Dievert and Bucci)

Staff Present – James Staunton, PE, Town Engineer, James Cirillo, Esq., Asst. Town Attorney

1. Chairman Leonardi moved to appoint Roberta DeLuca as the clerk. Commissioner McGuire seconded the motion. Voice vote – all in favor. None opposed. No abstentions. Motion carried.
2. No old business.
3. Application: 08-02 -60 Willow Road/Remedy Violation of Flood & Erosion Permit.

James Staunton, PE, Town Engineer stated that this requires a new survey, the basis for this is the approved plan is deficient. I observed fill on the right side of the foundation, in the flood plain. This differs from the application and needs to be amended. There is a limit to how much volume of earth can be in the flood plain; they need find a place to excavate so no volume is loss. At a river, where it's in a flood plain; occupying flood storage makes flooding worse up and down stream. This is problematic because for every foot that is raised with fill; you must remove comparable storage within the flood plain elevation to maintain the same river volume.

Mike Jones, (applicant) stated that he did not bring any fill into the property and neither did the excavators, Cherry Hill. He demonstrated through old photo and new photos and the old building plans for the original house. The frost line was 13 inches above what the ground elevation is at the driveway now. Mr. Jones continued to state his case through old photos and plans.

Mr. Staunton stated that the issue is not where the fill came from, it's where it end up.

Chairman Leonardi stated to Mr. Jones that he appreciates all his efforts but the bottom line is that the plan and its elevations that were approved by this commission do not match what is on the site; therefore, we need, for you to submit a new survey, stamped.

Commissioner Salemme asked if the footprint of the house was increased or decreased.

Mr. Jones said it was increased from 32' x 24 to 48' x 27.6.

Commissioner Salemme stated that we need a new survey because we can not approve based on pictures.

Chairman Leonardi informed the applicant that he needs to submit a new survey because what was originally submitted is not what is at the site.

Commissioner McGuire moved to table subject to the engineer's conditions. Commissioner Salemme seconded the motion.

Voice vote – all in favor. None opposed. No abstentions.

Motion carried, item table with conditions.

09-02: 1 Van Horn Drive All Interior gutting and renovation.

James Staunton, PE, explained to the commission that the walls were gutted due to mold remediation. They will be removing the sheetrock, treating the walls and insulating and re-sheet rocking. The Building Official believes the estimate for work is too low. If this meets the 50% improvement regulation then the house would have to be raised to meet FEMA regulations. Currently, the applicant submitted a repair estimate of approximately \$10,000. The commissioners raised some concerns with regard to the mechanicals and the homeowner reassured the commission that the mechanicals are in the attic because there isn't a basement.

Commissioners collectively agreed that if the estimate were doubled it would not be equal or more than 50% of the value of the home; providing that the revised estimate meets Mr. Bassett's approval.

Commissioner Salemme moved to approve the estimate and that it appears to be much lower than 50% of the market value.

Commissioner McGuire seconded the motion.

Voice vote-all in favor. None opposed. No abstentions

Motion carried, approved.

No correspondence.

No reports.

Commissioner McGuire moved to adjourn.

Commissioner Salemme seconded the motion.

All in favor.

Meeting adjourned 8:20 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Roberta A. DeLuca
Commission Clerk