

FLOOD AND EROSION COMMISSION
Minutes

The East Haven Flood and Erosion Commission held its regularly scheduled meeting Monday, June 7, 2010, and commenced at 7:00 p.m. at the East Haven Community Center, 91 Taylor Avenue, East Haven, CT in order to transact the following:

1. Call To Order

Chairman Leonardi called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

3 Present (Leonardi, Bucci, and McGuire) 1 Absent (Dievert)
Staff Present – Town Engineer, James Staunton and Assistant Town Attorney, Jim Cirillo

3. Old Business

James Staunton, stated that the new regulations with some additions will have to be review and approved by the Town Council.

4. New Business

10-01: 390 Cosey Beach Avenue Replace a sheet metal bulkhead.

Chairman Leonardi stated that he has some concerns after walking the property and a lengthy discussion with the Town Attorney, Jim Cirillo. There seems to be something missing.

Applicant, Mr. Cusinelli stated that the Town Council had granted 2 ft. to the previous owner in order to repair the seawall. He has DEP permits and the work being done will improve the area.

Chairman Leonardi stated he understand that the seawall is damaged but you will need to pour new concrete and it's not your property and this commission does not want to set a precedent.

Attorney Cirillo stated that the Mr. Cusinelli obviously owns the seawall but not access to repair the seawall, that ownership is unknown, defunct.

Commissioners McGuire and Bucci both were in agreement that the rational thing to do is to gain access to complete construction.

Mr. Staunton commented that Mr. Cusinelli does not own the property in which he needs to access the construction. Also, our regulation do not authorize for the commission to address waterfront properties. The business of this commission is specifically flood protection methods.

Attorney Cirillo feels this is a unique situation and that maybe a bond would be appropriate.

Mr. Staunton stated he disagrees that the bond would place the responsibility on the town and which office would be responsible.

Attorney Cirillo stated it could be held in an escrow account.

Mr. Staunton is not comfortable with posting a bond and believes that it is the not within the realm of this commission and the applicant will proceed at his own risk.

Mr. Cusinelli has all other approvals in place and he will be liable as the homeowner he will have a contract with the contractor who will hold liability insurance.

Commissioner McGuire move to approve to replace the seawall bulkhead.

Commissioner Bucci seconded the motion.

Roll call vote - All in favor. None Opposed. No abstentions.

5. Correspondence

None

6. Reports

None

7. Adjournment

Commissioner Bucci moved to adjourn.

Commissioner McGuire seconded the motion.
Meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta A. DeLuca
Commission Clerk