

Town of East Haven, CT
Inland Wetland and Watercourse Commission
East Haven Senior Center
91 Taylor Ave.
Minutes
February 12, 2020

1. Call to Order

Chairman Jerry Jaffe called the meeting to order at 7:00PM

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call

Jerry Jaffe-present
Rick Raffone-present
Robert Cubellotti-present
Richard Poulton-present
Matt Gallagher-present
Wendy Bellmore-present
Vin Corso- absent

Also in attendance was Town Engineer Kevin White

4. Approval of Minutes from January 8, 2020

A motion was made by Mr. Cubellotti to approve the minutes from January 8, 2020. Said motion was seconded by Mr. Raffone. All were in favor.

5. Public Comment:

Ms. Niki Whitehead stated that she thought the parcel on Maple Street that was on the agenda for enforcement had been identified for initiative by SCROG and the Metro council. She also requested that any plans for work by the Town be made public before a decision was made. Ms. Lorena Venegas noted that the meeting was not listed on the Town calendar. The commission clerk noted that she turned in the meeting list for the year each November and that all agendas and minutes are also sent to the webmaster to be posted on the Town website. Ms. Venegas noted the Town lacked an official Inland Wetland Department but was glad to see the commission is no longer lacking members and hoped that they would be a forward-looking commission.

6. New Business

A. Application 20-01: Town of East Haven. Periodic cleaning of brooks and streams. Mr. White noted that cleaning would take place in brooks around Gene St, Miami and Russo Ave. Best practices for sedimentation and erosion control

would be used. The work would be completed within the next 6- 8 weeks before vegetation starts to regrow. Mr. Poulton suggested that the application be given blanket approval for 5 years with conditions that reports be made as to all work done. A motion was made by Mr. Poulton to approve application 20-01 valid until February 12, 2025 with the condition that all work is reported to the commission. Said motion was seconded by Mr. Cubellotti, all were in favor.

- B. Action item: vote to authorize fines to Danielle Verderame (pending the advice of legal counsel) regarding violation of East Haven's Inland Wetland and Watercourse Commission's regulations specifically, regarding work performed within the 50-foot buffer area of the Farm River.:

Mr. Poulton asked to be brought up to speed on this item. It was noted that the property had been clear cut all the way to the bank of the river. Mr. Jaffe stated that legal counsel was still in the process of reviewing documents regarding this.

- C. Call for any other new business: None

7. Old Business-

- A. Reminder for Commissioners who have not been sworn in after being appointed/reappointed by the Mayor, to do so as soon as possible.

The commission clerk noted that she had been in communication with the Town Clerk and the Mayor's office regarding status of commissioners. The Mayor's office noted that everyone except Vincent Corso had been sworn in. The Clerk noted to them that Mr. Corso had never attended a meeting.

8. Enforcement-

- A. Update from town attorney(s) on outstanding 'non-privileged' legal matters.

Mr. Jaffe noted that the town Attorney's could not be in attendance due to another meeting, this item will be discussed at a time when they can be present.

9. Other Business –

- A. Welcome newly appointed/reappointed commissioners:

Mr. Jaffe welcomed newly appointed members Wendy Bellmore and Richard Poulton. He asked that they stop into the Police Department to get the application and picture for their commission ID badge.

10. Communications/Correspondence- None

11. Comments from members –

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Raffone to adjourn the meeting at 7:13. Said motion was seconded by Mr. Cubellotti. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Vineyard, Clerk