

APPROVED ON 12/9/2020

Town of East Haven, CT
Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission
Minutes from October 14, 2020 Regular Meeting
Held In Person and Via ZOOM Conference Call

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

1. Pledge of Allegiance

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Commission's counsel, Attorney Jennifer Coppola, noted that tonight's meeting was being held in person and via Zoom conference call. She stated that the agenda had been published on the town website in compliance with Governor Lamont's Executive Orders. She reminded everyone to please state their name, and title if they have one, before speaking; to not speak over one another; and to speak loudly.

2. Roll Call by Clerk Kristen Vineyard

Gerald Jaffe-present
Robert Cubellotti-excused
Richard Raffone-present
Richard Poulton-present
Vincent Corso- absent
Wendy Bellmore-present

Also in attendance were Interim Town Engineer Jonathan Bodwell and Attorney Coppola.

3. Approval of Minutes from September 9, 2020

There was discussion on whether or not the name and address for the enforcement matter/Cease & Desist Order issued to 1309 North High Street should be reflected in the meeting minutes. Attorney Coppola suggested that the wording from the September meeting agenda for the matter be added to the meeting minutes. A motion was made by Commissioner Poulton to approve the minutes as amended from September 9, 2020. Said motion was seconded by Commissioner Raffone. All were in favor.

4. Public Hearings - None

5. Deliberations - None

6. Other - None

7. Enforcement Actions -

- A, 1309 North High Street – Discussion of and possible action on required submission of remediation/restoration plan in compliance with Commission’s affirmation of August 31, 2020 cease and desist order.

Chairman Jaffe advised that he had recently spoken with former Town Engineer Kevin White regarding the required remediation for this property.

Kevin White was in attendance as a representative for the property owner Danielle Verderame. His firm has been hired to provide a remediation plan to the Commission.

There was discussion on the stability of the ground, runoff concerns, and responsibilities of the property owner and /or agent for the property owner.

Attorney Coppola suggested that the Commission require that the plan be submitted by November 1, 2020 so that enough time would be afforded to the Commissioners and Mr. Bodwell to review it before the next meeting. There was discussion on the types of plantings that may be put in and the planting time frame before winter. Chairman Jaffe strongly suggested that the property owner be in attendance at the next meeting. It was noted that November 1, 2020 was a Sunday and the submission deadline should be November 2, 2020.

Commissioner Poulton made a motion to maintain the Cease & Desist Order and that the property owner submit a remediation plan by November 2, 2020. Said motion was seconded by Commissioner Raffone. The clerk took a roll call vote.

Gerald Jaffe-yes
Richard Raffone-yes
Richard Poulton-yes
Wendy Bellmore-yes

All were in favor, motion carried.

8. Extensions - None
9. Permitted Uses as of right - None
10. Bond reductions and Releases - None
11. Correspondence

- A. From Regional Water Authority dated October 8, 2020 regarding maintenance of sedimentation basin/removal of sediment from Farm River diversion impoundment.

Chairman Jaffe noted that this was just a courtesy notification from RWA and that no action from the Commission was needed.

Chairman Jaffe asked as an aside if anyone knew what happened to the solar project on Lake Saltonstall. Commissioner Poulton noted that he thought the project fell through.

12. Adjournment

There being no further business, Commissioner Raffone made a motion to adjourn at 7:49 PM. Said motion was seconded by Commissioner Poulton. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned.