

APPROVED ON 12/9/2020

Town of East Haven, CT
Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission
Minutes from November 18, 2020 Special Meeting
Held Via ZOOM Videoconference and Conference Call

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

1. Roll Call by Clerk Kristen Vineyard

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

Also in attendance were Interim Town Engineer Jonathan Bodwell and the Commission's counsel Attorney Jennifer Coppola.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Approval of Minutes from October 14, 2020 Regular Meeting

The Commission had not had an opportunity to read the draft minutes, so this item was tabled until the next regular meeting.

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 remediation/restoration plan submitted in compliance with Commission's affirmation of August 31, 2020 cease and desist order.

Chairman Jaffe recapped the situation on this property and screen shared some photographs. A remediation plan had been submitted to the Commission. Kevin White of White Engineering claimed that a portion of the property shown in the photos were not Ms. Verderame's property. He explained the remediation plan.

The proposal is to plant two swamp maples and eight blueberry bushes at the 50-foot mark along with the installation of hay bales and silt fence and/or silt tubes. Chairman Jaffe asked if that was enough planting. Mr. Bodwell noted that the ground was fairly well stabilized and the grass is grown in but suggested that a walk along the river to confirm no erosion has occurred. He did not see any immediate problems on the edge of the river but this should be confirmed when the work is being done. Mr. White noted that per the plan, erosion would be monitored. Commissioner Cubellotti asked about the river edge that had been graded and would material be brought back in and whether the blueberry bushes would be used as markings of the review area and stated he would like to see more plantings. It was stated that the DOT contractor from the bridge work noted the edge was removed during that bridge construction. Commissioner Poulton asked Mr. White if he thought the plan was prudent and feasible (according to Section 2 of the Wetlands Regulations), etc. Mr. White noted he thought it was. Chairman Jaffe asked about the estimated cost of the work. Mr. White noted it was around \$2,000-\$3,000. It was asked if markers would be put in place. Mr. Bodwell noted that the Town did not have official markers. There was discussion on the types of plantings and whether or not the Commission felt that the number proposed was enough. Commissioner Bellmore gave a few examples of plantings that would be suitable to the area and pleasing to the homeowner. The Commission determined that they would like to see a revised plan with additional plantings.

Commissioner Poulton made a motion to continue the enforcement until the December 9, 2020 regular meeting with the submitted application (#2020-01). Said motion was seconded by Commissioner Cubellotti. The clerk took a roll call vote.

Mr. Jaffe-yes
Mr. Cubellotti-yes
Mr. Raffone-yes
Mr. Poulton-yes
Ms. 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 - None
12. Adjournment

Chairman Jaffe took the opportunity to thank the Clerk, Kristen Vineyard, for her service to the Commission as this was her last meeting.

There being no further business a motion was made at 7:54 PM to adjourn by Commissioner Raffone. Said motion was seconded by Commissioner Cubellotti. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned.