

**WETLAND COMMISSION
TOWN HALL
21 FIELD PARK DRIVE, HADDAM
Monday, 11 March 2013
Regular Meeting
Approved Minutes
*Approved as Amended at the 8 April 2013 Meeting***

ATTENDANCE

X	Paul Best, Vice Chairman (7:05 p.m.)
A	Jeremy DeCarli
X	Dan Iwanicki, Secretary
X	Joe Laurenza
X	Joe Stephens
X	Mark Stephens, Chairman
X	Thomas Worthley (7:10 p.m.)
A	Robin Maule, Alternate
X	Jim Puska, Wetland Enforcement Officer
X	Bunny Hall Batzner, Recording Clerk

1. Call to Order & Attendance

Mr. M. Stephens, chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and all regular members were seated.

2. Additions/Corrections to Agenda

None.

3. Public Comment

Higganum Center Brooks Clean Up - Ed Vynalek, EDC commissioner, discussed with the Commission his thoughts in regard to cleaning up the brooks in Higganum Center and read a statement outlining the steps of the proposed project. Mr. Vynalek clarified that this proposal has nothing to do with the State's pending bridge rehabilitation project in Higganum Center. Mr. Vynalek provided copies of the following: page 9 of the Wetlands Regulations with notations and three (3) maps of the proposed areas of concern.

Mr. Worthley reported that Mr. Vynalek has appeared before the Conservation Commission and part of that conversation went towards identifying non-native invasive shrubs growing along the brooks and targeting them for removal to allow native species to flourish. Mr. Worthley stated there a number of native shrubs that are suitable for riparian areas that serve a variety of purposes – holding soil in place, providing for the wildlife habitat, etc. Mr. M. Stephens stated the large tree canopy will need to be retained as there are brown trout in the brook.

Mr. M. Stephens stated additional planning is required and an application should be filed. Mr. Vynalek will discuss the matter further with EDC.

4. Wetland Enforcement Officer's Report

Connecticut Dept. of Transportation (CTDOT) Culvert Rehabilitation Project, Route 9 – Mr. Puska reported that DOT will be resleeving two (2) culvert crossings on Route 9. This is a follow up to a report given at the 12.10.2012 meeting.

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. Estate of Kathleen A. Narducci, Owner. William Narducci (Executor), Applicant. Proposed Activity: Proposed First Split Subdivision – Crossing of Saltpeter Brook – Existing Crossing. Property Location: 590 Killingworth Road, Higganum. Assessor's Map #44, Assessor's Lot #022.

Bill Narducci, applicant, and Gary Narducci, were present.

Mr. Puska showed the Commission photos of the existing crossing for the current house. Mr. Puska stated the applicant is proposing a one (1) lot subdivision behind the rear of the existing house and using the existing driveway. Mr. Puska reported the only other impact to the application is towards the back of the lot where there is an intermittent stream. Mr. Puska stated that there's work within 100 feet of the intermittent stream, but does not see any impact in regard to the house or septic locations.

Using a map, Mr. B. Narducci stated the existing driveway is 365 feet and they are proposing a shared driveway entrance with the proposed second driveway splitting off in the area of a large rock. Grade isn't steep. The proposed driveway can continue along a path/woods road. Proposed lot would be 3.5 acres and abuts Cockaponset State Forest. House location was selected based on a natural clearing.

Mr. Laurenza asked where the intermittent stream dissipates out. Mr. G. Narducci stated it comes down towards Hubbard Road. Mr. B. Narducci stated the area is slightly dipped and because of this there's a little bit of runoff (currently not running).

A brief discussion followed in regard to whether or not additional permitting was required from the State (none required). Mr. B. Narducci stated he did speak to Marino Crane to see if heavy equipment could cross the existing crossing if someone would like to install a modular home (all good). Mr. G. Narducci stated that heavy trucks have used the crossing in the past with no problems.

Discussion followed at length in regard to whether or not the Commission wanted to handle the matter themselves or allow Mr. Puska to handle the matter (agent approval). Mr. Worthley stated the Commission cannot approve a subdivision as its P&Z's jurisdiction. Mr. Iwanicki voiced concern in regard to the future buyer not constructing the driveway and house site as is being presented by the applicant; whereas, a permit is clear as to what is acceptable. Mr. Best and Mr. Worthley agreed with Mr. Iwanicki.

Continued until Monday, 8 April 2013.

6. OLD BUSINESS

None.

7. Approval/Correction of Minutes

MOTION: Dan Iwanicki made a motion to approve the 10 December 2012 minutes as submitted. Tom Worthley seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Election of Officers

Nominations made as follows: Mark Stephens, chairman; Paul Best, vice chairman; and Dan Iwanicki, secretary.

MOTION: Paul Best made a motion to direct the secretary to cast a single vote for the slate of officers as presented. Dan Iwanicki seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

8a. Miscellaneous

Correspondence – Mr. M. Stephens briefly reviewed a current expenditure budget runoff and a Connecticut Federation of Lakes (CFL) brochure.

WFS Earth Materials, LLC, Cedar Lake Road – Mr. M. Stephens reported that there were some complaints filed, but they were not wetlands related. A brief discussion followed in regard to addressing the matter of material being brought onto the site for processing (Mr. Puska will research the matter and report back to the Commission); if the aerial baseline survey has been completed; and when the approved wetlands crossing will be installed.

9. Adjourn

MOTION: Joe Laurenza made a motion to adjourn. Joe Stephens seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bunny Hall Batzner

Bunny Hall Batzner, Recording Clerk

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, 8 April 2013.