

**WETLAND COMMISSION
TOWN HALL
21 FIELD PARK DRIVE, HADDAM
Monday, 13 May 2013
Regular Meeting
Unapproved Minutes
*Subject to Change by the Commission***

ATTENDANCE

A	Paul Best, Vice Chairman
A	Jeremy DeCarli
A	Dan Iwanicki, Secretary
X	Joe Laurenza
X	Joe Stephens
X	Mark Stephens, Chairman
X	Thomas Worthley (7:05 p.m.)
X	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 and alternate members were seated.

2. Additions/Corrections to Agenda

None.

3. Public Comment

None.

4. Wetland Enforcement Officer's Report

Higganum Center Brooks Clean Up - Mr. Puska reported that during the 03.11.2013 meeting, Ed Vynalek discussed with the Commission the clearing of the streams in Higganum Center. Mr. Puska reviewed a letter and additional information submitted by Mr. Vynalek in regard to this matter noting that Mr. Vynalek has made it clear that he will not take out a permit to perform the clearing. As Mr. Vynalek is representing the EDC, Mrs. Glidden will discuss the matter with Mike Fortuna, EDC chairman. A brief discussion followed in regard to who would be performing the work and the town's liability should someone get hurt.

Mr. Puska reviewed the following agent approvals: **Leavitt, 14 Bamforth Road**, Construct a 36' x 34' barn/carriage house within the 100' review area. Due to certain information received appearing not to be accurate, Mr. Puska suggested a soil survey be done. Survey has been completed. The structure is for storage only and will be located 50' from the back of the wetland. Approved 05.13.2013.

Johnson, 51 Dish Mill Road, Installation of a Pre-Built 10'x16' Shed – Shed to be located 60' from the stream behind the house. Approved 05.13.2013.

Lena, 40 Charles Mary Drive, Installation of a Pre-Built 10' x 16' Shed – Within upland review area. Shed will site on a 12' x 18' three-quarter inch stone pad. Approved 05.06.2013.

Rose, 725 Candlewood Hill Road, Site Work and Installation of 12' x 28' Garage/Shed – Shed to be located 50' from stream in back of property. Approved 04.29.2013.

East Coast Auto Salvage, 733 Killingworth Road, Notice of Violation – Mr. Puska distributed a copy of the Notice of Violation, dated 05.13.2013. Complaints received from abutting property owners regarding work being done potentially too close to their property. Mr. Puska reported that he met with the property owner, William Cesana, and reviewed the site on 04.29.2013. Mr. Cesana has done some clearing – tree removal and bulldozing - well within an upland review area, claims there was a lot of water sitting in the area, and that he wanted to create a diversion swale to send the water into Salt Peter Brook. Tom Metcalf, P.E., has been hired to develop a remediation plan to stabilize the disturbed areas and come up with a planting plan. Area currently being cleaned up.

Mr. Puska further reported that in reviewing the files pertaining to this property he discovered a report issued in 1958 by P&Z allowing him to have storage within 30' of the abutting property line and Salt Peter Brook. The town has to allow him to operate like that, but not expand it. Discussion followed that there was expansion approximately four years ago and it was rectified.

Mr. J. Stephens asked if a permit needs to be filed. Mr. M. Stephens stated if water is being diverted, a permit is required. Mr. Puska stated the water is groundwater and the soils are sandy.

Mr. Laurenza asked Mr. Puska if he saw the permits that were issued for the gravel operation in the 1980s and if a retention pond was required. Mr. Puska stated he reviewed all the minutes from P&Z pertaining to this matter and a retention pond was not required. Mr. Puska stated Mr. Cesana is required by the state to do water testing and all permits and licensing with DMV is up-to-date.

Mr. Puska also noted that Mr. Cesana owns a three acre parcel adjacent to the salvage operation. This parcel backs up to the neighbors on Bartman Road. Mr. Cesana is not allowed to have the salvage operation on the three acre parcel.

The Commission agreed to allow Mr. Puska to handle the matter unless he felt the matter should come before the Commission.

WFS Earth Materials, LLC, Cedar Lake Road, Culvert Replacement Project – Mr. M. Stephens stated the culvert is supposed to be installed by the end of June. Mr. Puska stated the last email pertaining to this matter indicated that Mr. Anderson was getting ready to order the culvert. Mr. Puska noted there have been some minor issues in regard to trucks, but they have been rectified. Also discussed was the queuing of trucks under Rte. 9, in the commuter lot, and on the exit ramp.

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. Thomas Thompson, Owner/Applicant. Proposed Activity: Relocate Culvert Head Wall and Fill Portion of Inland Wetland to Create Snow Shelf and Parking Space at Bottom of Driveway. Property Location: 52 High Street, Higganum. Assessor's Map #14, Assessor's Lot #116.

Neither Mr. Thompson nor a representative was present.

Mr. Puska briefly reviewed the proposal with the Commission – extend existing 15’ pipe out 20’ into wetlands to create an area at the bottom of his driveway for a snow shelf and a place to park his vehicle when he returns from snow/ice operations as a DOT employee. Mr. Laurenza asked what type of material will be used for the fill. Mr. Puska stated an appropriate gravel mix. Mr. Puska stated the only other water that comes down through the system is from his house.

This matter was continued until Monday, 10 June 2013.

6. OLD BUSINESS

None.

7. Approval/Correction of Minutes

Tabled.

8. Election of Officers

This item was discussed and voted on during the 11 March 2013 meeting. No further action required.

9. Adjourn

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bunny Hall Batzner

Bunny Hall Batzner, Recording Clerk

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, 10 June 2013.