

**TOWN OF HADDAM
INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
COMMUNITY CENTER
7 CANDLEWOOD HILL ROAD, HIGGANUM, CT 06441
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, 21 NOVEMBER 2022
APPROVED MINUTES
*Approved as Submitted at the 19 December 2022 Meeting***

ATTENDANCE

A	Paul Best
X	Curt Chadwick
A	Jeremy DeCarli, Chairman
X	Dan Iwanicki, Vice Chairman
A	Joe Stephens
X	Mark Stephens, Secretary
X	Thomas Worthley
X	David Costa, Alternate - Seated
A	Gail Reynolds, Alternate
X	Leon Mularski, Zoning and Wetlands Enforcement Officer
X	Bunny Hall Batzner, Recording Clerk

1. Call to Order & Attendance/Seating of Alternates

Mr. Iwanicki, Vice Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. All regular members were seated as well as alternate member, Mr. Costa.

2. Additions/Corrections to the Agenda

Add: Under Wetlands Enforcement Officer's Report - Salt Peter Watercourse and MPA Realty, Adjacent parcel to 968 Killingworth Road.

MOTION: Dan Iwanicki motioned to approve the 21 November 2022 agenda as amended. Mark Stephens second. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Public Comment

There was no public present.

4. Old Business

Review Agreed Upon Stipulation Re: CV MMX 21-60330499S, Haddam Land Trust Inc. vs. Town of Haddam Inland Wetland Commission, Michael Sciascia and Jamie Sciascia. Location 81 Arkay Drive, Higganum, CT.

Mr. Iwanicki stated he had emailed a copy of the draft Stipulation, a proposed motion sheet, as well as the minutes from the 19 January 2021 meeting when the Commission approved the project to all Commissioners. Hard copies of the draft Stipulation were distributed to the Commissioners.

The Commission briefly discussed the plan developed by Michael Harkin, P.E. Mr. Mularski stated he couldn't find the plan in the records and hadn't had time to review the laser fiche. Discussion followed at length with the Commission requesting clarification regarding Items #3 and #5 as they appear to contradict themselves.

MOTION: Tom Worthley motioned to table the review on the agreed upon Stipulation re: CV MMX 21-6030499S, Haddam Land Trust Inc. vs. Town of Haddam Inland Wetland Commission, Michael Sciascia and Jamie Sciascia, Location 81 Arkay Drive, Higganum, CT, until Monday, 19 December 2022, to allow the Town's attorney to provide clarification on Item #2 and Item #3 (last clause in Item #3 seems contradictory with itself and Item #2). Curt Chadwick second. Motion carried unanimously.

Item continued until Monday, 19 December 2022.

5. New Business

There was no new business to discuss.

6. Wetland Enforcement Officer's Report

Mr. Mularski reviewed his report dated 14 November 2022.

316 Candlewood Hill Road, Notice of Code Violation – Spoke to the owner last week and told him not to proceed until the spring of 2023. Property owner agreed.

143 Injun Hollow Road, Wetlands Violation – Still waiting on DEEP.

Salt Peter Watercourse – Mr. Iwanicki reported he had sent an email to Mr. Mularski on 9 November 2022 regarding the watercourse; and asked Mr. Mularski if he had reviewed the site (located between the Three Oaks Plaza, 415 Killingworth Road, and GCI Outdoor, 457 Killingworth Road). Mr. Iwanicki stated the property owner started to pull back the entire bank. Mr. Mularski stated he had reviewed the site and he will be writing letters tomorrow (22 November 2022) to all parties concerned. Mr. Mularski stated the individual who did the work affected three (3) pieces of property (stripped it almost up to the road; and the work is on the adjacent person's property and it's unclear if the adjacent property owner is aware of what's transpired). A notice will be going to the town's engineer to review the site. Mr. Iwanicki explained that there's a box culvert that goes under Route 81 and the bank to the right has had dirt pulled out of the stream bed that has been piled up and has removed the tree that fell down. Mr. Mularski stated he doesn't believe the tree was removed as he used it as a dam. Mr. Iwanicki agreed there was a stump that the Commission had asked to be removed as well as the shed that was asked to be pulled back from the stream bed (never done). Mr. Costa noted the machine is sitting on top of the large rock. Mr. Iwanicki stated he walked the site and it's unclear why he did the work he did as he pulled the stream bed up and away from the box culvert. Mr. Mularski stated he wasn't able to find the surveys for the properties. Mr. Iwanicki stated there are two other streams that feed the area which eventually ends up in the Reservoir. Mr. Iwanicki noted the water was clear and there is a beautiful stone bridge there. Mr. Mularski to provide an update.

Digging in the Wetlands – Mr. M. Stephens stated he had seen someone digging in the wetlands just past the four corners of Candlewood Hill, Little City, and Foot Hills on the left. Mr. Worthley stated he saw it too, right before the beaver pond. Mr. Mularski to review.

Zoning Regulations, Machinery in a Residential Zone – Discussion - A brief discussion followed in regard to the need for amending the zoning regulations pertaining to numerous pieces of machinery being stored on residential lots.

MPA Realty, Parcel Adjacent to 968 Killingworth Road – Mr. Iwanicki asked if the plans had changed from a wetlands perspective. Mr. Mularski stated no, and distributed a letter, dated 18 November 2022, to the Commission. Mr. Mularski stated one pipe was changed, but it does not need to come before the Commission again.

Resignation – Mr. Iwanicki stated he will be resigning from the Commission effective Wednesday, 23 November 2022. Mr. Iwanicki thanked everyone. Mr. Iwanicki has been a member of the Commission for over 30 years. Thank you, Dan for all your years of service to the Commission and the Town. The best to you on your next adventure!

7. Approval/Correction of Minutes

The Commission tabled the approval of the 17 October 2022 minutes.

8. Adjournment

MOTION: Curt Chadwick motioned to adjourn. Dave Costa second. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, 19 December 2022.