

**TOWN OF HADDAM  
INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION  
TOWN HALL  
21 FIELD PARK DRIVE, HADDAM, CT  
MONDAY, 16 APRIL 2018  
PUBLIC HEARING AND MEETING  
UNAPPROVED MINUTES  
*Subject to Approval by the Commission***

**ATTENDANCE**

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| X | Paul Best, Secretary                    |
| X | Curt Chadwick                           |
| X | Jeremy DeCarli                          |
| A | Dan Iwanicki, Vice Chairman             |
| X | Joe Stephens                            |
| X | Mark Stephens, Chairman                 |
| X | Tom Worthley                            |
| X | Dave Costa, Alternate - Seated          |
| A | Gail Reynolds, Alternate                |
| X | Jim Puska, Wetlands Enforcement Officer |
| X | Bunny Hall Batzner, Recording Clerk     |
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**1. Call to Order & Attendance/Seating of Alternates**

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 the Agenda**

Amendments: Move Item #5 New Business to Item #7; move Item #6 Public Hearing and Item #7 Public Meeting to Items #5 and #6, respectively; and delete Item #9 Election of Officers.

The Commission approved the amendments to the agenda.

**3. Public Comment**

None.

**4. Old Business**

None.

**5. Public Hearing**

**Application for Wetlands Permit #IW016678 for Activity in the Upland Review Area on Property Located at 81 Arkay Drive, Haddam, CT and Shown on Assessor's Map #36, Assessor's Lot #7-12.**

Michael Sciascia, applicant/owner, and William Cowan, President, Haddam Land Trust, were present.

Mr. M. Stephens reported Mr. Sciascia has retained legal counsel, who could not attend tonight's hearing and meeting, and has requested a continuance. Mr. M. Stephens stated the Commission almost never

denies an application that comes in complete – plans, clear steps to completing the plan (what needs to be done and how to achieve it), etc. - which legal counsel can assist with.

**MOTION:** Tom Worthley moved to continue the public hearing until Monday, 21 May 2018, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall, 21 Field Park Drive, Haddam. Joe Stephens second. Motion carried unanimously.

## **6. Public Meeting**

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Item continued until Monday, 21 May 2018.

## **7. New Business**

**Application for a Removable Dock at Hidden Lake on Property Located at 23 Ledge Road, Higganum, CT and Shown on Assessor's Map 72A1, Lot 057**

Mary-Beth Russo, applicant/owner, was present.

Mr. Puska reported the request is for a two piece removable dock (illustration of dock submitted with application) at the back of the property. The dock is T-shaped with small pads that it sits on and no excavation is required. The dock will be pulled for the winter and reinstalled for the summer. Ms. Russo stated the removable dock comes from Home Depot in a package; assembly required.

Mr. M. Stephens asked how the dock will be attached. Ms. Russo stated the dock sits on the land and is not attached to anything. Mr. Worthley suggested the dock be staked down. Mr. M. Stephens asked what prevents the dock from sinking down. Ms. Russ stated she didn't know. Mr. DeCarli stated these types of docks are common on Lake Pocotopaug, East Hampton. Mr. Costa asked if the legs are adjustable with Ms. Russo responding yes.

Mr. Best asked if the Hidden Lake Association was notified. Ms. Russo stated she did go to the Hidden Lake Association and the Association told her to get a permit from the town. A brief discussion followed with Mr. Best recommending Ms. Russo obtain something in writing from the Association.

Mr. J. Stephens asked if the dock will be stored. Ms. Russo stated the dock will be pulled out of the water and stored on the shore. Mr. J. Stephens asked if the dock is pressure treated wood. Ms. Russo stated its cedar as pressure treated wood would not be good to put in the lake. Mr. Costa asked if the Association had regulations as to how far out into the lake the dock could go. Ms. Russo stated no, noting that the dock is much smaller and shorter than some of the existing docks.

**MOTION:** Joe Stephens moved to approve an application for a removable dock at Hidden Lake on property located at 23 Ledge Road, Higganum, CT and shown on Assessor's Map 72A1, Lot 057. See map on file in the Land Use Office. **Conditions:** 1. Standard Permit Conditions. 2. Special Conditions/Modifications – Yes. a. Fifteen (15) day waiting period for possible hearing. Dave Costa second. Motion carried unanimously.

## **8. Wetlands Enforcement Officer's Report**

There was nothing new to report.

## **9. Approval/Correction of the Minutes**

**MOTION:** Paul Best moved to approve the 19 March 2018 minutes as submitted. Tom Worthley second. Motion carried with Mr. Costa abstaining.

Correction to the 7 April 2018 Site Walk minutes: page 1, Attendance – Mr. Puska was in attendance.

**MOTION:** Tom Worthley moved to approve the 7 April 2018 Site Walk minutes as amended. Joe Stephens second. Motion carried with Mr. Best and Mr. Costa abstaining.

#### **10. Adjournment**

**MOTION:** Paul Best moved to adjourn. Curt Chadwick second. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Bunny Hall Batzner*

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Recording Clerk

**The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, 21 May 2018.**