East Haddam Inland Wetlands and Watercourse Commission
Land Use Office

Regular Meeting Minutes
August 17, 2021

1. Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the East Haddam Inland Wetlands and Watercourse Commission was called to order by Randolph Dill, Chairman at 7:30 PM at the Municipal Office Complex.

2. Attendance

Members Present: Chairman Randolph Dill, Mary Augustiny, Bryan Goff, Daniel Jahne,
Members Absent: Jennifer Burton-Reeve
Also Present: Selectmen Robert Smith, Land Use Administrator James Ventres, Anthony Smith and Thomas Delventhal

3. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mary Augustiny to correct a minor typographical error made on page three (3) of the June 15, 2021, minutes. A motion was made by Bryan Goff to approve as amended. The motion was seconded by Mr. Daniel Jahne and unanimously approved.

4. Bills

Two bills for review for Legal advertisements from the East Haddam News.

Invoice #3656 - $31.00
Invoice #3785 - $51.00

A motion was made by Mary Augustiny to pay the bill presented. The motion was seconded by Bryan Goff and unanimously approved.

5. Membership

Already addressed at the prior meeting.

6. Field Inspection Report

There were no field inspections held for the month of August. In the month of July Randolph Dill, Mary Augustiny, Jennifer Burton-Reeve and James Ventres conducted field walks on Rae Palmer Road and Nichols Field.

7. Wetlands Permit Review

A) Continued - #W21-10 – 277 EH Colchester Turnpike (Lower Reservoir), Alice Smith, recreate beach area. Map 67, Lot 10.
First Date: June 15, 2021 Last Date: August 18, 2021

Mr. Smith presented revised plans for recreating and enlarging a beach area on the Moodus Reservoir. The proposed area to be disturbed was sixteen (16) feet by twelve (12) feet. Presently the shore edge, has an old telephone pole separating the existing beach sand from the water. Mr. Smith proposed replacing the telephone pole with a solid block over crushed stone. The Commission requested that an As-Built be provided on the existing A-2 Survey and that pictures be provided when completed.

A motion was made by Mary Augustiny to approve #W21-10 – 277 EH Colchester Turnpike (Lower Reservoir), Alice Smith, recreate beach area. Map 67, Lot 10, with the condition that the As-Built of the new area be added to the existing A-2 Survey Map and that the pictures of the final construction be submitted when completed. The motion was seconded by Bryan Goff and unanimously approved.

B) New - #W21-11 – Rae Palmer Road, Greg McKenna, construct a commercial building in the upland review area. Map 65, Lots 163,164,165, 169, & 170.
First Date: July 20,2021 Last Date: September 22, 2021

James Ventres stated that Brian Curtis P.E. submitted a review today and informed the Commission that the drainage calculations and pre and post drainage drawings were missing. Mr. Ventres noted that they were mailed out and may still be lost with the U.S. Postal Service. Mr. Chris Bell, P.E. for the project agreed that the application should be continued until the next regularly scheduled meeting.

A motion was made by Mary Augustiny to continue application #W21-11 – Rae Palmer Road, Greg McKenna, construct a commercial building in the upland review area. Map 65, Lots 163,164,165, 169, & 170, until the next regularly scheduled meeting. The motion was seconded by Bryan Goff and unanimously approved.

C) New - #W21-12 New 9 Hole Disc Golf Course – Nichols Field, Nichols Road, Town of East Haddam. Map 75, Lot 21
First Date: July 20, 2021 Last Date: September 22, 2021

Randolph Dill, Mary Augustiny and Jennifer Burton-Reeve completed a field walk of the site last month. James Ventres presented the G.I.S. plans for the proposal for the additional nine (9) hole disc golf course. The Commission noted that the proposed crossing is presently the Red Trail for hiking. The Commission asked if there had been any conflicts between the hikers and the golfers. Both Jim Ventres and Selectman Robert Smith reported that they had not heard of any conflicts. Chairman Randolph Dill inquired if there was enough room to park on Nichols Road. Mary Augustiny noted it is a very wide area and moving the gate up would also serve people who wanted to use the hiking trails.

A motion was made by Bryan Goff to approve #W21-12 New 9 Hole Disc Golf Course – Nichols Field, Nichols Road, Town of East Haddam. Map 75 Lot 21, based on the diagram submitted and dated 8/17/2021. The motion was seconded by Daniel Jahne and unanimously approved.

8. IWWC Enforcement Officer's Report

A. Jim Ventres informed the Commission that the East Haddam Fish and Game would like to re-activate their application. The Commission would prefer to walk the site on the weekend. Jim Ventres said that he would email potential dates for a site walk.

B. Glimmer Glen – Property owner, Association of Lake Hayward. Jim Ventres stated that while he was away on vacation, the neighbor's contacted the Land Use Department regarding a potential clearing of the peninsula on the lake.

Chairman Randolph Dill explained that he spoke to the one of the neighbor's and confirmed that no activity was occurring but, it was in discussion. Jim Ventres reported that he contacted Lake Hayward's President as well as the Property Managers via email regarding this matter.

Phil Sabo, a newly appointed Property Manager informed Jim Ventres that neighbors were merely discussing a trail. Jim Ventres stated that he is going to meet with Mr. Sabo sometime next week. Randolph Dill asked that this matter be added to the next field walk agenda.

9. Adjournment

A motion was made by Bryan Goff to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 pm. The motion was seconded by Daniel Jahne and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Magri
Recording Secretary