East Haddam Inland Wetlands and Watercourse Commission
Land Use Office

Regular Meeting Minutes
November 16, 2021

1. Call to Order
The Regular Meeting of the East Haddam Inland Wetlands and Watercourse Commission was called to order by Mr. Dill at 7:30 PM at the Municipal Office Complex.

2. Attendance
Members Present: Randolph Dill, Daniel Jahne, Jennifer Burton-Reeve
Members Absent:
Also Present: James Ventres (Land Use Administrator), Jason Goodwin, Tony, Roger Nemergut

3. Approval of Minutes

Add to Members Absent: *Randolph Dill, Bryan Goff*

A motion was made by Ms. Burton-Reeve to accept the minutes from the October 19, 2021, as amended. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jahne and unanimously approved.

4. Bills

No bills.

5. Field Inspection Report

No field inspections to report on.

6. Site Plan Review
   a. **#W21-14 – 41 Main Street, East Haddam, William Mascolo & Janet Whaley (applicants), construction of an addition. Map 017, Lot 014.**

      Mr. Ventres noted that the question on finding an engineer to evaluate the site has been problematic. The owners have asked for a continuance and an extension to the December meeting as to provide them time to find an engineer.

      Motion by Mr. Goff to move the application to the December meeting, #W21-14 – 41 Main Street, East Haddam, William Mascolo & Janet Whaley (applicants), construction of an addition. Second by Mr. Jahne and unanimously approved.

   b. **#W21-16 – 3 East Shore Drive, Vincent & Regina Aitoro (property owners), construction of a proposed three (3) season addition. Map 071, Lot 56.**

      Mr. Ventres passed around a more simplified map for review. The retaining wall was already approved on this property in the past. The proposal is for a 12'x12' three-season addition that will be 22' from the water. The retaining wall has been installed and put in place.

Motion by Mr. Goff to schedule a field walk and continue the application #W21-16 – 3 East Shore Drive, Vincent & Regina Aitoro (property owners), construction of a proposed three (3) season addition. Second by Mr. Jahne and unanimously approved.

c. #W21-17 – 26 Grist Mill Road, Gary Bogan (property owner), installation of a proposed ground mounted solar installation. Map 065, Lot 026.

Mr. Ventres provided an overhead view, and a diagram that was submitted as a location map. This property will also be on the December field walk. This installation is within the upland review. Mr. Ventres noted there is a conservation easement on the property, and Mr. Bogan will need to locate the pins to ensure the installation is not on the easement.
The contractors outlined the work that will be done to install 33x13 panels, 24 pieces in all. A trench will be dug at 18" to 24" below the frost line. A post will not be installed. Typically, whatever the homeowner wants underneath the panels will be done, like grass or gravel. The panels are typically attached to the meter, which is attached to the house, but in this case the meter is not attached to the house. This system will feed the grid. There are no batteries. A ditch digging tool is used and left open for the building inspector to review and look at the trench.
Mr. Ventres asked for the site to be marked out if the installers are not on site for the field walk, so that it's clear where the panels will be installed.
Sun directional surveys and the amount of work to install all factor into where the array is installed. There are wetlands throughout the property, so it has been very hard to site a location that is not in the upland review.

Motion by Mr. Dill to schedule a site walk and continue the application #W21-17 – 26 Grist Mill Road, Gary Bogan (property owner), installation of a proposed ground mounted solar installation. Second by Mr. Goff and unanimously approved.

d. #W21-18 - Roaring Brook Preserve, Side stream, unnamed stream crossing, Town of East Haddam (property owners), proposed hiking trail.

Mr. Ventres noted that "street" should not be included in the application description. In talking with Mr. Gillis, trails are already installed, but the bridge is not installed yet. The bridge is 3 2x12x24 with planks put on top. This is not an intermittent stream.

Motion by Mr. Dill to continue to the next meeting and schedule a field walk for application #W21-18 - Roaring Brook Preserve, Side stream, unnamed stream street crossing, Town of East Haddam (property owners), proposed hiking trail.
Second by Mr. Goff and unanimously approved.

e. #21-19 – 428 Hopyard Road, DRA, LLC (property owner), construction of a proposed ADA walkway and elevated deck.

Mr. Nemergut provided an overview of the project, at the location known as I-Park. The owner has received a grant to install an ADA trail near the pond. He outlined how the trail will run and that it will lead to a viewing deck that would be wood cedar. Most of the walkway is graveled areas as they are at grade. The path will be 6' wide and recycled aggregate. There was discussion related to how a wheelchair will navigate the pea stone aggregate. Mr. Nemergut noted that in working on a Florence Griswold Museum a few years back and they installed a path with a similar aggregate for ADA compliance. He noted that the pea stone is mixed with another material that expands and is harmless to the environment.

Www.organiclock.com is the company that provides this material. This material provides stability when the pea stone is wet and retains some stability when it is dry. This product is specifically made for golf cart paths. There will be a 20' test plot completed prior to full installation.
The deck will be poured in place piers with the whole deck will be cedar. There is very little clearing needed. Mr. Nemergut noted some of the landscaping that will be used, he will provide more information at the next meeting.

Motion by Mr. Dill to continue the application and schedule a field walk for #21-19 – 428 Hopyard Road, DRA, LLC (property owner), construction of a proposed ADA walkway and elevated deck. Second by Mr. Goff and unanimously approved.

7. 2022 Calendar Meeting Schedule

The calendar stands for the 3rd Tuesday of the month with no holidays impeding.

Motion by Mr. Jahne to approve the 2022 meeting schedule. Second by Mr. Goff and unanimously approved.

8. IWWC Enforcement Officer's Report

a. The upcoming field walk will start at 9am at Grist Mill Road. There will be 2 more applications submitted that will be added to the field walk schedule.

Motion by Mr. Dill to approve the schedule for the December 12th field walk. Second by Mr. Goff and unanimously approved.

b. Mr. Ventres provided an update on the State replacing the culvert at the intersection of Wigwam and Town Street. The state is looking to run the power lines over the top of the pond. The request has been made to have the State to dredge the pond instead of the Town having to dredge it after the State work is completed. The cleared area shows just how much work is needed to clear out the sediment. The pond has not been dredged since 1986.

9. Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Goff to adjourn the meeting at 8:11pm. The motion was seconded by Ms. Burton-Reeve and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Shannon A. Goyette
Recording Secretary