East Haddam Inland Wetlands and Watercourse Commission
Land Use Office

Regular Meeting Minutes
August 16, 2022

1. Call to Order

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

2. Attendance

Members Present: Mary Augustiny, Jennifer Burton-Reeve, Bryan Goff
Members Absent: Randolph Dill, Daniel Jahne
Also Present: James Ventres (Land Use Administrator), Dennis Arvai

3. Approval of Minutes

June 21, 2022 minutes:
Under 6a, the motion has a (b) next to it, and that must be removed. The rest of the bullets under Section 6, would then be changed starting with the letter (b).

A motion by Mr. Goff to approve the June 21, 2022, minutes as amended. Seconded by Ms. Burton-Reeve and unanimously approved.

The July minutes review was tabled until the next meeting to allow the commissioners to review them.

4. Bills

No bills presented.

5. Field Inspection Report

No field inspections were held.

6. IWWC Member Reappointments

Ms. Burton-Reeve and Mr. Dill's terms are both up for reappointment. They are both interested in remaining on the IWWC.

Motion by Mr. Goff to recommend to the Board of Selectmen to reappoint Ms. Burton-Reeve and Mr. Dill to the IWWC for another 2-year term. Seconded by Ms. Burton-Reeve and unanimously approved.

7. Wetlands Permit Review

a. #W22-07 – Dolbia Hill Road West, Town of East Haddam (applicant & property owner). Proposed replacement of culvert. Map 024, Lot 001.

Mr. Ventres noted Mr. Curtis is away on vacation and will provide the information before the next meeting.

Motion by Mr. Goff to continue the application W22-07 – Dolbia Hill Road West, Town of East Haddam (applicant & property owner). Proposed replacement of culvert. Map 024, Lot 001. Second by Ms. Burton-Reeve and unanimously approved.

b. #W22-14 – 135 Lakeside Drive (Bashan). Dennis Arvai (applicant & property owner). Proposed construction of an addition to the dock. Map 058, Lot 081.

Mr. Ventres provided an update on the request to have a better drawing. The drawings were provided as was the narrative to meet the IWWC's request at the last meeting

Motion by Mr. Goff to approve the application #W22-14 – 135 Lakeside Drive (Bashan). Dennis Arvai (applicant & property owner). Proposed construction of an addition to the dock, in accordance with the plans dated August 16, 2022. Map 058, Lot 081. Second by Mr. Burton-Reeve and unanimously approved.

8. Discussion

a. Potential Open Space Grant Application – Town of East Haddam – Kronberg Property – 95 acres – North Moodus Road

Mr. Ventres provided an overview of the Kronberg property and provided maps of where the property is. There are wetlands on the property. Mr. Ventres received a unanimous approval from the Board of Education when he outlined the property and benefit to the town. Mr. Ventres would like to receive a letter of recommendation from IWWC in support of this open space purchase.

Motion by Mr. Goff to send a letter of recommendation to the East Haddam Land Trust outlining that the IWWC agrees with the proposal to purchase for open space the Kronberg Property. Second by Ms. Burton-Reeve and unanimously approved.

b. Potential Open Space Grant Application – East Haddam Land Trust – Honey Hill Farm – 126 acres – Honey Hill Road

Mr. Ventres gave an overview of the property and provided maps of where the property is. This property has been considered for open space purchase in 2005 and has been in discussions with the East Haddam Land Trust for about a decade. It is near the Saunders Property and is in the south-central section of town. It has farmland and wetlands within it. It is one of the properties that meets the goals and objectives of the Open Space Committee.

Motion by Mr. Goff to send a letter of recommendation to the East Haddam Open Space Commission outlining that the IWWC agrees with the proposal to purchase for open space the Honey Hill Farm, as it meets the objectives of the Open Space Ordinance. Seconded by Ms. Burton-Reeve and unanimously approved.

9. IWWC Enforcement Officer's Report

Mr. Ventres noted the Lake Hayward Association put a detention basis in but due to the lack of rain, the seeding has not been addressed yet.

Mr. Ventres noted that as there has been no rain, there is not much that he is monitoring for the Alger Road work given the historic drought that we are in the midst of.

10. Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Goff to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 pm. The motion was seconded by Ms. Burton-Reeve and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Shannon A. Goyette
Recording Secretary