East Haddam Inland Wetlands and Watercourse Commission
Land Use Office

Regular Meeting Minutes
February 21, 2023

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, Mary Augustiny, Daniel Jahne
Members Absent: Bryan Goff, Jennifer Burton-Reeve
Also Present: James Ventres (Land Use Administrator), Thom Delventhal (Conservation Commission Representative

3. Approval of Minutes

A motion by Mr. Jahne to approve the December 20, 2022, minutes as presented. Seconded by Ms. Augustiny, and unanimously approved.

4. Bills

Two bills from Jacobsen & Associates for $116.85 Lake Hayward Preserve subdivision and $545.30 Triangle Drive property review, Halloran, and Sage for $74, for Lake Hayward Preserve subdivision.

A motion by Ms. Augustiny to approve the bills. Seconded by Mr. Jahne, and unanimously approved.

5. Field Inspection Report __

No Field inspection was held in December.

6. Wetlands Permit Review

a. #W22-07 – Hopyard Road (property location), Town of East Haddam – Redirection of the stream to the original bed.

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Motion by Mr. Dill to continue application #W22-07 – Hopyard Road (property location), Town of East Haddam – Redirection of the stream to the original bed, until Public Works is ready to provide further information. Second by Ms. Augustiny and unanimously approved.

b. #W22-19 – East Shore drive (property location), Town of East Haddam (property owner), proposed culvert replacement.

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Motion by Mr. Dill to continue the application #W22-19 – East Shore drive (property location), Town of East Haddam (property owner), proposed culvert replacement, until Public Works is ready to provide further information. Second by Ms. Augustiny and unanimously approved.

c. #W22-20 – Town of East Haddam (applicant & property owner), E.H. Colchester Turnpike Causeway, roadside reinforcement.

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Motion by Mr. Dill to continue the application #W22-20 – Town of East Haddam (applicant & property owner), E.H. Colchester Turnpike Causeway, roadside reinforcement, until Public Works is ready to provide further information. Second by Ms. Augustiny and unanimously approved.

d. #W23-02 – Town of East Haddam, (applicant & property owner), Nathan Hale Ray Middle School, 73 Clark Gates Road. Bike Trail. Map 073, Lot 059.

The East Haddam Mountain State Trail Group has an existing trail on the east side of the property and want to add a new trail on the east side. This expansion would use some of the existing boy scouts trail. A field walk is needed to review the area. Mr. Dill asked for the field walk to include a review of the trail already approved by IWWC.

Motion by Mr. Dill to continue the application and schedule a field walk for #W23-02 – Town of East Haddam, (applicant & property owner), Nathan Hale Ray Middle School, 73 Clark Gates Road. Bike Trail. Second by Mr. Jahne and unanimously approved.

e. #W23-03 – The Nature Conservancy, (applicant & property owner), Chapman Pond Preserve, River Road, Parking Lot.

Correction: Property is not Town of East Haddam's but is The Nature Conservancy.

Mr. Ventres noted that there are 2 vernal pools near River Road, and when you drive into the parking lot, there's a spring there which runs down and fills the vernal pool with sediment and such. The Nature Conservancy would like to move the parking lot, and berm the whole area to get the spring to flow back to where it was originally directed instead of running down the

access drive. The new parking lot is closer to wetlands but would move away from the spring and the vernal pools on/near the existing parking lot.
Chapman Pond is a popular destination and is getting heavy use. The views of Chapman Pond and the CT River are visible from the loop trail. For the new parking lot, Mr. Ventres noted that about a dozen trees will need to be removed, but none of them are huge given previously logging.
A field walk is needed on the property to see the new parking lot location.

Motion by Mr. Dill to continue the application and schedule a field walk for #W23-03 – Town of East Haddam Nature Conservancy, (applicant & property owner), Chapman Pond Preserve, River Road, Parking Lot. Second by Ms. Augustiny and unanimously approved.

f. #W23-01 – Mr. Brian & Linda Wagner (applicant & property owner), 91 Mott Lane (property location), proposed dock. Map 075, Lot 113.

Mr. Ventres noted the owners have submitted quite a bit of documentation within the application. A field walk is needed to view the property and the proposed work. Mr. Ventres asked the owners to include the water depth.
Mr. Dill asked Mr. Ventres to add to the application for docks – depth of water at the middle and end of the dock and what type of watercraft is going to use the dock.
A field walk is needed for this property.

Motion by Ms. Augustiny to continue the application and schedule a field walk for #W23-01 – Mr. Brian & Linda Wagner (applicant & property owner), 91 Mott Lane (property location), proposed dock. Second by Mr. Jahne and unanimously approved.

7. IWWC Enforcement Officer's Report

The next field walk will be scheduled for March 12 at 9am.

Mr. Ventres has received several calls about the mound of dirt being built up on the East Haddam Colchester Turnpike house. It is needed to address the water table issues and is related to replacing an existing septic system.

Mr. Ventres provided, as an FYI, the information related to the Airport on using the water, with new docks on the river for floating planes. The sewer outfall and the location of the East Haddam dock are both noted on the plan. DEEP is the approving agency. Ms. Augustiny noted that she would like to make sure the East Haddam boat launch is not obstructed by the water runway.

8. Adjournment

A motion was made by Ms. Augustiny to adjourn the meeting at 7:53pm. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jahne and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Shannon A. Goyette
Recording Secretary