

**East Haddam Inland Wetlands and Watercourse Commission  
Land Use Office**

**Special Meeting Minutes  
May 19, 2020**

1. Call to Order

The Special Meeting of the East Haddam Inland Wetlands and Watercourse Commission was called to order by Mr. Dill at 7:31 PM at the Municipal Office Building.

2. Attendance

**Members Present:** Randolph Dill (chairman), Mary Augustiny, Jennifer Burton-Reeve, and Daniel Jahne

**Members Absent:** Bryan Goff

**Also Present:** James Ventres (Land Use Administrator)

3. Approval of Minutes

***Motion by Ms. Burton-Reeve to accept the minutes from the April 21, 2020 meeting as presented. Second by Ms. Augustiny and unanimously approved.***

4. Bills

None.

5. Field Inspection Report

Field inspection held on May 18 and the commissioners visited the Tater Hill Road, East Haddam Land Trust property, the Four Corners Wine & Spirits, and Mr. Sienko's property off of Catch Fly Pointe. Mr. Dill, Mr. Jahne, Ms. Burton-Reeve, Selectwoman Carleen Quinn, and Mr. Ventres attended.

6. Wetlands Permit Review

- a. Continued - #W20-02- 382 Town Street, Four Corners Wine & Spirits, LLC, place a pre-fabricated shed in the upland review area. Assessor's Map 27, Lot 88.

There was a major change in where the shed was going to be placed, significantly farther on the left. The map was reviewed and Mr. Ventres pointed out where the shed was now located. Mr. Dill reviewed the application and noted it does indicate what is going to be stored within the shed. During the field walk, the applicant noted it is for recyclables and a lawn mower and gas can. This was on the agenda for the March agenda but not discussed in the April Special meeting.

***Motion by Ms. Burton-Reeves to approve the application # W20-02- 382 Town Street, Four Corners Wine & Spirits, LLC, to place a pre-fabricated shed in the upland review area primarily for the storage of recyclables, as of map amended yesterday. Assessor's Map 27, Lot 88. Second by Mr. Jahne and unanimously approved.***

- b. Continued - #W20-03 - 11 Catchfly Pointe (Moodus Reservoir), John Sienko, construct a gravel path to the water, decking at the water's edge, and a dock in the upland review area. Assessor's Map 66, Lot 402.

Mr. Dill noted that there is a stairway and gravel also included in the work. Mr. Ventres noted that Mr. Sienko provided additional information on the construction, and provided documentation that shows what work Mr. Sienko is planning to do. He discussed erosion control with Mr. Sienko. Mr. Dill noted that any disturbed soil should be seeded and addresses as soon as possible. There is a gravel path that is not going to the water but is going to the decking - that needs to be changed in the application. As far as the docks, aluminum ones can be removed. Mr. Sienko has a pontoon boat which does not draw much water. There was quite a bit of discussion related to the decking as well as the dock. Discussion ensued around how to handle the rocks uncovered during excavation as well as topography of the land. Mr. Dill raised concerns with the dock needing to be so long when it's a pontoon boat that the owner has. He suggested approving a 24 foot dock and the owner can come back and prove hardship if a longer one is needed. Much discussion ensued around the application and the proposed plan.

***Motion by Ms. Augustiny to approve the application #W20-03 - 11 Catchfly Pointe (Moodus Reservoir), John Sienko, construct and installation of a gravel path to the water, connecting to the top of the first deck, and a 24 foot plus 6 foot perpendicular off the 24 foot dock and that mulching is addressed in all disturbed areas and planting of appropriate native plants near the gravel path, any excess soil/rock generated by the construction be removed or placed in an area not on a slope, as on plans submitted 5/19. Assessor's Map 66, Lot 402. Second by Ms. Burton-Reeve and approved. Mr. Dill abstained.***

- c. New - #W20-04 – Tater Hill Road, East Haddam Land Trust, parking area for the preserve in the upland review area. Assessor's Map 31, Lot 90.

Mr. Smith provided an update on the application, on an 87-acre piece. Almost all of it is wetlands that parallels the frontage. Mr. Dill noted the site walk was conducted yesterday. Mr. Smith provided an update on what the first drawing showed for a parking lot. The parking lot would encompass 3-4 cars, and any big rocks would be used to prevent cars from getting further into the preserve. The soil would be removed, the parking lot boxed out and then gravel brought in.

***Motion by Ms. Augustiny to approve the application #W20-04 – Tater Hill Road, East Haddam Land Trust, parking area for the Miller's Farm preserve in the upland review area as identified on the plan submitted today, 5/19. Assessor's Map 31, Lot 90. Second by Mr. Jahne and unanimously approved.***

## 7. IWWC Enforcement Officer's Report

Mr. Ventres provided an update to the IWWC members. Roger Nemergut will have an application coming for Smith Road that's across the road from Smith Farm. There used to be a structure that sat there. There is an old roadway there that was part of Bogel Road.

Mr. Biega also sold the lot that he subdivided, and the new property owner will come in with a site plan once the house plan is provided. He noted that if there's going to be any work done outside the upland review, but if the owner wants a dock, then the IWWC would need to be engaged.

Lakeside Dan's continues to remediate the water issue. Mr. Jahne noted that there is still standing water on the parking lot.

Mr. Dill asked Mr. Ventres to send out to the commission the letter Mr. Dill sent to Public Works.

8. Adjournment

***Motion by Ms. Augustiny to adjourn the meeting at 8:18pm. Second by Ms. Burton-Reeve and unanimously approved.***

Respectfully submitted,  
Shannon A. Goyette  
Recording Secretary