East Haddam Inland Wetlands and Watercourse Commission
Land Use Office

Regular Meeting Minutes
April 19, 2022

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, Bryan Goff, Daniel Jahne, Jennifer Burton-Reeve
Members Absent:
Also Present: James Ventres (Land Use Administrator), Shawn Murphy, Roberta Murphy, William and Mary Turley

3. Approval of Minutes

6a. Page 2, second paragraph should read, "He outlined where the parking will be and discussed where the detention ***basin*** will…"

6d. Page 4, reference in the heading and motion changed from "***several*** wetland crossings" to "***three*** wetland crossings"

A motion was made by Mr. Goff to accept the minutes from the February 15, 2021 as amended. The motion was seconded by Ms. Burton-Reeve and unanimously approved.

4. Bills

Mr. Ventres presented two bills for 304 Town Street. One is from Nathan L. Jacobsen and Associates for review and inspections in ground water monitoring for $1123.20. The second bill is from New England Environmental Services for vernal pool inspections on 3/28 and 4/4 for $440.00. He has already sent both of them to Fedus Engineering for them to reimburse the Town.

A motion was made by Ms. Burton-Reeve to pay the bills. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jahne and unanimously approved.

5. Field Inspection Report

Three properties were visited by Mr. Dill, Ms. Augustiny, Mr. Goff, Ms. Burton-Reeve, and Mr. Ventres – 124 Lake Shore Drive, 155 Lake Shore Drive and Dolbia Hill West.

Mr. Ventres noted that there are 2 sub-division applications being submitted, so the next field walks will be split into 2 days, with the sub-divisions being on one day and the other applications being on another.

6. Wetlands Permit Review

a. #20-21 – 304 Town Street, Fedus Engineering (applicant), Richard M. Lagace (property owner). Proposed construction of a multi-family dwelling with parking area, septic system, well, underground electric and drainage improvements with infiltration system. Map 018, Lot 043.

Mr. Ventres received an email from Nathanial Fleming at Fedus Engineering noting they would like to withdraw the application with the intention of resubmitting for the May meeting. Mr. Ventres noted that none of the information they promised to deliver 2 weeks prior to the April meeting were submitted, so upon calling to ask where the information were, the applicant noted they were not fully complete in pulling all the materials together yet. The environmental scientist reviewed the area and found evidence of a vernal pool, and submitted a marked up map confirming that it is a functioning vernal pool.

Motion by Mr. Dill to withdraw the application #20-21 – 304 Town Street, Fedus Engineering (applicant), Richard M. Lagace (property owner). Proposed construction of a multi-family dwelling with parking area, septic system, well, underground electric and drainage improvements with infiltration system. Second by Mr. Jahne and unanimously approved.

b. #W22-04 – 124 Lakeshore Drive, Shawn & Roberta Murphy (applicant and property owner). Proposed construction to rebuild the porch and stairs. Also proposed construction to rebuild the sea wall and boat dock. Map 080, Lot 305. Lake Hayward.

Mr. Dill noted there have been two site walks on the property. The commissioners discussed the properties and there were no other questions to be discussed. Mr. Dill asked the owners to take a picture of the completed work and provide to Mr. Ventres after it has been completed.

Motion by Mr. Goff to approve the application for #W22-04 – 124 Lakeshore Drive, Shawn & Roberta Murphy (applicants and property owners). Proposed construction to rebuild the porch and stairs. Also proposed construction to rebuild the sea wall and boat dock, in accordance with the map dated 4/19/2022. Second by Ms. Augustiny and unanimously approved.

c. #W22-05 – 190 Lakeshore Drive, Willian & Mary Turley (applicant & property owner). Proposed construction to repair stairs, platform and deck. Map 080, Lot 282. Lake Hayward.

Mr. Dill asked if there was any new information to be discussed on this application. Mr. Ventres noted the desire is to increase the size of the deck but not go any closer to the lake. He reviewed where the stairs will be moved to (from one side to the other). The distance to the lake is 16 feet. Mr. Dill asked the owners to take a picture of the completed work and provide to Mr. Ventres after it has been completed.

Motion by Mr. Goff to approve the application for #W22-05 – 190 Lakeshore Drive, Willian & Mary Turley (applicants & property owners). Proposed construction to repair stairs,

platform and deck, in accordance in the map dated 4/19/2022. Second by Ms. Burton-Reeve and unanimously approved.

d. #W22-06 – 155 Lakeshore Drive, Robert & Linda Popolzio (applicants & Property owners). Proposed construction to rebuild the existing sea wall and patio. Map 080, Lot 214. Lake Hayward.

Mr. Ventres talked with the owners who live out of state. He explained to the owners that they need to submit plans, they indicated they will do that for the next month's meeting. Mr. Dill noted the owner was clear that an application was needed even before the work was completed, but the work was completed prior to any application being submitted. There are concerns that the work actually completed is bigger than what was there already.
Mr. Goff asked for clarification as to how the IWWC knew the owner was aware of the need for an IWWC application, to which Mr. Ventres provided context. Mr. Ventres left a message with the contractor prior to the work being complete, and had to call a second time as the contractor did not call back. Upon calling the 2nd time, he spoke with a live person and explained the need for an application. The owner then called and spoke to him prior to the work being completed.
Mr. Dill asked Mr. Ventres to speak to the Town Attorney about what actions the IWWC should take to ensure the IWWC is enforcing the regulations fairly given the work was completed without an application and there is a concern that the work completed is more than was there originally.
Mr. Goff noted there is the potential that the work can be corrected to save it from being destroyed in a future ice storm. He asked Mr. Ventres to talk with the property owner about remediating the work that's been done with filter fabric and plantings to stop erosion and maintain the work that has been completed. Mr. Dill also asked for clarity on where the boundaries are related to the land next to the patio. Mr. Ventres denoted that the boundaries are clear as the Association has also conducted surveys of the area.

Motion by Mr. Dill to continue the application and schedule a field walk for #W22-06 – 155 Lakeshore Drive, Robert & Linda Popolzio (applicants & property owners). Proposed construction to rebuild the existing sea wall and patio. Second by Mr. Goff and unanimously approved.

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

Mr. Ventres and Brian Curtis are going to take a look at this property to see what the options are for the culvert.

Motion by Mr. Dill to continue the application and schedule a field walk for #W22-07 – Dolbia Hill Road West, Town of East Haddam (applicant & property owner). Proposed replacement of culvert. Second by Mr. Goff and unanimously approved.

f. #W22-08 – Robbie Road, Town of East Haddam (applicant), Ed Sikorski & Maria Lagana (owners). Stream stabilization. Map 056, Lot 076.

Mr. Ventres noted Mr. Nemergut asked that a field walk be scheduled. Mr. Nemergut has submitted preliminary drawings.

Motion by Mr. Dill to schedule a field walk for the application. #W22-08 – Robbie Road, Town of East Haddam (applicant), Ed Sikorski (owner). Stream stabilization. Map 056, Lot 076. Second by Mr. Jahne and unanimously approved.

g. W#22-09 – 74 Smith Road, Wildwood Inc (applicant & property owner). Emergency turn-around. M049, Lot 009, Bashan Lake.

Mr. Ventres noted that when inspecting properties at the end of this road there is nowhere to turn around. This could be a problem for emergency vehicles.

Motion by Mr. Goff to schedule a field walk for the application. W#22-09 – 74 Smith Road, Wildwood Inc (applicant & property owner). Emergency turn around. M049, Lot 009, Bashan Lake. Second by Mr. Jahne and unanimously approved.

h. W#22-10 – Property located off of Robbie Road, Town of East Haddam, East Haddam Conservation Commission & East Haddam Land Trust (applicant & property owner). Wetland crossing for trails system. Map 056, Lots 076 & 185.

Mr. Ventres noted this is to connect the East Haddam Board of Education property across the Town of East Haddam open space, all the way over to the East Haddam Land Trust property of Monica's Woods. The trail is all flagged and will eventually take a hiker to Southwinds Road. Discussion ensued related to the map and where the different properties are. In terms of a field walk, Mr. Ventres suggested bringing boots. There are not too many invasives given the overhead canopy.

Motion by Mr. Dill to schedule a field walk for the application. W#22-10 – Property located off of Robbie Road, Town of East Haddam, East Haddam Conservation Commission & East Haddam Land Trust (applicant & property owner). Wetland crossing for trails system. Map 056, Lots 076 & 185. Second by Mr. Jahne and unanimously approved.

7. IWWC Enforcement Officer's Report

Mr. Dill noted DEEP has proposed waterway regulations that will impact livestock. It may potentially impact any farm with livestock to protect water supply from livestock pollution.

8. Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Goff to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 pm. The motion was seconded by Ms. Burton-Reeve and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Shannon A. Goyette
Recording Secretary