

**TOWN OF GOSHEN
INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, JULY 7 – 7:15PM**

PRESENT: Chairman Tom Stansfield, Danielle Breakell, Allen Kinsella, Lorraine Lucas, and Rick Wadhams; Martin Connor, AICP, Town Planner/Inland Wetlands Enforcement Officer.

EXCUSED: Ray Turri,

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Tom Stansfield called the meeting to order at 7:15PM. The proceedings were recorded digitally, and copies are available in the Land Use Office in Town Hall.

2. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

No business was discussed.

3. READING OF THE MINUTES:

A. May 5, 2016 regular meeting.

MOTION Mr. Kinsella, second Mrs. Lucas, to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2016 regular meeting as written; unanimously approved.

4. OLD BUSINESS:

A. No old business.

5) NEW BUSINESS:

A. Deborah G. Benjamin, 142 Sandy Beach Rd. - Shoreline stabilization - Repair Seawall. Ms. Benjamin was present to discuss repairing her sea wall on her property on Tyler Lake. The sea wall was crumbling and shoreline eroding in places. She would like to pour a concrete wall similar to the neighbor's wall during a drawdown period. She showed the Commission a survey of her property. She intends to replace the wall in the same area and approximate dimensions of the existing wall. She is hoping the contractor will install weep holes in the wall so that water pressure will not damage the new wall. She did not have details on the wall construction but will have her contractor draw them up and submit them to the Commission at the next meeting. **MOTION** Mr. Wadhams, second Mr. Kinsella, to accept the application. It does not represent a significant activity provided the work is done after the drawdown; unanimously approved.

B. James Mersfelder, Vice President/Treasurer for Woodridge Lake Sewer District - Construction of a wastewater transmission system from the Existing WLSD Water Pollution Control Facility (WPCF) at 113 Brush Hill Road to the Existing Municipal Sewer System in the City of Torrington. (Starting at the Goshen-Torrington Town line heading west and south, the Project traverses: Torrington Road (State Route 4) at Goshen-Torrington Town line west to East Street South; then south along East Street South (Town road) to Pie Hill Road; then west on Pie Hill Road (Town road) until Old Middle Street (State Route 63); south on Old Middle Street (State Route 63) to Brush Hill Road; then west along Brush Hill Road (Town road); the portions of the proposed Project in State Routes 4 and 63 are within the State right-of-way; the proposed portions of the proposed Project within East Street South, Pie Hill Road and Brush Hill Road are within the Town right-of-way; the proposed Project also traverses two proposed easements from Brush Hill Road (Wadhams easement at 533 Old Middle Street, and Goodhouse easement at 38 Brush Hill Road) before it enters the Woodridge Lake Sewer District (WLSD) property of 113 Brush Hill Road to the existing Water Pollution Control Facility (WPCF). Mr. Mersfelder was present along with Ken Green and other members of the Woodridge Lake Sewer District Board of Directors to present their application. Also present was the Project Engineer David Prickett, David Prickett Consulting LLC. Mr. Mersfelder and Mr. Green provided the history behind the need to run a wastewater transmission system from the Woodridge Lake Sewer District Plant to Torrington. The CT DEEP issued a consent order to the WLSD in 1989 which is still in effect today. This project will resolve

the current CT DEEP Consent Order and provide treatment of the WLSW wastewater in a method that would be in compliance with DEEP Regulations. Mr. Prickett described the project to the Commission. No work is proposed directly in a wetlands or watercourse area. Only buffer zone work is proposed. The applicant and Project Engineer answered several questions that the Commission had. Mr. Connor recommended a peer review of the project from the Consulting Town Engineer, David Battista, P.E., Lenard Engineering. His estimated fee for the review is \$6,700.00 which will need to be paid by the applicant. Mr. Mersfelder indicated they would submit a check to the Town to pay for the peer review. **MOTION** Mr. Stansfield, second Mr. Wadhams, to accept the application and set a public hearing for the August 4, 2016 meeting at 7:15 pm; unanimously approved..

6. INLAND WETLANDS ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT:

The Commission reviewed Mr. Connor's enforcement report for the period from April 8th through May 5th. The Commission discussed the planned connection between the Woodridge Lake Sewer District and the City of Torrington Sewer System.

MOTION Mr. Kinsella, second Mr. Wadhams, to accept the Enforcement Report for the period from May 6 2016 through July 7, 2016; unanimously approved.

7. CORRESPONDENCE:

The Commission received the May/June 2016 edition of *Connecticut Wildlife*.

8. OTHER BUSINESS PROPER TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION:

No business was discussed.

9. ADJOURN:

MOTION Mr. Wadhams, second Mr. Kinsella to adjourn at 7:59 PM; unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Martin J. Connor, AICP
Town Planner/Wetlands Enforcement Officer