

**INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING - MINUTES
FEBRUARY 6, 2020 – 7:15PM
GOSHEN TOWN HALL – 42 NORTH STREET**

PRESENT: Chairman Tom Stansfield, Vice Chairman Allen Kinsella, Rick Wadhams, Lorraine Lucas, and Brandy Summerlin

EXCUSED: Ray Turri

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Tom Stansfield called the meeting to order at 7:17PM and noted that there is one vacancy on the commission. 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:

January 2, 2020 regular meeting.

MOTION Mr. Kinsella, second Mr. Wadhams, to accept the minutes of the January 2, 2020 meeting as written. No discussion. **Motion carries.**

4. OLD BUSINESS: None

- 5. NEW BUSINESS: C. Town of Goshen – 79-80 East Hyerdale Drive site 9/10 – Culvert and Headwall Replacement** – Garrett Harlow, Public Works Supervisor, presented the engineered plans for the repair of the culvert. Mr. Connor approved the work to be done as it was failing and an emergency repair was anticipated. Mr. Harlow wanted to present the plans to the Commission now that they are completed and available. Mr. Harlow reviewed the plan for replacement of the failing culvert pipe in the area of 79-80 East Hyerdale Drive. The pipe is corrugated metal and is rotting and collapsing. The sediment trap for the pipe is deep in the ground. Mr. Harlow would like to raise it and improve the area. A hydrology study was done on the area which showed that a larger 42" corrugated pipe could be used to replace the current 36" pipe that is there now. The existing block wall is being rebuilt and slightly enlarged to catch the areas of the embankment from eroding into the area. The project will be bid out. The engineer proposed a two stage water handling management plan to be implemented during the construction and repair of the culvert pipe and surrounding area. That plan, or something similar, is recommended during the project. There is a wooded area which will not be disturbed during the project and trees will be planted in the disturbed area after the project is complete. A guardrail will also be installed in the area of the culvert. There will be a period of time that area of the road will be closed down and traffic rerouted around Wellsford Drive. Mr. Kinsella inquired about the erosion control in the area and asked about a secondary protection plan in the event that there is a heavy weather event. The E&S control section of the plans was reviewed and read through. Mr. Kinsella asked that Mr. Harlow monitor the area for erosion during the project. The project will take place during the dry season as it is a mostly dry area outside of the rainy season. Mr. Stansfield stated that erosion control would be an important aspect to the project to remain aware of. The Commission thanked Mr. Harlow for presenting the plan for review and input from the Commission.

A. Torrington Water Co - Forestry operation -106.19 Acre Parcel- East Street North- Assessor Map 05 Lot 004 00 – Request for Declaratory Ruling –Timber Harvest.

B. Torrington Water Co - Forestry operation -2387.22 Acre Parcel- East Street North- Assessor Map 05 Lot 005 00 – Request for Declaratory Ruling –Timber Harvest.

Jonathan Zeiner presented to the Commission as the forester for the Torrington Water Company. There are 2 parcels to be harvested on East Street North across the street from each other. The maps and presentation encompassed both projects at once. The invasion of the Emerald Ash Borer has caused most of the Ash trees in CT to die. The infection of the Borer is evidenced by the blanding, loss of the bark, of the trees. The 106+/- acres on the West side is exclusively harvesting Ash. The 2000+/- is Ash and hardwoods to be harvested. There is a large area of Norway Spruce that was planted years ago that has become to large and will be taken down. There is a stream crossing area to be contrasted on the West side to access the harvest area. The East side will not be crossing a stream during the wet season. The area should be dry during the planned harvesting time. The Torrington Water Company utilizes best management practices and takes precautions to maintain the integrity of the area especially in bad weather. Discussion on the future of the Ash tree, the Emerald Ash Borer, the predator wasp that is being researched to control the EAB, the historical areas preserved on the TWC properties and other projects TWC has done with historical preservation and tree management.

MOTION Mr. Stansfield seconded by Mr. Kinsella, to find items A&B under new business for Torrington Water Company for forestry operations to be a use permitted by right for timber harvest. Further discussion, Mr. Zeiner discussed the entrance areas proposed for the East side harvest area. It is not in a wetland area, however, Mr. Zeiner wanted to make the Commission aware of the proposed entrance spots to the area. Motion carries.

6. **INLAND WETLANDS ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT: None presented**
7. **CORRESPONDENCE: Wildlife Magazine**
8. **OTHER BUSINESS PROPER TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION: None**
9. **ADJOURNMENT:**
Motion by Mr. Wadhams to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Reilly
Commission Clerk