

**INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES COMMISSION**  
**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2016**  
**TOWN HALL 7:00 P.M.**

Present: Chairman Bruce Burnett, Susan Ryan, Marie Etter, Robert Wesneski, Tim Bobroske, Alternate Member Robert Orciari and Land Use Coordinator Polly Redmond  
Absent: Victoria Elliott and Donald Prigitano

**1. OPEN MEETING – ESTABLISH QUORUM.**

Chairman Burnett called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All regular members present are seated. Alternate Member R. Orciari is seated for V. Elliott. Chairman Burnett acknowledges Tim Bobroske as a newly elected member and expresses thanks to former Commissioner Paul Whiton for his past service.

**2. APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: 1/4/16**

M. Etter **motioned** to approve the minutes of 1/4/16 with the amendment to page 3, line 24, to read as follows: "...IWZEO Perkins states **that** (omit "the") he would like more specific information..." Motion seconded by R. Wesneski and passed unanimously with T. Bobroske refraining from vote.

**3. ELECTION OF OFFICERS.**

S. Ryan nominates Bruce Burnett as Chairman, seconded by R. Orciari. M. Etter nominates Susan Ryan as Secretary, seconded by R. Orciari. With no other nominations, Bruce Burnett remains as Chairman and Susan Ryan remains as Secretary.

**4. CITY OF TORRINGTON – NAUGATUCK RIVER GREENWAY PROJECT, PHASE I. FRANKLIN STREET, TORRINGTON, TO BOGUE ROAD TO INCLUDE ONE WETLAND CROSSING IN HARWINTON.**

Rista Malanca, City of Torrington Enforcement Officer and Ed Fabbri, City of Torrington Engineer, are present to represent. Plans prepared by Tectonic Engineering & Surveying Consultants, P.C. are presented for viewing and discussion purposes but not submitted. R. Malanca explains that the Greenway proposal is being presented at this time because of the need to replace the deck on the Bogue Road Bridge in Torrington. By providing a temporary access for trucks to travel upon during the construction, the temporary access will then become part of the Greenway (trail) once the bridge deck is completed. The construction of a portion of the Naugatuck River Greenway includes land in Harwinton and will follow the river onto land owned by Supreme Industries (easement received), land owned by CL&P (easement received), and behind the WPCA Plant. Work on the easements and temporary access will begin this summer in order for bridge work to begin in December, weather permitting. The temporary access/Greenway will be constructed approximately 50' to 75' from the Naugatuck River. R. Orciari questions the stability of the bank of the river with Mr. Fabbri stating the bank is vegetated with no erosion and that no rip rap will be needed. At this time, R. Malanca states that the City of Torrington is looking for a decision from this Commission for a use as of right for recreational use since the primary work is for the expansion of the Naugatuck River Greenway. S. Ryan **motioned** that the plans and project presented and reviewed tonight is for recreational use and therefore is a use as of right. M. Etter seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. LUC Redmond requests a full set of plans to be sent to the Land Use office.

**5. DISCUSSION – 2016/2017 BUDGET REQUEST.**

R. Wesneski **motioned** to keep the 2016/2017 budget request at \$1500, seconded by M. Etter. Motion passed unanimously.

**6. INFORMAL DISCUSSION – CT DEEP 2015 LEGISLATION & REGULATION ADVISORY.**

After reviewing the Advisory, it is determined that no changes are required.

**7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.**

Jay Buss, 30 Catlin Road, is present to inform the Commission that the Lake Harwinton Board of Governors met and it was decided that regulated activities taking place within the Association shall come before the IWWC for review and any necessary approvals.

T. Bobroske refers to activity taking place at the Ragaglia property on Woodchuck Lane and states his belief that anyone proposing a fire pond should consult with the fire department first to find out if there is a need. He also states that it was noted that a vernal pool was on the Ragaglia property and questions what the Commission's policy is regarding vernal pools and whether the work being done by Mr. Ragaglia has compromised the vernal pool. S. Ryan states that Mr. Ragaglia was at the last IWWC meeting and stated that he was most likely going to abandon the fire pond proposal to which T. Bobroske states that he takes issues with that; when an applicant comes before the Commission stating a fire pond will be constructed and then abandoning the proposal. Chairman Burnett states his belief that it is a good idea for the fire department to be consulted with when fire ponds are proposed to determine whether it would be functional. M. Etter reminds the Commission that Mr. Ragaglia was reestablishing a pond that existed long ago.

**8. COMPLAINTS/ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS.**

Lisa Cheney, 7 Knoll Drive, is present and inquires about the recent work done on the Damiani property. She is under the impression that the Town of Harwinton Public Works department worked on the dirt piles that were there and spread them out into an area that is wetlands. She questions why it is okay for the town to conduct activities in the wetlands when it wasn't okay for the Damianis to do so. LUC Redmond informs Ms. Cheney that the town did not do any work on the property but that it was contracted out to Gilbert Construction. Chairman Burnett explains that the Wetlands Commission is charged with reviewing activities in the wetlands and if the Commission finds no prudent and feasible alternatives to being outside the regulated area of wetlands, the activity is permitted. R. Wesneski refers to the January 4, 2016 IWWC minutes that stated the Commission asked that IWZEO Perkins be consulted with and notified of when work was to begin on the Damiani property and he questions whether that was the case. R. Orciari questions the location of a proposed swale and wonders if one can be put in place effectively. S. Ryan **motioned** that you speak to Mike Criss and John Fredsall regarding what was agreed upon to do by Gilbert Construction, that you inspect the property and find out what still needs to be done, and report back to the IWWC with a written report at the next IWWC meeting scheduled for March 7<sup>th</sup>.

**9. CORRESPONDENCE.**

Notice from the CT Siting Council re: CL&P/Eversource application for Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Frost Bridge to Campville 115-kilovolt electric transmission line project that traverses the municipalities of Watertown, Thomaston, Litchfield and Harwinton.

**10. INVOICES.**

None.

**11. ADJOURN.**

S. Ryan **motioned** to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m., seconded by M. Etter. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Polly Redmond  
Land Use Coordinator

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