

**CITY OF TORRINGTON**  
**INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES**  
**April 20, 2010**

Present: Jay Bate, Jr., Chairman  
Nancy Schroeder Perez, Vice Chairwoman  
Jane Bakker, Member and Secretary  
Christine Altman, Member  
Doris Murphy, Member and PZ Liaison  
Kathy Carlson, Member  
Tom Telman, Member (arrived after item 4a)

Also Present: Kimberly Barbieri, Inland Wetlands Enforcement Officer

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Jay Bate called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., Sullivan Senior Center, 88 East Albert Street, Torrington, CT

2. **Roll Call and Announcement:**

Chairman Bate announced present and serving on the Commission this evening will be members Nancy Schroder Perez, Jane Bakker, Christine Altman, Doris Murphy, Kathy Carlson and Jay Bate. Also present is Kimberly Barbieri, Inland Wetlands Enforcement Officer.

3. **Minutes for Approval:**

- a. 3/16/10

MOTION by Ms. Perez to approve the 3/16/10 minutes, seconded by Ms. Bakker, motion carried with Ms. Murphy abstaining from voting.

4. **Old Business:**

- a. Applicant: Robert and Christine Richard  
Location: 160 Dawes Avenue  
Activity: Construct 25' x 27' addition within upland regulated area, clear trees near Troy Brook .

Robert Richard discussed his plans to remove trees, and answered questions from Commission members.

MOTION by Ms. Perez to GRANT the permit to Robert and Christine Richard, 160 Dawes Avenue to construct a 25' x 27' addition within upland regulated area, to clear the one leaning tree, to trim the elm, and to judiciously trim some of the branches on the maples, all trim work to be done by an arborist. Motion seconded by Ms. Bakker. Motion unanimously carried.

Commissioner Tom Telman arrived at this time.

- b. Applicant: Gene Barbero  
Location: 450 South Main Street  
Activity: Construct adult daycare center within upland regulated area

Gene Barbero appeared and requested this matter be postponed until next meeting. The building size has been changed and more engineering work is needed.

MOTION by Ms. Perez to table the subject application, seconded by Ms. Bakker, unanimously carried.

**5. New Business:**

- a. Applicant: City of Torrington  
Location: Southwest corner of Route 4 and Main Street  
Assessor Map 119-13-8  
Activity: Construct parking lot within upland regulated area to West Branch Naugatuck

Ms. Barbieri presented her ideas for using permeable pavement for a new parking area. It would be a public parking lot. Ms. Barbieri is working on getting the price for the interlocking permeable paving materials. There would be a 30" depth of stone underneath.

Ms. Perez thought it would be nice to have this spot with high traffic, where the public could see the permeable pavement.

Discussion followed. Mr. Telman stated he has a problem with providing parking for businesses and tenants. Ms. Barbieri noted the residents would have to pay for a permit. Mr. Telman noted the City's sale of a good parking lot across the street to the church. The merchants of the north end are in need of parking but as a business he was required to provide his own parking. Here we are now building a new parking lot, this is government at its best. Mr. Bate noted these are not wetlands issues.

MOTION by Ms. Perez to accept the subject application, this is not a significant activity, seconded by Ms. Bakker, unanimously carried.

b. Violation

- Owner: Karen Svetz and John Andrews  
Location: Spencer Road, Assessor Map 245-3-5  
Violation: Clearing in upland regulated area, no permits

John Andrews appeared before the Commission. Mr. Andrews referred to site maps and explained what has been done as far as the clearing. His wife has had Lyme disease twice, and they have taken ticks off their son twice. Mr. Andrews pointed to the area of drainage. Scrap metal and trash was unearthed. They want to finish cleaning up debris, seed and hay the area and put a buffer between the wetlands, seed the area. The

buffer would be comprised of a wetlands mix and this would be a no mow zone. He would like the area graded so there is no standing water. Mr. Andrews was unsure who put the pipe in. Ms. Barbieri presented her ideas to resolve the water problem, including taking out the pipe. There is no easement for the pipe to require the City to do any work. The City's Engineering Department may be able to provide more information on the pipe. The grade works in Mr. Andrews' favor to allow grading after pipe removal to drain any ponding water. The Torrington Area Health District has useful information regarding tick-proofing yards.

MOTION by Ms. Perez to GRANT a permit, the after-the-fact fee will be waived, for the work to be done in accordance with what was discussed this evening working along with Ms. Barbieri, the regular wetlands permit fee shall be paid, motion seconded by Mr. Telman, unanimously carried.

**Public Hearing scheduled for 7:30 p.m., April 20, 2010, Sullivan Senior Center,**

**88 East Albert Street, Torrington, CT**

- a. DEP Regulation Changes  
Applicant: City of Torrington  
Location: Citywide  
Proposal: Regulation change for permits issued between 7/1/06 and 7/1/09 effecting time limits per PA 09-181

Chairman Bate opened the public hearing at 7:35 p.m. and read the legal notice which was published in the Republican American. Ms. Barbieri reviewed the regulation changes. Brief discussion followed.

MOTION by Ms. Perez to close the public hearing, seconded by Ms. Carlson, unanimously carried.

MOTION by Ms. Perez to accept the amendments, seconded by Ms. Bakker, unanimously carried.

**Staff Report:**

Agent Determinations:

- . 1676 Guerdat Road, Domenic Madia, solar panels within upland regulated area
- . 75/136 Wright Road, James Wright, Sanitary System Repair

Ms. Barbieri briefly reviewed the agent determinations.

Discuss "Notification of Timber Harvest Form"

Timber Harvest Form was briefly discussed.

**Adjournment:**

MOTION by Ms. Altman to adjourn at 7:40 p.m., seconded by Ms. Perez, unanimously carried.

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irk, Land Use Office  
Wetlands Commission