

**CITY OF TORRINGTON  
INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
February 15, 2011**

Present: Jay Bate, Jr., Chairman  
Kathy Carlson, Member  
Jane Bakker, Member and Secretary (Arrived at 7:03 p.m.)  
Tom Telman, Member  
Nicole Bastiannse-Fritch, Member

Also Present: Kimberly Barbieri, Inland Wetlands Enforcement Officer

Excused: Doris Murphy, Member and Planning and Zoning Liaison

Not Present: Christine Altman, Member

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Jay Bate Jr. called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., Torrington City Hall Council Chambers, Room 218, 140 Main Street, Torrington, CT

2. **Roll Call and Announcement:**

Chairman Bate announced present and serving on the Commission will be Kathy Carlson, Tom Telman, Nicole Bastiannse-Fritch and Jay Bate. Also present is Inland Wetlands Enforcement Officer Kimberly Barbieri.

3. **Minutes for Approval:**

a. 12/14/10

MOTION by Mr. Telman to approve the 12/14/10 minutes, seconded by Ms. Carlson, unanimously carried.

4. **Old Business:**

a. Applicant: Mike and Heidi Novajasky  
Location: 391 New Litchfield Street  
Activity: Fill to level out property within upland regulated area

Ms. Barbieri explained Mike and Heidi Novajasky did their presentation at the last Inland Wetlands Commission meeting. Mr. Bate noted there were no issues brought up by the Commission.

MOTION by Mr. Telman to approve the application for Mike and Heidi Novajasky, 391 New Litchfield Street, fill to level out property within upland regulated area, seconded by Ms. Carlson, unanimously carried.

Jane Bakker, Commission member, arrived at this point.

5. **New Business:**

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- a. Vote new Vice Chairperson for the Inland Wetlands Commission

Motion by Mr. Telman to nominate Christine Altman for Vice Chairperson of the Inland Wetlands Commission, seconded by Ms. Carlson, unanimously carried.

- b. Torrington Area Health District, regulation changes.

Ms. Barbieri had sent a letter from TAHD to Commission members. Discussion followed by Ms. Barbieri and Commission members regarding setbacks to septic systems. The Health District intends to put the full responsibility/decision on all Inland Wetlands Commissions. Ms. Barbieri provided further details on various possibilities of handling applications for septic systems closer than 75 feet to a wetlands soil type. It was the consensus of Commission members they preferred the 75 foot setback to wetlands soils for a septic system. Ms. Barbieri will put together the language for a regulation change, which will need a public hearing.

MOTION by Ms. Bakker to have Ms. Barbieri prepare the language for a proposed regulation change, seconded by Mr. Telman, unanimously carried.

**6. Public Hearing Scheduled for 7:30 p.m, February 15, 2011, City Hall, Room 218, 140 Main Street, Torrington, CT**

- a. Applicant: Torrington Inland Wetlands Commission  
Proposal: Low Impact Development Regulations and regulation changes required by the Department of Environmental Protection, State of Connecticut for the Inland Wetlands Regulations of the City of Torrington

Mr. Bate read the legal notice which was published in the Republican American.

Ms. Barbieri reviewed the application, she has sent the proposal to the Connecticut DEP December 30, 2010. The proposed changes were reviewed. Ms. Barbieri noted the State is working another low impact design manual, similar to their stormwater manual, there were a number of hearings on that issued with public input to determine whether it would be handled with regulation changes or a handbook. Overwhelmingly, people didn't need any more regulations, they wanted guidelines. The Torrington Planning and Zoning Commission approved a number of changes at their December 2010 meeting for zoning regulations that included reduction of impervious surfaces, allowing alternate pavements to be used, also included stormwater management planning, etc. This whole process was started with the Farmington River Enhancement Grant the City received. The additional sections were reviewed by Ms. Barbieri, that were recommended language changes by the DEP to reflect changes in legislative law.

MOTION by Mr. Telman to continue the public hearing to March 15, 2011, seconded by Ms. Bakker, unanimously carried.

**7. Staff Report:**

- . 139 Pierce Street, Agent Determination, JC Contracting, deck within upland regulated area.

Ms. Barbieri noted this permit is for a deck.

. Deming Road, Assessor Map 201-3-5, Agent Determination, Matt Macko

This project is for a small addition, close to the 75 foot setback.

**8. Adjournment:**

MOTION by Mr. Telman to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Bakker, unanimously carried.

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