

**CITY OF TORRINGTON
INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
MINUTES
May 17, 2011**

Present: Jane Bakker, Member and Secretary
Christine Altman, Vice Chairwoman
Doris Murphy, Member and Planning & Zoning Liaison
Kathy Carlson, Member
Tom Telman, Member
Nicole Bastiannse-Fritch, Member

Also Present: Kimberly Barbieri, Inland Wetlands Enforcement Officer

Excused: Jay Bate, Jr., Chairman

1. **Call to Order:** Secretary Jane Bakker called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m., Torrington City Hall Council Chambers, Room 218, 140 Main Street, Torrington, CT

2. **Roll Call and Announcement:**

Ms. Bakker announced present and serving on the Commission (Ms. Altman arrived during roll call announcement) will be Commissioners Doris Murphy, Kathy Carlson, Tom Telman, Nicole Bastiannse-Fritch, Christine Altman and Jane Bakker.

3. **Minutes for Approval:**

a. 3/15/11

Motion by Ms. Murphy to approve the 3/15/11 minutes, seconded by Ms. Carlson, motion carried.

4. **Old Business:**

a. Applicant: Mike and Heidi Novajasky
Location: 391 New Litchfield Street
Activity: Add top soil to center and side of back yard, level out. Within upland regulated area.

Mike and Heidi Novajasky appeared before the Commission and explained their plan to add additional top soil, within upland regulated area.

MOTION by Ms. Carlson to GRANT a permit for the above referenced activity, seconded by Ms. Murphy, motion unanimously carried.

b. Applicant: Michael Wright
Location: 41 Carriage Lane
Activity: New shed and retaining wall within upland regulated area

Ms. Barbieri and the Commission discussed the activity and the proposed retaining wall on the property. The Commission accepted the application as submitted.

MOTION by Ms. Altman to GRANT a permit for the proposed activity, seconded by Mr. Telman, motion unanimously carried.

- c. Violation: Winsted Road, Assessor Map 241/002/001
- Owner: NF Holdings, LLC; Peter Ledda, Member
- Violation: Site work within regulated area, no permits

Peter Ledda appeared before the Commission and reviewed his plan that he will implement if he gets the right of way from Connecticut DOT. He is currently applying for minor grading and filling in an area excavated out for tank remediation.

Ms. Barbieri inquired of the Commission to consider waiving the after-the-fact fee since the active work was outside the upland regulated area. The Commission was agreeable.

MOTION by Ms. Altman to GRANT a permit for the above referenced activity and to waive the violation fee/after the fact permit fee, seconded by Ms. Carlson, motion unanimously carried.

5. New Business:

- a. Applicant: Groundbreakers, Lee Steiner
- Location: Tarringford Farms Pond, Tarringford Street
- Proposal: Modification to existing wetlands permit WC 03-36
Pond maintenance

Lee Steiner of Groundbreakers appeared before the Commission and explained his proposal / modification to the existing wetlands permit WC03-36. Photographs were presented to Commission members. This modification will include lowering the water level by approximately three feet in June. The plunge pool was cleaned out two years ago.

Commission members asked questions regarding the timing of past maintenance.

MOTION by Ms. Altman to approve the above referenced permit modification, seconded by Mr. Telman, motion unanimously carried.

Ms. Barbieri noted since the agenda had been sent out, she has issued two minor inland wetlands violations. William Boles of 431 Wimbledon Gate North is present this evening. Mr. Boles spoke with Ms. Barbieri about two years ago regarding landscaping and a small retaining wall. A complaint was received by the Wetlands office, due to the work not being completed. The silt fence was done.

Mr. Boles explained his plans were delayed due to truck problems, he got the card for the certified letter just as he was bringing in twenty bales of hay and \$1,000.00 worth of trees. The bales are in place, and the trees are not planted yet. The soil is clay composite and when wet it is like grease. Ms. Barbieri advised him to get some organic compost and sand to manage the soil. It is a work in progress now.

Ms. Barbieri noted the sedimentation issue has been taken care of. The Commission can determine how to handle this matter now.

Mr. Boles explained the plantings to be installed (portions inaudible due to several conversations at one time).

MOTION by Ms. Altman that 431 Wimbledon Gate North, William P. Boles, is not a violation, seconded by Mr. Telman, motion unanimously carried.

Ms. Barbieri noted the same neighbor called to complain about 334 Wimbledon Gate North, Assessor 217-4-64, Amy Prezenski and Neil Wescott, across the street, the owner is on call at the Firehouse and unable to make the meeting tonight. He did write a letter for the Commission. This violation looked worse than it was, there is an excavator on site. A garden is being installed.

Ms. Barbieri noted a permit is not needed for a garden, a load of manure was being added for the garden.

It was the consensus of the Commission that this is not a violation.

MOTION by Ms. Altman that this is not a wetlands violation, seconded by Mr. Telman, motion unanimously carried.

6. Staff Report:

- . 183 County Road, David Coon, 27' above ground pool within upland regulated area
- . 39 Brownstone Drive, Steven & Sharon Louchen, 18' above ground pool within upland regulated area

Ms. Barbieri briefly explained the above Agent Determinations.

- . 208 Moore Drive, Wetlands Issues, kid's fort near intermittent stream, bike track

Ms. Barbieri will follow up on this fort constructed on top of the stream.

7. Adjournment:

MOTION by Mr. Telman to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Altman, motion unanimously carried at 7:45 p.m.