

**CITY OF TORRINGTON  
INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
June 21, 2011**

Present: Jay Bate, Jr., Chairman  
Jane Bakker, Member and Secretary  
Doris Murphy, Member and PZC Liaison  
Tom Telman, Member

Also Present: Kimberly Barbieri, Inland Wetlands Enforcement Officer

Not Present: Kathy Carlson, Member  
Christine Altman, Vice Chairwoman  
Nicole Bastiannse-Fritch, Member

**1. Call to Order:**

Chairman Jay Bate, Jr., called the meeting to order at 7:03 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 this evening will be Jane Bakker, Doris Murphy, Tom Telman and Jay Bate, Jr. Also present is Inland Wetlands Enforcement Officer Kimberly Barbieri.

**3. Minutes for Approval:**

a. 5/17/11

MOTION by Mr. Telman to approve the 5/17/11 minutes, seconded by Ms. Bakker, unanimously carried.

**4. Old Business:**

None

**5. New Business:**

a. Violation of Permit, City of Torrington (WC08-01)  
Location: Main Street, East and West Branch Naugatuck River Clearing.

Ms. Barbieri explained the situation with the contractors, how the contractors wanted to get their equipment through the river to continue work, there was a large stone in the way in the river, soil was disturbed, etc. Ms. Barbieri was not well received by the contractors.

Mr. Gerald Rollett, Public Works Director, explained this was a contractor who did not know better, how to handle the situation and what had to be done. Mr. Rollett has someone there full time inspecting. The project is progressing, it has been a long and drawn out process. The project should be done in about two weeks, unless there is bad weather. The contractor right now is pulling stumps, and hoping the seeding will grow. There is one more phase of clearing to do, and that is the area south of Palmer Bridge Street. Once that is done, they will finish all of their inspections and hopefully put the finishing touches on all the core issues. A very detailed Army Corps inspection was done about six months ago. A consultant was hired for inspection of the levy and drainage structures, the City was going to do this, but the Army Corps was able to do this with stimulus money.

Mr. Rollett explained the City is in the process of getting the data electronically from the Corps, so it can be put into the GIS system. Then corrections can be made to retaining walls, outlet pipes, etc. The biggest issue will be the ownership of those structures. Many of these structures along the river are on private property. The Corps may take a blind eye to that and say they don't care, it still needs to be repaired. Corrections to erosion problems, etc. will be taken care of and hopefully recertification by the Corps after that. They have plans to bring the river back as a viable use for the City of Torrington. This has been a tough budget season, but so far so good.

Ms. Barbieri has inspected the site today, the area has not been corrected yet. Ms. Barbieri was first informed of this matter by Richard Calkins, PZ Chairman. The contractor could have possibly worked with Toce Tire to obtain access from their wall. Ms. Barbieri noted this clearing is good for the Police Department, as it greatly improves their visibility.

In response to a question from Mr. Telman, a grass mix will be placed, and herbicides are being sprayed to kill the invasives, and that will take a couple years to accomplish. Ms. Barbieri explained the types of plantings that will work, to reduce some of the maintenance issues.

Ms. Barbieri will keep the Commission up to date on this matter.

Mr. Rollett explained 14 years ago these types of projects were under the supervision of the Land Use Office, and the City Planner back then transferred the work to the Public Works Department.

## **6. Staff Report:**

. 210 Belmont Drive, Agent Determination, Michael Gallo, drainage improvements

Ms. Barbieri briefly explained the work, a drainage swale had been filled in and erosion has taken place. Icing problems have occurred and it has been an issue with the neighborhood. The area has been widened and lowered. We will probably be getting a couple more soon. These projects will dry out people's back yards and help some of the road issues that have occurred.

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

Ms. Barbieri explained the area has been seeded. The fort has not been taken down yet.

**7. Adjournment:**

MOTION by Mr. Telman to adjourn at 7:16 p.m., seconded by Ms. Bakker, unanimously carried.

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