

**MINUTES FOR THE  
INLAND WETLANDS - ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION OF  
THE TOWN OF EAST HARTFORD**

**Tuesday, February 27, 2024**

Chair O'Dea called the meeting to order at 7:11 PM, virtually, via Microsoft Teams.

**PRESENT**

Chair Daniel O'Dea  
Cmsr. Tony Le  
Cmsr. Richard Rivera  
Cmsr. Stephen Roczynski

**ABSENT**

Cmsr. Peter Marra  
Alt. Cmsr. Gary Vollinger

Warren Disbrow, Assistant Town Engineer, was also present.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Cmsr. Roczynski moved to **APPROVE** the January 23, 2024 regular meeting minutes.

Cmsr. Le seconded

All in Favor; None Opposed

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. File #24-01, Application of The Town of East Hartford Public Works to conduct regulated activity in inland wetlands and inland wetlands upland review areas for emergencies and maintenance in various areas of town.

Cmsr. Rivera moved to **REMOVE** the application from the table.

Cmsr. Le seconded

All in Favor; None Opposed

Alex Trujillo and Allyn Tarbell of the Town of East Hartford Public Works Department spoke on behalf of the application.

Cmsr. Rivera moved to **APPROVE** the application with the following conditions:

- The permit is non-transferable without the written consent of the Town of East Hartford Inland Wetlands – Environment Commission.
- Soil sedimentation and erosion controls acceptable to the Town Engineer are to be maintained at all times.
- All work in the Inland Wetlands and/or Inland Wetland Upland Review Area shall be commenced within five (5) years from the effective date. The activity shall be completed within one (1) year from the commencement of the activity.

- Written notice shall be submitted to the Town Designated Wetlands Agent 48 hours prior to the starting date of the approved activity.
- In evaluating this application, the Inland Wetlands - Environment Commission has relied on information provided by the applicant, and if such information subsequently proves to be false, deceptive, incomplete and/or inaccurate, this permit shall be modified, suspended, or revoked.

Cmsr. Le seconded  
All in Favor; None Opposed

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. File #24-02, Application of the Greater Hartford Transit District to conduct a regulated activity in an Inland Wetlands and Inland Wetlands Upland Review area in conjunction with the construction of a parking lot at 144-148 Roberts Street.

Cmsr. Roczynski moved to **RECEIVE** the application.  
Cmsr. Rivera seconded  
All in Favor; None Opposed

The Commission did not deem this to be a significant impact.

Cmsr. Roczynski moved to **TABLE** the application.  
Cmsr. Rivera seconded  
All in Favor; None Opposed

### **MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS:**

#### **Violation of Permit 22-06 at 1022 Burnside Ave**

Mr. Disbrow reported that commissioners received photos and an as-built survey from the permit holder showing differences from the approved plans. These include paved areas beyond what was approved and fill beyond the property line. Commissioners discussed various options for upholding the violation.

Attorney Evan Seeman of Robinson & Cole spoke representing the permit holder. He offered to remove the fill on Town-owned property, but he suggested allowing it to remain in order to avoid more work in the wetlands or upland review area. He said the permit holder would prefer to submit a new permit application to get approval for conditions as they are now rather than adjusting the conditions to meet the approved plan. The permit holder intends to apply for a site plan modification to add a shed as well. Mr. Disbrow said the as-built survey as provided did not show grading, so it is not clear how much fill is on the town property or what was filled. Concrete blocks at the site were moved to create a retaining wall, which is also not on the approved plans.

Chair O'Dea intends to visit the site to view the conditions before determining how the violation should be addressed. Mr. Disbrow reminded the permit holders that a new application would need to account for the removal of any amount of impervious surface beyond what was

approved. The Town may also request that the fill be removed from its property as it has in other cases, but Mr. Disbrow said he was not able to make that request.

The commissioners agreed to visit the site individually to view the conditions and be prepared to discuss at the next meeting.

**AGENT APPROVAL APPLICATIONS:**

None

**OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO SPEAK:**

None

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

None

**REPORTS:**

Mr. Disbrow met about the violation at 89-99 Central Avenue with the property owner's surveyor to determine how much material was placed and what needs to be removed. The surveyor is creating a plan to remove the fill and will submit an application for it to the commission.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR PAYMENT:**

1. Commission Clerk	\$120.00
TOTAL	\$120.00

Commissioner Rivera made a motion to **PAY** the bills.

Commissioner Roczynski seconded

All in Favor; None Opposed

**ADJOURNMENT**

Cmsr. Rivera moved to **ADJOURN**.

Cmsr. Le seconded

All in Favor; None Opposed

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Daniels