

Town of Andover Connecticut

Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission

Community Room, 17 School Road, Andover

December 10, 2018

Regular Meeting

MINUTES

7:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order: Michael Landolphi calls the meeting to order at 7:01PM

2. Roll Call/Seating of Alternates:

Members Present: Michael Landolphi, Richard Osborne, Ed Smith

Members Absent: Wayne Thorpe

Alternates Present: Meghan Lally, Seated for Wayne Thorpe

Alternates Absent: None

Public Present: Attachment #1

Staff Present: John Valente, Wetlands Agent
Sandra Nichols, Commission Secretary

3. Additions/Changes to the Agenda:

Meghan Lally asks the Commission to move Item 6d to the beginning of New Business.

John Valente would like to keep Item 6a at the beginning of New Business

Discussion on the order of the Agenda-no changes made at this time

4. Public Participation:
None

5. Old Business:
None

6. New Business:

- a. Appoint James Hallisey as an Alternate Member to the IWWC:

Due to the absence of James Hallisey this item is tabled.

John Valente briefly speaks to the Commission about Jim and his previous experience at the Town Hall.

- b. Jeff Minor, Applicant, 410 Lake Road. Rebuild existing sea wall using existing wall stone & approx. 10 tons of natural field stone wall block 85' of existing wall to be rebuilt.

John Valente discusses the application that has been presented to the Commission and he suggests that they have a site walk for both this application and the application made by Scott Person regarding the Hop River Trail (to be discussed next) on December 15, 2018 at 9AM.

The Commission Agrees to this date and time

John Valente asks the applicant to speak about the application regarding the scope of work that he presented the Commission.

Mr. Miner discusses the proposed re-built of the existing sea wall how he will do this and the methods that he will use to divert the water

John Valente talks to the applicant and the Commission about the importance and maintenance that is required for this scope of work.

No further action until after the site walk

- c. Application of Scott Person, Chairman Ad-Hoc Committee designated to maintain the Hop River Trail. Permit for the placement of a pedestrian bridge over a watercourse and anchored in Wetland Soil, placement of a picnic table and a bench in wetlands. Discussion on construction and Maintenance of River Trail.

John Valente introduces the application submitted by Scott Person, Chairman of the Ad-Hoc Committee and supplies photos to the Commission.

Scott Person also hands out pictures and begins discussing the application.

Discussion on the pictures that the Commission has been reviewing with Scott Person

John Valente asks Mr. Gruner, Present in the Public, to speak about the Turtle haul out.

Hank Gruner talks in length about this area how the turtles are protected and how he views this application.

Discussion among all present on the scope of work proposed in this location, the the work that already done prior to the application being submitted and the pedestrian bridge that is in place.

Meghan Lally discusses the IWWC Regulation with Scott and the Commission and she cites many that she believes should be noted. She also states that some of the work completed should have had an approved application. She also believes that the application is lacking information/incomplete.

Scott Person is unclear what she is looking for and Meghan and Scott talk about this information (not yet resolved).

Continued discussion among all on the IWWC Regulations and also a discussion on the Hop River and the surrounding property in general.

*****December 15, 2018 site walk to begin at 9AM at the West Side of the Ball field and continue at 10AM at Mr. Miner's 410 Lake Rd.***

d. Election of Officers:

Tabled until later in the meeting

e. P&ZC member to be a Regular Member per the Town Charter, Discuss the requirement:

John Valente talks about the push back that he has been getting from the Members of the P&ZC. He states that he will try again at the next meeting and then if there is no willing Member they need to address it with the BOS.

Discussion on the Charter requirement regarding this and how the Commission believes they should proceed.

John Valente introduces George Elliott who is interested in being an Alternate on the IWWC and he invites him to introduce himself.

George Elliott presents his letter of interest (attachment #2) for the Commission to review and states his qualification and interest.

Meghan Lally Motions that the Commission submit both Mr. Elliott and Mr. Hallisey to the BOS for review and appointment as Alternates to the IWWC
Richard Osborne Seconded
Motion Passed/Unanimous 4/0/0

f. 2019 IWWC Meeting Dates:

Ed Smith Motions to approve the IWWC Meeting Dates (attachment #3) as presented
Meghan Lally Seconded
Motion Passed/Unanimous 4/0/0

g. Budget Review:

Ed Smith Motions to approve the IWWC Budget (attachment#4) as present with the changes agreed upon:
1-100-08-0809-580-Milage reduce by \$150.00. \$600.00 to \$450.00
1-100-08-0809-610- Office Supplies increase by \$150.00. \$100.00 to \$250.00
Richard Osborne Seconded
Motion Passed/Unanimous 4/0/0

Meghan Lally Motions to move Agenda Item 6k to the next item of discussion
Ed Smith Seconded
Motion Passed/Unanimous 4/0/0

Item 6k Conservation Committee Report:

Carrie Crompton updates the Commission on what the Committee has been working on regarding projects. She speaks in depth about the work that they have done involving the streams.

Discussion on all the activities in the Wetlands and what the Committees future plans are.

h. Draft Lake Regulation Pending P&ZC approval:

John Valente discusses the updates to this regulation, he will provide a draft to the Commission for their review. He. John also describes what Columbia is doing and explains the excel sheet that they use for calculation to insure that the Lake Water is maintained. Future discussion planned when the Commission has had a chance to review the Draft regulation.

i. Discuss Updating Regulations:

John Valente talks about the updates to the Regulations and the cost associated with these updates. He notes what changes have occurred at the State level that have flowed down the the Town and provides all of the advisories that were sent out and incorporated into the Town Regulations.

j. Clear Advance Land use Training & CACIWC Conference recap

Meghan Lally hands out information on the Conference and discusses it with the Commission.

Discussion on the Conference with Meghan

k. Conservation Commission report:

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Already discussed

7. Approval of Minutes:

April 17, 2018 Special Meeting Minutes

Richard Landolphi Motions to approve the April 17, 2018 Special Meeting Minutes as presented.

Ed Smith Seconds

Motion Passed/Unanimous 4/0/0

8. Administrative Report:

John Valente briefly discusses what is occurring in Town and what new structures are being worked on.

9. Correspondence:

None

Agenda Item 6D- Election of Officers:

Item Tabled to the January Meeting

John Valente explains why this is being done and why it is necessary.

Discussion on the Election procedure

10. Adjournment

Ed Smith Motions to adjourn at 9:24PM

Richard Osborne Seconded

Motion Passed/Unanimous 4/0/0

Respectfully submitted by:

Sandra Nichols, Commission Secretary

***These Minutes are submitted as required by the Freedom of Information Act and are not official until formally approved by the Commission.**