

**TOWN OF EAST WINDSOR  
INLAND WETLANDS WATERCOURSE AGENCY**

**Regular Meeting – June 3, 2015**

***MEETING MINUTES***

**\*\*\*\*\*Draft Document Subject to Commission Review/Approval\*\*\*\*\***

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Savaria called the Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Meeting Room, 11 Rye Street, Broad Brook, CT.

**ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM:**

**Present:** Regular Members Ron Savaria (Chairman), Dave Menard, Richard Osborn, Richard Pippin, and Robert Slate, and Alternate Members Michael Sawka and Steve Smith.

**Unable to Attend:** All members were present this evening.

Chairman Savaria noted the establishment of a quorum with 5 Regular and 2 Alternate Members as noted above. All Regular members will sit in on votes this evening. .

Also in attendance was Wetlands Agent/Zoning Enforcement Officer Robin Newton.

**AGENDA ADDITIONS:**

Chairman Savaria noted receipt of the following new Application:

- **#3-2015: Town of East Windsor – Wells Road.** Request to add drainage improvements adjacent to 193 Wells Road. Map 85, Block 31, Lot 1D . (*65 day application period ends August 6, 2015*)

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 4, 2015:**

**MOTION:** To **APPROVE** the Minutes of Regular Meeting dated February 4, 2015 as written.

**Pippin moved/Osborn seconded/Discussion:** None

**VOTE: In Favor: Unanimous**

Note: Regular IWWA Meetings dated March 4, 2015, April 1, 2015, and May 6, 2015 cancelled – no minutes presented.

**CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None.

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**NEW APPLICATIONS TO BE RECEIVED:**

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Wetlands Agent Newton recalled for the Commission that this drainage project had been discussed during the Application for the Rodrigue subdivision recently approved by the Board. A swale already exists along the property line of one of the new lots; water currently runs through the lot and exits just before the tree line at the back of the property. The drainage will not affect the terrace escarpment slope above the river. The drainage improvement was suggested during the Rodrigue approval but the Applicant didn't want to assume responsibility for alleviation of the ponding on the Town road. As an option, the Applicant has granted the Town a 20' wide easement to install the drainage improvements proposed by the Town.

Automatically accepted; no motion made.

**NEW BUSINESS/1) Review of Bylaws:**

Wetlands Agent Newton recalled that the Commission had reviewed the bylaws previously. Commissioner Pippin noted a correction for Page 3, Section 3 – Office of Agency, Sub-section 3.1 “The office of the Agency shall be located within the offices of the Planning & Development Department at the ~~Broad Brook~~ **EAST WINDSOR** Town Hall Building.....”

No other changes were noted.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**MISCELLANEOUS:** None.

**AGENT DECISIONS:** None.

**STATUS REPORTS/1) Review of REMA 2015 Vernal Pool Monitoring Report for Newberry Village:**

Wetlands Agent Newton noted receipt this year of a report of the “Monitoring Results of the Vernal Pools” at Newberry Village prepared by George Logan, of REMA Ecological Services, LLC. Review of the report found the status of the vernal pools in the vicinity of the recent clearing at Newberry Village to have been reduced. Two previously existing vernal pools have completely disappeared. Commissioner Pippin questioned if the recent severe Winter weather could have caused their disappearance? Wetlands

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Agent Newton replied negatively, noting due to clearing so close to the pools the leaf litter and shading which is a condition to promote/protect the pools has been removed. She noted the salamanders won't migrate to a new vernal pool as they return to the pool of their birth; if the pool no longer exists the salamanders die off.

Discussion continued regarding the condition of the remaining pools, the possibility of including additional pools identified by CAWS (Connecticut Association of Wetland Scientists) in future reports, and issues cited with the REMA report. Chairman Savaria suggested the report was somewhat difficult to decipher and the locations of the pools weren't clearly shown on the map.

**VIOLATIONS:**

Wetlands Agent Newton reported Town Planner Whitten and herself will be returning to court regarding non-compliance of zoning issues for the 68 Newberry Road site.

**CONFERENCES/SEMINARS/TRAINING:**

Wetlands Agent Newton reported that Session II, which is a legal and legislative update, will be offered at the end of June or July by CAIWAC; Session I can be taken online. Session III is a hands-on course which will be offered in September or October. Discussion followed regarding the benefits of training for the Commissioners.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None.

**GENERAL BOARD DISCUSSION:**

Chairman Savaria noted this is his last meeting as an IWWA member as his term expires July 1<sup>st</sup>. He indicated that his service has been a pleasure and an interesting and rewarding experience – although it was also sometimes frustrating when people are ranting and raving in the audience. Chairman Savaria praised the efforts of his fellow commissioners, and thanked the recording secretary for her assistance during his tenure. Chairman Savaria also thanked Wetlands Agent Newton for her support for the Commission and for the knowledge she brings to the meeting table. He cited he understands she gets bad-mouthed often but he hoped the people in Town realize what an asset she is.

Chairman Savaria's fellow Commissioners thanked him for his service on the Board, and noted he will be missed.

Wetlands Agent Newton noted Deputy First Selectman Bowsza, who is also the Commission's liaison, called Chairman Savaria from the legislature to thank him for his service, and he also mentioned Chairman Savaria's service at the Board of Selectmen's Meeting the previous evening.

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**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (Discussion on non-Agenda items only):**

Kathy Pippin, speaking from the audience, thanked Chairman Savaria for his service as well.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION: To ADJOURN this Meeting at 7:20 p.m.**

**Slate moved/Pippin seconded/VOTE: In Favor: Unanimous**

Respectfully submitted:

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Peg Hoffman, Recording Secretary, Inland Wetlands and Watercourse Commission