

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

Regular Meeting – September 2, 2015

MEETING MINUTES

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

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Slate called the Meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. in the Town Hall Meeting Room, 11 Rye Street, Broad Brook, CT.

ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM:

Present: Regular Members Robert Slate (Chairman), Alan Baker (arrived at 7:03 p.m.), Dave Menard, and Richard P. Pippin, Jr., and Alternate Members and Steve Smith.

Unable to Attend: Regular Member Richard Osborn, and Alternate Member Michael Sawka.

Guests: Kathy Pippin comprised the audience.

Chairman Slate noted the establishment of a quorum with 4 Regular Members (Commissioner Baker arrived at 7:03 p.m.) and 1 Alternate Member as noted above.

Also in attendance was Wetlands Enforcement Official Robin Newton.

AGENDA ADDITIONS:

MOTION: To ADD under MISCELLANEOUS – Discussion of AD HOC Committee to oppose the State Police Gun Range.

Pippin moved/Smith seconded/

DISCUSSION: Commissioner Menard questioned why the Wetlands Commission would get involved in this Ad Hoc Committee? Wetlands Enforcement Officer Newton reported that Staff had received a memo from the First Selectman requesting the Commission discuss this issue.

VOTE: In Favor: Unanimous

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 5, 2015 Regular Meeting :

MOTION: To APPROVE the Minutes of the Inland Wetlands and Watercourse Agency Regular Meeting dated August 5, 2015.

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**Baker moved/Pippin seconded/DISCUSSION: None.
VOTE: In Favor: Unanimous**

CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.

**NEW APPLICATIONS TO BE RECEIVED/#06-2015 - Town of East Windsor –
Public Works Garage – 6 Woolam Road Request to conduct regulated activities to
repair drainage system. Nearest intersection is at Scantic Road. Map 044, Block
34, Lot 001**

Wetlands Enforcement Officer Newton reported Town Engineer Norton will be repairing the drainage outlet at the rear of the Town Garage. The Commission received the Application this evening. The Application will be heard at the October Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

**MISCELLANEOUS: Discussion of AD HOC Committee to oppose the State Police
Gun Range:**

Wetlands Enforcement Officer Newton reported Staff is in receipt of a memo from First Selectman Menard regarding the creation of the Ad Hoc Committee to oppose the State Police Gun Range. Wetlands Enforcement Officer Newton read the memo for the record. She noted the memo asks for the involvement of a member of the Inland Wetlands Commission. She noted the request is not mandatory, and questioned if any member would like to volunteer to be a member of the Ad Hoc Committee to oppose the State Police Gun Range.

Commissioner Baker volunteered, but cautioned that he felt the involvement of a Commission member was a dangerous thing to do.

Wetlands Enforcement Officer Newton noted she had checked on the status of the State review, which continues. She felt that as a regulatory board the request for a member's involvement in a committee to oppose the facility puts the land use boards in a precarious situation. Commissioner Baker felt the best service any of the boards can do is to advise the committee what it is they can't do. Commissioner Menard indicated he has a problem with this approach because the Town doesn't own the property. He questioned how we, as a property owner, would like others telling him what he could do with his property? He felt the people who should be involved in this Ad Hoc Committee should be the people fighting against the range. Commissioner Menard suggested, as a property owner in town, he felt this was a dangerous place to go. Commissioner Menard suggested he would rather see State troopers driving through town than the large trucks that cause damage to the roads but don't pay any taxes to the Town.

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Commissioner Baker rescinded his offer to volunteer to join the Ad Hoc Committee to oppose the State Police gun range; no one else volunteered.

Commissioner Pippin felt the Board of Selectmen should be advised that the Inland Wetlands Commission, as a land use commission, should not be involved in the Ad Hoc Committee. Wetlands Enforcement Official Newton indicated she will advise the Selectmen.

AGENT DECISIONS: None.

STATUS REPORTS:

Wetlands Enforcement Officer Newton reported she attended a pre-construction meeting for Newberry Village today. Chairman Slate noted the developer is already digging cellars in this phase. Wetlands Enforcement Officer Newton reported the developer is under currently under a Cease and Desist Order; he believes he will have everything which is needed in place by next Tuesday so he can go forward with this phase of the project.

VIOLATIONS: None.

CONFERENCES/SEMINARS/TRAINING/1) Session 1 – Inland Wetland Commissioner Training

Wetlands Enforcement Officer Newton reported she continues to communicate with DEEP to acquire the password information necessary to conduct this training with the Commissioners.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

GENERAL BOARD DISCUSSION:

Wetlands Enforcement Officer Newton queried the Commission to determine their availability to hold a meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 17th to accept an application for the new owners of the Skylark Airport property. The Commission would then schedule a Public Hearing for the Commission's October Meeting. All Commissioners present indicated they will be available.

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

Kathy Pippin, Woolam Road: noted that at a previous Board of Selectmen's Meeting one of the distinguished Selectmen was emphatic about his involvement with the Ad Hoc Committee to oppose the State Police Gun Range, and at the Board of Selectmen's Meeting last night that same Selectman withdrew his name from involvement in the Ad

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Hoc Committee.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: To ADJOURN this Meeting at 7:22 p.m.

Menard moved/Smith seconded/VOTE: In Favor: Unanimous

Respectfully submitted:

Peg Hoffman, Recording Secretary, Inland Wetlands and Watercourse Commission