

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

**Regular Meeting
(Including Show Cause Hearing for
61 South Main Street,
East Windsor, CT. 06016)**

Wednesday, June 1, 2022

7:00 p.m.

**John Daly, Jr. Meeting Room
Town Hall, 11 Rye Street,
Broad Brook, Connecticut
(In-person)**

AND

Meeting held via ZOOM Teleconference
Meeting ID: 714 897 1799

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********Minutes are not official until approved at a subsequent meeting********

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Talamini called the June 1, 2022 Regular Meeting of the East Windsor Inland Wetlands and Watercourse Agency to order at 7:00 p.m. in the John Daly, Jr. Meeting Room, Town Hall, 11 Rye Street, Broad Brook, CT. The Meeting is also available via remote access

Present: Regular Members Rebecca Talamini (Chairman), Alan Baker, Kurt Kebschull, Richard Osborn (Secretary), Richard P. Pippin, Jr (Vice Chairman), and Alternate Member Mike Sawka.

Unable to Attend: All Commissioners participated this evening, either in person or remotely.

Guests (In person): Inland Wetlands Agent/Zoning Enforcement Officer Danielle Miller, Vito Cortese, Louis Spadaccini, Attorney representing Vito Cortese.

Remote Guests (as identified on meeting participation list): **Director of**

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Planning and Development/Town Planner/Inland Wetlands Officer Ruth Calabrese hosted the meeting remotely. Also participating remotely were Regular Commission Member Kurt Kebschull, Richard Gille, of Tighe & Bond, Brian McCann, of Pullman and Comley, Stefanie Tougas, Region I. EPA (Environmental Protection Agency), and Margaret (Peg) Hoffman, Recording Secretary.

II. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM:

Chairman Talamini noted the establishment of a quorum with 4 Regular Members and 1 Alternate Member in attendance in-person, and 1 Regular Member participating remotely as noted above. All Regular Members will sit in on votes this evening.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Everyone stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. AGENDA ADDITIONS:

Wetlands Agent Miller requested the addition of the following items:

- Emergency Repair of drainage issues at Pleasant Street requested by Town Engineer Norton

Wetlands Agent Miller noted the work requested by Town Engineer Norton is across the street from the Violation at 43 Pleasant Street; she suggested the two issues may tie in together.

No motion made, Town Engineer Norton's emergency request will be discussed during the **VIOLATIONS, IWWA 2022-08, 43 Pleasant Street.**

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 4, 2022 – Regular Meeting:

MOTION: To APPROVE the Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Inland Wetlands and Watercourse Agency dated May 4, 2022 as presented.

Pippin moved/Osborn seconded/DISCUSSION: None.

VOTE In Favor: Talamini/Baker/Kebschull/Osborn/Pippin

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(No one opposed/No abstentions)

VI. NEW APPLICATIONS TO BE RECEIVED: None.

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. 61 South Main Street – Mr. Vito Cortese, property owner. Show Cause Hearing for Cease & Restore Hearing:

The following Legal Notice was published regarding this Show Cause Hearing:

Legal Notice

**Town of East Windsor
Inland Wetland Watercourse Agency**

The East Windsor Inland Wetland Watercourse Agency will hold a Showcause Hearing at its regular meeting starting at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 1, 2022 at the Town Hall, 11 Rye Street, Broad Brook, Connecticut.

Mr. Vito Cortese, owner of the property at 61 South Main Street, East Windsor, CT, has been summoned for a Show Cause Hearing before the Inland Wetland & Watercourse Commission to activities conducted within a regulated area without obtaining a permit.

Questions can be directed to the Office of Planning & Development (860) 623-6030. All interested persons may appear and be heard.

Danielle B. Miller, Inland Wetland & Watercourse Agent
Town of East Windsor

Published in the Journal Inquirer May 20, 2022 and May 28, 2022.

MOTION: To OPEN the Public Hearing on 61 South Main Street – Mr. Vito Cortese, property owner. Show Cause Hearing for Cease & Restore Hearing.

Pippin moved/Osborn seconded/DISCUSSION: None.

**VOTE In Favor: Talamini/Baker/Kebschull/Osborn/Pippin
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Present in person for the Show Cause Hearing were Vito Cortese, the property owner, and Louis Spadaccini, Attorney representing Mr. Cortese.

Wetlands Agent Miller advised the Commission the Planning Office received a complaint that a lot of trees were cut, and fill added on Mr. Cortese's property. Mr. Cortese submitted an incomplete application to the Planning Office. During subsequent discussions with the Planning Office Planning Director Calabrese suggested rather than file an After-the-Fact Application that Mr. Cortese appear for a Show Cause Hearing at this meeting. Wetlands Agent Miller advised the Commission Mr. Cortese was sent a formal Cease & Restore letter advising him to seek the services of a soil scientist; she noted the Town identifies the area filled as being an upland review area.

Joining the discussion was Attorney Louis Spadaccini. Attorney Spadaccini concurred that Mr. Cortese, the property owner, had filled the area with the logs and wood chips to support his driveway which was eroding. Attorney Spadaccini didn't feel the trees deposited into the eroding area were taken from the wetlands, nor did Mr. Cortese know the area filled was an upland review area. Attorney Spadaccini reported Mr. Cortese hired Mr. James McMannus of JJM Wetland Consulting Services LLC to assist him. Attorney Spadaccini referenced Mr. McMannus' report, noting Mr. McMannus did an analysis and delineated the wetlands area. Mr. McMannus determined "that no regulated wetlands area was filled and/or impacted by the recently deposited logs and wood chips. On average the logs/wood chips were roughly 50 to 60 feet from the regulated boundary edge, with the exception of the western portion, which was noted to be about 10 to 20 feet from the wetlands boundary."

Attorney Spadaccini noted Mr. Cortese didn't know what he was doing required a permit, and is willing to do whatever is required.

Chairman Talamini asked if a map of the area had been provided? Wetlands Agent Miller noted Mr. McMannus referenced maps in his report, which she compared to photos of the area impacted taken during her site visit. Planning Director Calabrese indicated she read in the report that the material had been deposited in the upland review area but was not impacting the watercourse or the wetlands, she requested clarification that that comment had been correct? Attorney Spadaccini replied affirmatively. Commissioner Pippin suggested the material was still within the upland review area.

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Commissioner Baker questioned the status of the activities, is the material shown in the photos still there? Do the photos depict a filled area, or an area that's covered with wood chips? Mr. Cortese referenced the photos, noting that area was wood chips. Commissioner Baker questioned the depth of the material? Mr. Cortese estimated about 3 feet, noting that last year around May he had problems with water and drainage coming from the neighbor's yard so he added clean fill to the area to keep the driveway from caving in. Commissioner Baker questioned what the clean fill was composed of? Mr. Cortese indicated it was the trees.

Commissioner Osborn questioned if the filling has worked? Mr. Cortese replied affirmatively. Commissioner Osborn questioned if there's been any impact to the slope, sometimes when you put more weight on it the slope will slide. Commissioner Osborn noted that driveway has been there for years. Mr. Cortese replied affirmatively, noting the person coming in with the truck was able to drive up the driveway without any problems. Commissioner Pippin suggested there hasn't been much edge on the driveway for some time, customarily you would use riprap or coarse stone that won't wash away and won't have the tannic acid washing out into the watercourse over time.

Commissioner Baker questioned the distance from the foot of the new slope to the water? Chairman Talamini estimated the distance to be about 100 feet from the street. Commissioner Pippin questioned the distance of the drop; had a topographic map been provided? Chairman Talamini felt the distance wasn't that much; she questioned if there was a need to put in a culvert? Mr. Cortese reiterated the water was coming in from the neighbor's farm.

Commissioner Baker requested Planning Director Calabrese share the GIS topo map of the area. He noted the steep slope where they deposited the logs but also noted it then flattens out again, it appears to be quite a distance before it hits the wetlands. Commissioner Baker suggested he didn't see it as an issue from a water quality standpoint, but he didn't feel that it would last very long, and Mr. Cortese will be back there fixing stuff. If that happens the Commission needs to know about it first. Mr. Cortese agreed to whatever the Commission recommends.

Chairman Talamini questioned if this action satisfies the Cease and Restore Order for the Commission? She suggested if anything changes Mr. Cortese knows what he needs to do.

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Commissioner Baker continued to review the photos taken during the site visit. Planning Director Calabrese shared a Google Street view of the property identified as “added fill dated 12/2021”; Commissioner Pippin referenced page 2 of the handout provided this evening by Wetlands Agent Miller shows flags on the bushes.

Commissioner Baker suggested the report by the wetlands scientist indicates there’s no impact to the wetlands. Commissioner Baker indicated he doesn’t see this as a long-term solution but when it needs to be removed the activities will have to come before the Commission; Chairman Talamini concurred.

Hearing no further requests for continued discussion Chairman Talamini called for a motion to close the Public Hearing.

MOTION: To CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING on 61 South Main Street – Mr. Vito Cortese, property owner. Show Cause Hearing for Cease & Restore Hearing.

Pippin moved/Osborn seconded/DISCUSSION: None.

**VOTE In Favor: Talamini/Baker/Kebschull/Osborn/Pippin
(No one opposed/No abstentions)**

MOTION: To WITHDRAW the Cease and Restore Order to allow the property owner to complete the work as the Wetlands Report shows no impact to the wetlands.

Baker moved/Pippin seconded/DISCUSSION: None.

**VOTE In Favor: Talamini/Baker/Kebschull/Osborn
Opposed: Pippin
Abstentions: No one**

VIII. CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.

IX. NEW BUSINESS: None.

X. OLD BUSINESS: None

XI. MISCELLANEOUS:

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1. Report from Tighe & Bond – 232-236 South Main:

Joining the Commission remotely were Richard Gille, of Tighe & Bond, Brian McCann, of Pullman and Comley, and Stefanie Tougas, Region I. EPA (Environmental Protection Agency).

Planning Director Calabrese noted the Town is working under an agreement with Mr. Balch. She referenced the Tighe & Bond Report for the Commission, noting it's been presented in three phases: 1) Delineate and define the impact to the wetlands, 2) Develop a Restoration Plan, and 3) Implement the Restoration Plan. Planning Director Calabrese noted DEEP and the ACOE will be reviewing the Restoration Plan prior to implementation.

Mr. Gille introduced himself, noting he's a Project Manager with Tighe & Bond, of Middletown, CT. Mr. Gille reported they started the project by using satellite imagery dated March 23, 2021 to define the boundary of the filled area and the adjacent standing water to determine how much of this material has been deposited in mapped wetlands. Mr. Gille referenced a location map within Appendix A, which identifies the area within the orange boundary is the approximate area of the fill material. Throughout his presentation Mr. Gille referenced the various sections of their report.

Mr. Gille noted the objectives of the report were: 1) identification of the native soils and limits of the wetlands areas, 2) provide an assessment of vegetation, soils, and wetlands functions and values and evaluate impact to those, 3) determine composition of the fill material, 4) delineation of the vertical and horizontal extend of the material, and 5) evaluate the environmental quality – the presence or absence of contaminants we'd expect to see in this type of material. Mr. Gille indicated they knew some of the material is building materials, which may include asbestos, PCBs and building product waste.

Mr. Gille suggested that using online GIS and other data they reviewed what part of the deposited material falls within the mapped wetlands and flood plain. Mr. Gille noted they have been assisted by other team members who are Soil Scientists regarding the delineation of the wetlands areas and evaluation of the native materials below the filled area. Planning Consultant Calabrese suggested that information could be reviewed under the report's conclusions, as that information is important for this Commission to hear.

Regarding site history, Mr. Gille suggested it appears the deposition happened

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quickly. In 2016 the area was less extensively impacted, with more mature trees located within the area and more standing water, while in 2017 the imagery shows the removal of trees and a flattening of the area. They consider the work to have been done fairly recently.

Mr. Gille reported they chose to evaluate the area with a series of test pits conducted to a depth of 12 feet using an excavator. In some areas the depth of fill extended beyond the reach of the excavator. The Soil Scientists used hand tools to collect shallow samples to identify areas of native materials. Mr. Gille referenced Appendix location map 4, noting the blue crosshatching represents the mapped wetlands area, while the orange indicates the 500 year flood zone. The red boxes represent 17 test pits, while the green dots indicate borings outside the estimated area of fill. Mr. Gille indicated the study area, which is the red outline, extends over the two property boundaries.

Mr. Gille indicated the yellow area is the area of fill that lies within the inland wetlands area. Planning Director Calabrese questioned the estimated amount, Mr. Gille suggested over 2 acres. Planning Director Calabrese asked the average depth of fill, Mr. Gille suggested 8 to 12 feet, with the deepest being at the toe of the slope. He suggested test pits 1, 2, and 5 show the most extensive filled area but they're outside the mapped wetland area.

Planning Director Calabrese asked Mr. Gille to show the historic aerials of 2020 and 2021 so the Commission can see the fill history. Mr. Gille shared aerials of 3/7/2020 and 3/23/2021, which indicated a significant area of expansion.

Regarding the findings of the report, Mr. Gille suggested they expected the fill to be construction and demolition debris, some of the material tested for asbestos and lower levels of PCBs in one of the locations. There are also a lot of chunks of asphalt, which will include petroleum products. Mr. Gille identified various contaminants contained within the fill material. Planning Director Calabrese questioned that scanning was done for the ultimate removal of those materials from the site; Mr. Gille replied affirmatively, referencing Section 5.2.1 (Conclusions) of the report.

Commissioner Kebschull joined the conversation remotely. He questioned if it was dumped prior to 1970? Commissioner Kebschull suggested it would appear that someone is using East Windsor as a dumping ground, would it be considered a Superfund site? The contaminants are significant. And how will the inspector know who dumped the material? Was it dumped before there

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were regulations regarding polluting the water?

Mr. Gille suggested he didn't feel the material would rise to the level of a Superfund site. He indicated he doesn't have the history of the site but felt most of the deposition occurred between 2015 and the present when there would have been laws prohibiting the deposition of the fill. Mr. Gille noted one of the recommendations in the report is to evaluate groundwater and how that may have been impacted. Commissioner Kebschull felt the person who purchased the property was culpable, knowing the material was there. Commissioner Kebschull questioned if any fines could be imposed on the property owner?

Chairman Talamini noted the property has been in the same ownership for 50 years, and this filling happened in the last 10 years. That property owner has some responsibility. Commissioner Pippin suggested it's been under many corporate names but it's the same family.

Mr. Gille continued to offer conclusions and recommendations, noting the current testing went 8 to 12 feet vertically. There are definitely contaminants, including asbestos, in the filled area. He suggested none of the material placed in this area would meet the definition of clean fill under the State's Solid Waste Regulations.

Mr. Gille suggested the report's conclusions indicate where the limits of fill were found, what the referenced borings identified as native materials, the depth at which native materials were observed, and how the presence of these materials have affected the functions and values of the wetlands. There is a high degree of similarity of what they found and what was observed in the satellite imagery. Planning Director Calabrese cited the impact to the wetlands regarding groundwater discharge and recharge lost, the role of sediment and toxic nutrient removal and the loss of wildlife habitat. Mr. Gille suggested to get an understanding of how much fill is in this area they used an average of 8 feet, which is an average of 89,000 square feet of area. Mr. Gille suggested that equates to a little over 2 acres which comes to approximately 265,000 cubic feet of material which has been deposited within the regulated or flood plain area.

Mr. Gille and Planning Director Calabrese opened discussion to the Commissioners.

Commissioner Baker noted a lot of soil testing data but was surprised at the

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lack of water quality data. He noted that some of this material was deposited in a swamp, he questioned if any water quality data was collected? Mr. Gille suggested that was a recommendation of the plan going forward, he felt it was enough to delineate the extent of the material. He felt having a handle on the amount of material as a first step is important. To restore the area you'll have to evaluate groundwater and surface water. Planning Director Calabrese suggested they've asked Tighe and Bond to prepare a cost estimate for the development of a restoration plan, which would be the next phase of the study.

Commissioner Osborn advised the Commission he grew up across the street from this area. There used to be a brook that ran north to south of the fill area, and the brook used to be full of fish. He suggested there's a lot more fill in that area than when he was a kid. The person who has owned the property under different corporate names has owned the property since the 1970s. The area used to be a beautiful place, there used to be dairy farm and tobacco. Mr. Gille suggested if there were concerns for other areas of the property there are ways to evaluate that. He noted there were also pesticides found in the fill material which may have come from the farming and the greenhouses nearby but the regulatory limits are low.

Mr. Gille noted Section 6 of the report lays out the recommendations for a restoration plan, which includes more investigation of surface water and groundwater, and removal of asbestos related materials and who might need to oversee that. Mr. Gille suggested the removal should be overseen by a third party following a structured remediation plan.

Mr. Gille concluded his presentation. Chairman Talamini called for comments from the Commissioners. Commissioner Baker indicated he's looking forward to seeing the remediation plan; Chairman Talamini concurred.

Stephanie Tougas, of the EPA, joined the discussion remotely. Ms. Tougas reported she visited the site last year with Mr. McCann and the Town. She questioned if the property owner is being amicable, do you have his buy-in to make this happen? This will be an expensive restoration, she hopes the Town has the ability to get this done. Planning Director Calabrese reported there is an agreement between the Town and Mr. Balch regarding the 3 phases of the plan, she noted this report is Phase 1. Mr. Balch has paid for Phase 1, that information has been shared with Mr. Balch and his attorney. Once we have another proposal available we'll make another request of Mr. Balch. Ms,

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Tougas indicated she'll play a supporting role for now as the work seems to be on track. She requested that the Town continue to share information with her as the EPA hasn't done an investigation as it appears to be Federally jurisdictional wetlands which have been impacted.

Hearing no further comments Chairman Talamini thanked Mr. Gille for his report, and for the involvement of Mr. McCann and Ms. Tougas as well.

2. Policy on Submission deadlines:

Wetlands Agent Miller advised the Commission Staff is reviewing the Regulations and application process to streamline the processing time. She noted currently an applicant has 6 days prior to a meeting to submit applications, which makes it difficult for Staff to prepare applications in time for the Commissioners to review the materials for a meeting. Planning Director Calabrese concurred, noting Staff works with people as much as possible. She suggested there is significant push for late application submissions, which makes the meeting preparation difficult.

XII. AGENT REVIEW, REPORTS AND DECISIONS:

1. Gravel Pit – Ketch Brook Report:

Wetlands Agent Miller advised the Commission she has visited the site of the work described by Chairman Talamini previously. She met with Jay Ussery, of J. R. Russo & Associates, who is performing work for those entities involved with the development of the solar farm. Wetlands Agent Miller shared a location map with the Commission, noting the yellow line is the scope of the planned work. There is erosion occurring where it drops off to Ketch Brook. They are not responsible but they have agreed to work with the Town. Mr. Ussery will prepare a plan related to Ketch Brook, which would include grading and seeding.

Wetlands Agent Miller reported the project is currently on hold due to the delay in the solar panel delivery. They have apparently allowed people to continue to farm over the Summer.

Commissioner Osborne cited recent newspaper articles regarding the delay in solar projects. While there is a back-up regarding delivery of the solar panels a bigger problem is the grid didn't allow them to get in. Wetlands Agent Miller reported they didn't mention that during the site

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visit. They did install silt fence and someone reviews the area daily as they're having problems with people getting into the area with ATVs, and people still bringing debris into the landfill. Planning Director Calabrese noted they plan to install security cameras as well.

Regarding the tree clearing Wetlands Agent Miller reported they said that area had already been cleared before they started their work. Commissioner Baker suggested that clearing was done a couple of years ago.

Wetlands Agent Miller advised the Commission Staff will continue to monitor the area and report back to the Commission with updates.

2. Violation Report:

Wetlands Agent Miller gave the Commission a copy of her Violation Report for June 1, 2022, noting that she's added the dates of the various actions.

As a quick review Wetlands Agent Miller reported on the following:

- 165 Rockville Road – property owner will be coming in with an application for the July IWWA Meeting,
- 213 Scantic Road – East Windsor Historical Society – removing soil from barn to spread throughout the rear of the property.
- 43 Pleasant Street – the Commission will be discussing this property under **VIOLATIONS**.

Wetlands Agent Miller also noted Staff approved the placement of a small shed in an upland review area on Scantic Road as an Agent Decision.

XIII. VIOLATIONS:

1. IWWA 08-2022 – 43 Pleasant Street. Wetlands filling. Ms. Susan Coile, property owner (Mr. Mike Cooke, representative):

Wetlands Agent Miller reported the owner of the property lives in Missouri. Wetlands Agent Miller met with the contractor who did the work/filling for the property owner. The contractor had intended to be

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present this evening, but his plans have changed. The contractor will not be attending this meeting.

Wetlands Agent Miller reported this activity relates to Town Engineer Norton's request to do emergency drainage work in the area of 38, 40, 43 and 47 Pleasant Street, all of which are subject to continued flooding. She noted that some years back the property owner at 37 Pleasant Street experienced flooding in the back yard. The property owner at 37 Pleasant Street created a berm on their property, which added to the flooding at 43 Pleasant Street. Wetlands Agent Miller suggested the work that was done appears to have directed the water towards the trees at the rear of the property.

Referencing the photos provided to the Commission Wetlands Agent Miller noted the wetlands delineation in this area goes up to the back yards of the various property owners. The property owner at 37 Pleasant Street created a berm on their property which added to the flooding problems at 43 Pleasant Street. There are marshes and trees behind these properties where it's always wet.

Wetlands Agent Miller reiterated the property owner at 43 Pleasant Street didn't know she needed to file a Wetlands Permit for the filling. Staff is advising the Commission they could consider fining the property owner up to \$500. Wetlands Agent Miller advised the Commission several people have responded to Staff investigating complaints by asking for permits to be approved after the work has been done. Staff is considering creating a Corrective Action Order rather than continuing to process After-the-fact Applications.

Chairman Talamini questioned if anything being proposed by Town Engineer Norton will impact this property?

Wetlands Agent Miller cited temporary drainage repairs were made by the Town in the street at 38 and 40 Pleasant which didn't work. Chairman Talamini noted there's a yard drain near one of the properties, she suggested if that yard drain was connected to the Town drainage it would probably work better for the area.

The Commission reviewed the area on the GIS. It was noted there has been a significant amount of tree clearing on the Hartfield Office Park property on Bridge Street. The Commission noted that the rear

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boundaries of the Hartfield Office Park property exit on Pleasant Street; the Commission considered if any activity on the Bridge Street property might be impacting the Pleasant Street properties as well.

Chairman Talamini queried the Commission regarding resolution of this Violation at 43 Pleasant Street.

Commissioner Pippin suggested 10 to 12 inches of fill appears to have been added to the area. His concern was causing more damage removing the fill. Chairman Talamini agreed, noting the repair has solved the issue for the property owner at 43 Pleasant Street, and hopefully, whatever the Town does will improve the area. Chairman Talamini didn't feel the property owner should be fined. Commissioner Baker didn't see how the Commission could fine the property owner if the fill wasn't being removed.

MOTION: To APPROVE IWWA Application 08-2022 for 43 Pleasant Street. Wetlands filling. Ms. Susan Coile, property owner and allow the fill to remain with a fine of zero for work completed without permit.

Pippin moved/Osborn seconded/DISCUSSION: None.

**VOTE In Favor: Talamini/Baker/Kebschull/Osborn/Pippin
(No one opposed/No abstentions)**

2. Emergency Repair of drainage issues at Pleasant Street requested by Town Engineer Norton:

The Commission reviewed Town Engineer Norton's memo regarding proposed repair of an existing drainage pipe.

MOTION: To ALLOW Town Engineer Norton to move forward with the drainage repairs at Pleasant Street as an Agent Decision.

Pippin moved/Osborn seconded/DISCUSSION: None.

**VOTE In Favor: Talamini/Baker/Kebschull/Osborn/Pippin
(No one opposed/No abstentions)**

XIV. CONFERENCES/SEMINARS/TRAINING: None.

XV. CORRESPONDENCE: None.

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XVI. GENERAL BOARD DISCUSSION:

Chairman Talamini asked if the Commissioners had comments or questions for discussion?

Commissioner Osborn noted there continues to be filling at Skylark Airport. Wetlands Agent Miller reported Staff had contacted the property owner for a site visit, which was postponed. Planning Director Calabrese reported the property owner has hired a Wetlands Scientist; Staff needs to follow-up. Commissioner Pippin noted the wetlands water table in that area is about at the roots of the grass.

Chairman Talamini requested Staff to follow up on the site visit.

No one else raised any issues for **GENERAL BOARD DISCUSSION.**

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

Chairman Talamini noted the opportunity for Public Participation. None of the in-person audience, nor the remote participants, request to be acknowledged.

XVIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Pursuant to C.G.S. Section 1-200 (6)(b) – pending claims/litigation – Action possible:

No **EXECUTIVE SESSION** this evening.

XIX. ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: To ADJOURN this Meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Pippin moved/Osborn seconded/

**VOTE: In Favor: Talamini/Baker/Kebschull/Osborn/Pippin
(No one opposed/No abstentions)**

Respectfully submitted:

Peg Hoffman, Recording Secretary, Inland Wetlands and Watercourse Commission