

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
WINDSOR INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES COMMISSION
TUESDAY MARCH 7TH, 2023 7:00PM
Online webinar, to join via computer please go to the link below
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Chairman Morando called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Chairman Morando, Secretary Towers, and Commissioners; D. DeCarlo, C. Elkins, and Alternate Commissioner: J. Adamson.

Also present was Wetland Agent, Chloe Thompson.

II. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS (3-minute limit on items other than Public Hearings)

No public communications.

III. BUSINESS MEETING

- **MINUTES**

Commissioner Adamson made a **motion to approve the minutes for February 7th**. Commissioner Towers seconded the motion. **Vote 5-0-0**

- **NEW BUSINESS**

- Application 23-144: Hunters Ridge, CT Drainage Pro's – Drainage pipe installation and erosion remediation

Roger Kellman, P.E. from F.A. Hesketh Associates addressed the Commission as the representative for the application. R. Kellman explained the details of the previously conducted activity without a permit, the existing conditions of the site, and the additional work to be completed.

Commissioner DeCarlo asked if there were any pictures of the work that was conducted as it was being constructed, expressing concern with the fact that this water is coming from a trench for the sewer line and asked what would happen if there was a break in the sewer line itself. R. Kellman stated that the contractor did not take any pictures as the pipe was being installed, but explained that there was a drawing of what the contractor explained in the site plan attached to the application. R. Kellman added that he does not have an answer for what would happen if there was a breach in the sewer line. Commissioner DeCarlo stated that he has concern with what work was actually conducted as there is no evidence or pictures.

Chairman Morando asked if the pipe was directly attached to the sewer trench. R. Kellman stated that there was no direct connection from the sewer line or trench to the pipe that was installed and the pipe starts 10ft away from the trench.

Chairman Morando asked if these four houses were the only property owners affected by this issue and if it was a private road. R. Kellman confirmed this. Chairman Morando asked if there was a Homeowner's Association for this road to fund the maintenance of the road and mowing of the lawn that was actually part of the wetland. R. Kellman stated that there was no formal association but the main representative is Richard Johnson of 17 Hunter's Ridge and all homeowners take equal responsibility for the maintenance of the road. R. Kellman added that he is not aware of who is mowing the lawn, but he can get this information from the property owners.

Commissioner Towers asked if there was a greater rate of flow from the pipe during significant rain events. R. Kellman stated that this pipe only collects water from the sewer trench and the rest of the drainage is managed through sheet flow or the previously established discharge points. R. Kellman also stated that this drainage could also probably be remediated through regrading of the road to allow for this water to also sheet flow and infiltrate into the soil.

Commissioner DeCarlo asked if the MDC was contacted to see if any modifications to their infrastructure could be made to alleviate this pressure. R. Kellman stated that the MDC was called to the site and did not claim any responsibility.

Commissioner Adamson made a **motion to accept application 23-144: Hunters Ridge, CT Drainage Pro's – Drainage pipe installation and erosion remediation**. Commissioner DeCarlo seconded the motion.
Vote 5-0-0

- Amazon Stream Restoration Monitoring Report – Fall 2022

Dean Gustafson and Emily Perko, Wetland Scientists from All Points Technology addressed the Commission representing the Restoration Report. Also present was David Duncan and Dan Madrigal from Scannell Properties, LLC.

D. Gustafson explained the restoration efforts that took place in the growing season in June 2022, and field inspections in October and November 2022. Additional site evaluation will occur starting in the spring of 2023 and observations of which will be included in a report to be submitted to the Commission once again in December 2023. E. Perko explained each of the segments of restoration, detailing the sediment removal, stabilization efforts and live plantings and seeding.

Commissioner Towers asked if the Stosonis' were agreeable to the work conducted and the plans moving forward. D. Duncan stated that they have come to resolution with them and they will be involved and in communication throughout the duration of the restoration project.

D. Gustafson said he will communicate with W. A. Thompson in regard to arranging a site visit in spring of 2023.

IV. AGENT ACTION

Wetland Agent Thompson reviewed the following applications:

- AA23-145: 812 Bloomfield Ave, Andrew Hughes – Tree removal
- AA23-146: 685 Windsor Ave, Paul Norris-Town of Windsor – Goslee Pool Building Addition & Site improvements

V. AGENT REPORTS

- Violations:
 - 398 Palisado Ave – Cease & Correct Order

W. A. Thompson explained the detail this violation, stating that two structures, stockade fencing and a boardwalk have been constructed in a floodplain without obtaining any permits prior to construction. W.A. Thompson explained that our floodplain ordinance is quite strict and prohibits any new structures from being constructed within this regulated area. These structures are also within inland wetlands. W.A. Thompson stated that this order is currently being reviewed to be issued to the property owner, after which the Commission will be polled for availability for the show cause hearing which will occur within 10 days after issuance. W.A. Thompson added that she made a site visit on February 9th ordering a contractor to stop the construction of the fence, after which the fence was found to be completed and expanded in two other locations further within the wetlands and floodplain. This prompted a response from the property owner which will be included in materials distributed to the Commission in preparation for the show cause hearing.

Commissioner DeCarlo asked if there were any building permits issued for the buildings. W.A. Thompson stated that there were no permits obtained from the town for any of this work, but because of how strict the floodplain ordinances are, this must be addressed in this manner before any review from the Building Department.

VI. PETITIONS FROM COMMISSIONERS**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner DeCarlo made a motion to adjourn at 8:11pm. Commissioner Towers seconded the motion. Vote 5-0-0

I certify that these minutes were approved on

Marlene Towers, Secretary
Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission