

**INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES COMMISSION
PLAINVILLE, CONNECTICUT
SEPTEMBER 6, 2023
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES**

REGULAR MEETING at 7:00 P.M.

**MUNICIPAL CENTER
ROOM 304 – COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

PRESENT: P. LeBeau, P. Martin, P. Kilby, R. Carrier, K. Kowalczyk, C, Gonzalez

ABSENT: None

STAFF: M. Devoe, Town Planner

I. ROLL CALL

All members were present. 2 new members were introduced.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

III. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Notice of Violation / Cease and Desist Order- Show Cause – 12 Granger Lane – clear cutting in a regulated area – Continued from meeting 5-3-23.**

The applicant requested to come to the meeting in October to present their proposal.

A motion was made by: P. Martin to table to October meeting.

Seconded by: P. LeBeau

All in Favor 6 to 0 Motion Passes

V. NEW BUSINESS

1. IW 07/23 #10 – IW Declaratory Ruling – Vegetation Management – 365 Woodford Avenue – Anthony Silva, Agent – Hamlin Water’s Edge Condominiums.

The applicant is seeking a declaratory ruling from the Commission to manage vegetation within a shoreline area on Hamlin Pond. The applicant is not seeking to fill any wetlands. No deposition or excavation will occur. Most of the work will necessarily be done by hand, and any power equipment that is needed will be operated from an upland area. The invasive species as well as indigenous shrubs are now taking over the submergent area and the Association wants to manage the resource. This is a declaratory ruling under Section 4.2.a. The material, only vegetation above water level will be removed and replacement will be with native cattail.

A motion was made by: P. Martin to approve IW07/23#10, finding that the activity proposed is in keeping with the 4.2 a regulations and is permitted as a non-regulated use.

Seconded by: C. Gonzalez

All in Favor 6 to 0

Motion Passes

2. IW 08/23 #11 – IW Declaratory Ruling – Water Main Replacement – 195 Woodford Avenue – Aquarion Water Company.

The applicant is seeking a declaratory ruling from the Commission to replace an existing water main. The main runs from the Woodford Avenue well fields, where recent work is wrapping up on the town-wide water softening treatment facility. This project is part of an ongoing maintenance program established by Aquarion Water Company to update its infrastructure.

Section 4.1.e of the regulations list construction and operation of water systems as a by-right use.

The applicant representative, Joseph Perugini, Weston & Sampson, explained the project. He also explained additional erosion and sedimentation control measures that will be used.

A motion was made by: P. Martin to approve IW08/23#11, a declaratory ruling, under section 4.1e finding that this work is permitted use by right.

Seconded by: P. LeBeau

All in Favor 6 to 0

Motion Passes

VI. BILLS AND COMMUNICATIONS

None

VII. MINUTES

A motion was made by: P. Martin to approve the regular meeting minutes of June 7, 2023 as written.

Seconded by: P. LeBeau

All in Favor 6 to 0

Motion Passes, Minutes Accepted

VIII. PLANNER'S REPORT

Planner Devoe talked about what he is working on in his office.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by: P. Martin to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 pm.

Seconded by: P. LeBeau

All in Favor 6 to 0

Motion Passes

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Dahlstrom

Recording Secretary