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Town of East Haven, CT
Inland Wetland and Watercourse Commission
Minutes
September 9, 2020

1. Call to Order

Chairman Jerry Jaffe called the meeting to order at 7:10PM

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call

Jerry Jaffe-present
Rick Raffone-present
Robert Cubellotti-present
Richard Poulton-present
Wendy Bellmore-present
Vin Corso- absent

Also in attendance was Interim Town Engineer Jonathan Bodwell and Attorney Jennifer Coppola

4. Approval of Minutes from July 8, 2020

A motion was made by Mr. Cubellotti to approve the minutes from July 8, 2020. Said motion was seconded by Mr. Raffone. All were in favor.

Attorney Coppola noted that tonight's meeting was in person and via a Zoom conference call. She stated that the agenda had been published on the town website in compliance with Executive Order 7B and 7I. The Commission must hold a just cause hearing and the public would be provided the opportunity to speak.

The Clerk read item 2 -Public Hearing

Mr. Bodwell read the Cease & Desist Order dated August 31, 2020 and a memo dated September 9, 2020 into the record.

Attorney Coppola noted there were two exhibits for the record... Exhibit 1 is the August 31, 2020 Cease & Desist order. Item 2 is memo dated September 9, 2020.

Mr. Bodwell noted that the current condition of the property along the Farm River was that all trees and vegetation had been removed and replaced with grass.

Mr. Cubellotti noted that he had been presented, about an hour ago, with some photos from Facebook which showed all the work that had been done on the property.

Attorney Coppola noted that these photos would become Exhibit 3. Mr. Jaffe noted that this work dated back to 2019. Mr. Poulton noted that a Cease & Desist order had been sent over a year ago but it appeared that it was not established as a legal document.

Mr. Jaffe noted that it had been in the hands of the previous Town Engineer and the Commission had actively tried to pursue the issue and had previously requested the presence of the homeowner at meetings to no avail.

Attorney Coppola spoke to Mr., Poulton's concerns and noted that this current C & D had been served in hand, and delivered by First class and certified/return receipt.

Attorney Coppola noted that the homeowner was not in attendance physically and ask that if she was in attendance via Zoom to please unmute herself and make her presence known.

Ms. Bellemore noted that it appeared there was no barrier and that all run off would go directly into the river. Mr. Bodwell noted that this commission probably did not have any authority over that.

Attorney Cooppola again asked if the homeowner was in attendance could they please unmute themselves. The person who was in attendance online, did not unmute themselves.

Mr. Raffone made a motion to affirm the Cease & Desist and adopt the three conditions in the memo. Said motion was seconded by Mr. Cubellototi.

Mr. Bodwell noted that the public hearing had not been closed.

Mr. Jaffe closed the public hearing.

Mr. Raffone made a motion to affirm the Cease & Desist and adopt the three conditions in the memo. Said motion was seconded by Mr. Cubellotti.

The Clerk took a roll call vote..

Jerry Jaffe-yes
Rick Raffone-yes
Robert Cubellotti-yes
Richard Poulton-yes
Wendy Bellmore-yes

Vote 5-0, motion carries.

There being no further business a motion was made at 7:50 to adjourn by Mr. Cubellotti. Said motion was seconded by Mr. Raffone, all were in favor.

