

TOWN OF ESSEX
Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission

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Minutes

SPECIAL Meeting
Monday, June 2, 2014

Call to Order and Seating of Members

A special meeting of the Essex IWWC was conducted on June 2, 2014 in Conference Room A, of the Essex Town Hall at 7:00 p.m.

Attending Members:

Dan Lapman
Chuck Corson
Jeffrey Lovelace
John Ackerman
Jim Hill
Steve Knauth seated for Nancy Arnold
Jim Leo seated for Fred Szufnarowski

Absent Members:

Fred Szufnarowski
Nancy Arnold

Staff:

Stella Beaudoin, Recording Clerk

Mr. Lapman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

MOTION made by D. Lapman to seat Jim Leo for Fred Szufnarowski and to seat Steve Knauth for Nancy Arnold; **SECONDED** by C. Corson; **Voting In Favor:** D. Lapman, C. Corson, S. Knauth, J. Lovelace, J. Leo, J. Hill, J. Ackerman; **Opposed:** None; **Abstaining:** None; **Approved:** 7/0/0.

A CEASE AND DESIST order was issued on May 23, 2014 via certified mail to the Essex Land Trust for activities performed within a wetland at the Mill Race, Main Street, Ivoryton, Assessor's Map 57, Lot 69, VR District.

The CEASE AND DESIST was issued for the following regulated activities or uses found to be **in violation of Section 6.1 of the "Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations" of the Town of Essex, Connecticut:**

- The removal or deposition of any material.
- Clear-cutting of trees and brush.
- Any other activity or change deemed by the Commission to be detrimental to wetlands or watercourses, except as otherwise indicated in Section 3 of the Regulations.

A recent inspection of the property found that there are activities taking place within 100 feet of a watercourse without the approval of the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission or its dually authorized agent.

The purpose of this Special Meeting is to advise the Land Trust to submit an application and a site plan which reflect areas of clearing and proposed clearing to Joseph Budrow, Wetlands Enforcement Agent. Mr. Lapman asked commissioners if they had any comments prior to the close of the meeting.

Mr. Corson informed the audience that the body of water that is being impacted by the current regulated activity is a substantial river and when clear-cutting activity is conducted, it changes the way the river works.

Mr. Lapman stated that he observed a large piece of machinery on the river bank in the area of the activity and questioned the use of that machine. A member of the Essex Land Trust indicated that he was not certain of the use of this machine, however he speculate that it is performing the task of picking up the residual materials which have been left on the ground.

MOTION made by C. Corson to request that the Essex Land Trust submit an application for Permit to the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission for activities performed within a wetland at the Mill Race, Main Street, Ivoryton, Assessor's Map 57, Lot 69, District – VR;

SECONDED by J. Leo; **Voting In Favor:** D. Lapman, C. Corson, S. Knauth, J. Lovelace, J. Leo, J. Hill, J. Ackerman; **Opposed:** None; **Abstaining:** None; **Approved:** 7/0/0.

Attorney John Bennet asked if he could make a statement on behalf of his clients who own the property adjoining this proposal. Chairman Lapman advised Attorney Bennet that the purpose of this evening's meeting is to advise the Land Trust of the need to submit an application to the Inland Wetlands and Watercourse Commission. Any testimony Attorney Bennet wishes to submit may be done so during the course of the meeting at which the Essex Land Trust application is being heard.

MOTION made by D. Lapman to adjourn at 7:10 p.m. to the next regularly scheduled IWWC meeting to be held on Tuesday, June 10, 2014 at the Essex Town Hall, 2nd Floor Conference Room A, 29 West Avenue at 7:30 p.m.; **SECONDED** by C. Corson; **Voting In Favor:** D. Lapman, C. Corson, S. Knauth, J. Lovelace, J. Leo, J. Hill, J. Ackerman; **Opposed:** None; **Abstaining:** None; **Approved:** 7/0/0.

Respectfully submitted,

Stella C. Beaudoin
Recording Secretary