



**MINUTES
INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES AGENCY
SPECIAL MEETING
November 12, 2024
7:00 PM - Scitico Room**

1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. FIRE EVACUATION ANNOUNCEMENT

3. ROLL CALL

Present: Kelly Hemmeler, Virginia Higley, Kenneth Kaufman, Christopher Renaud,
Donna Corbin Sobinski

Absent: Dylan Bridge, Anne Whitney Collins, Robert Gillespie, Kevin Zorda

Also present were Assistant Planner; Stephen Hiney, and Zoning Enforcement Officer;
Ricardo Rachele.

4. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION AND PETITIONS

None.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

6. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS

None.

7. TOWN ATTORNEY REPORT

None.

8. CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

9. NEW PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

10. OLD BUSINESS

None.

11. NEW BUSINESS

A. 10 Wheeler Drive, Enfield, CT - Cease and Desist Order

Postponed to November 19, 2024

B. 59 Cottage Rd. Enfield, CT - Cease and Desist Order

David Vesce, 59 Cottage Road, was present for discussion. Mr. Hiney explained that an complaint was received on November 4, 2024 reporting that the homeowner had been excavating for what appeared to be a retaining wall along the waterfront. The property had previously applied for a wetlands permit but was denied under the basis that a standard surveyed site plan should be submitted by licensed professionals and that no filling should occur on site. This recent activity is a clear violation of Section 6 of the wetlands regulations. A Cease and Desist Order was mailed on November 5, 2024.

Mr. Vesce explained that there was damage done to the retaining wall over the past year, which became visible when the lake was drained. There were also railroad ties that were found and removed. He shared photos he had taken for the commissioners' review. He did not realize digging with a shovel was not allowed without approval. Going forward, he would like to repair the wall but understands he must have approval before continuing any activity.

Commissioner Higley encouraged the applicant to complete an application as soon as possible to avoid further delay. Mr. Rachele showed zoomed-in photos that highlighted the extent of the excavation. He shared an excerpt of the Shaker Pines newsletter that shared information about draining and filling of the pond. Mr. Rachele urged Mr. Vesce to apply as soon as possible in order to get the work done before the pond is filled again. Commissioner Hemmeler confirmed with Mr. Rachele that the previous application was for removal and replacement of the wall. She also reiterated that the homeowner must contact town staff before doing any activities. He also noted that there had been excavation with no erosion and sediment controls in place and told Mr. Vesce to add silt fencing as soon as possible. Commissioner Kaufman asked about the purpose of the blocks seen in the photos. He also confirmed that there is no effect on the neighbor's walls. Mr. Vesce explained that the neighbors are in support of this activity and have offered to write letters of support. Mr. Rachele explained that Mr. Vesce needs to add a silt fence, contact the office for re-inspection and do a new wetlands application for the proposed wall repair.

MOTION by: Kelly Hemmeler **seconded:** Virginia Higley to keep the Cease and Desist in place for 59 Cottage Road.

UPON A ROLL CALL VOTE, the Chair declared the motion approved. Yes: Kelly Hemmeler, Kenneth Kaufman, Christopher Renaud, Donna Corbin Sobinski No: None Abstain: None.

12. ENFORCEMENT REPORTS

None.

13. PLANNING STAFF REPORT

None.

14. APPLICATIONS TO BE RECEIVED

None.

15. MISCELLANEOUS

None.

16. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by: Kelly Hemmeler, seconded: Virginia Higley to adjourn.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared the motion adopted unanimously, and the meeting stood adjourned at 7:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Virginia Higley
Secretary

Rebecca Jones
Recording Secretary