

**MINUTES**  
ENFIELD INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES AGENCY  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2016 – 7:00 p.m.  
REGULAR MEETING  
ENFIELD TOWN HALL – ENFIELD ROOM (basement level)  
820 Enfield Street, Enfield, CT 06082

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**REGULAR MEETING**

1. **Call to Order**

Chairman Donna Corbin-Sobinski called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

2. **Roll Call**

Secretary Jane Smith called the roll.

Members Present: Chairman Donna Corbin-Sobinski, Secretary Jane Smith, John Hayes and Alternate Kevin Zorda

Also Present: Shawn Rairigh, Assistant Town Planner and Rick Rachele, Town Inspector

Absent: Vice Chairman Elizabeth Davis, Joseph Albert, Robert Chagnon and Alternate Joseph Porrello

3. **Fire Evacuation Procedures**

Chairman Corbin-Sobinski read the Fire Evacuation Notice.

4. **Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

5. **Public Participation** - Issues of concern not on the agenda - None

Chairman Corbin-Sobinski read a letter from Ms. Maureen Mullen, 1625 King Street, Enfield, CT, dated January 20, 2016, to CREC Public Safety Academy. In her letter to CREC, Ms. Mullen stated the following:

- Requested that CREC remove the berm from the northern border of her property.

- Requested that CREC resolve the drainage issues affecting her property.
- Requested that CREC document all details regarding removal of the berm and corrections that were made to plans and also, provide a completion schedule for the removal of the berm and fixing the drainage issues.
- Requested that CREC send the documents to each of the Enfield Land Commissions, CT DEEP, Army Corps. of Engineers and all others whose involvement is required.

6. **Correspondence** - None

7. **Commissioner's Correspondence** (Site Visit Updates – if any)

Chairman Corbin-Sobinski read an e-mail addressed to all the members of the IWWA Agency from Mr. Rairigh, dated January 12, 2016, regarding the plans for removal of the Springborn Dam. The plans were submitted to the Enfield Planning and Zoning Commission by the CT DEEP for permitting purposes in October 2015.

8. **Approval of Minutes – January 5, 2016 – Regular Meeting**

John Hayes made a motion, seconded by Alternate Kevin Zorda, to approve the minutes. The motion carried with a 4-0-0 vote.

9. **Reports of Officers, Committees and Staff** – None

10. **Report of the Planning Office** – None

11. **Old Business** – None

12. **New Business:**

- a. One Corporate Way Enforcement – No representatives were present at meeting; the Agency made a decision to proceed with action and issue a cease and desist.
- b. 312-314 North Maple Street Enforcement:  
Mr. Steve Camerota, owner of 312 North Maple Street and Mr. Steven Camerota, Jr., owner of 314 North Maple Street were present and introduced themselves. Mr. Rachele stated there was an issue that involved the Planning and Zoning office back in September 2015. Mr. Rachele said it was reported that activity was performed within the wetlands area at Cranberry Pond without authorization from the IWWA Agency. Mr. Rachele said

he found a record from December 4, 2012 stating that Mr. James Luczak (former Town of Enfield Inland Wetlands Agent) did a site visit at 314 North Maple Street and reported that he did not find any serious concerns. Mr. Steve Camerota said he walked the property 3 years ago with Mr. Luczak and took photos that day, which he handed out to the Agents to look at. Mr. Steve Camerota stated that no trees have been cut down; but, stated his neighbor, owner of 318 North Maple Street, Mr. Phil Seidel, made a drainage trench that cuts right across 312 North Maple Street and goes directly to Cranberry Pond to drain his property. Mr. Steve Camerota said there was a hydro-seeding machine being kept on the property, owned by Barile Landscaping, and it was located far away from the wetlands area. Mr. Seidel was present to address the Agency with his concerns regarding the following:

- The removal of brush right around the pond (by Mr. Camerota) that included native blueberry bushes and other native plants and bushes; brush was taken down right up to the water's edge.
- The wetlands habitat may be adversely affected by the brush removal; habitat includes various species of frogs and also, wood ducks that live there.

Secretary Smith said she guesstimates there's only about 10% of the habitat that has been impacted by the section of brush that was cleared; and stated she doesn't think the 50 ft. area of brush removal is impacting the wetlands habitat. Secretary Smith said the wetlands soils have not been impacted.

Mr. Hayes said they may continue maintaining the property as they always did.

Secretary Smith said the maintenance shall be with no more frequency than every 3 years or every 3 to 5 years.

Motion of no violation: John Hayes made a motion, seconded by Secretary Smith. The motion carried with a 4-0-0 vote.

c. 144 and 146 South Road Enforcement:

Mr. Shanahan Ragnauth, S&R Property, LLC, was present to discuss the current site plan that shows all the wetlands issues have been corrected by the owner.

Motion of no violation: Secretary Smith made a motion, seconded by John Hayes. The motion carried with a 4-0-0 vote.

d. 499 Hazard Avenue Enforcement:

Mrs. Virginia Higley and Mr. Robert Higley, owners of 10.5 acres next to 499 Hazard Avenue, were present to address the Agency. Mrs. Higley said they bought the property almost 20 years ago and intended to make the parcel a farm and also, had planned to build a house but, never did. Mrs. Higley said they purchased the house next to the farm and stated that the previous owner of the house had put a lot of trash onto the property and into the brook such as tires, rusty metal, wires, etc. Mrs. Higley said that a few times over the past years, herself and her husband would get rid of the various trashes people had dumped into the brook and clean up the property, being good citizens. Mrs. Higley said the only activities on the property the past few months were Hazardville Water Company work/repairs, re-doing the driveway, putting down loam and grass seed where needed, etc. Mrs. Higley said they want to make their property agricultural and have a farm but, she was told by the Assessor's Office that she must plant something first to be classified as a farm. The Agency wants to coordinate a site visit to the property before the next IWWA meeting; also, asked for advanced notice of farming activities and maintenance of the property.

Motion of no violation: Secretary Smith made a motion, seconded by Alternate Kevin Zorda. The motion carried with a 4-0-0 vote.

13. **New Applications to be Received:** None

14. **Adjournment:**

Secretary Smith made a motion to adjourn, seconded by John Hayes. The meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m. following a unanimous vote, 4-0-0.

Next regular meeting is Tuesday, February 2, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Minutes prepared by – Pamela Schweitzer

Approved by Commission:

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Jane Smith, Secretary

