

**CITY OF TORRINGTON
INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
MINUTES
May 19, 2015**

Present: Jay Bate, Jr., Chairman
Christine Altman, Vice Chair (arrived 7:10 p.m.)
Jane Bakker, Member/Secretary
Doris Murphy, Member/Planning & Zoning Liaison
Tom Telman, Member
William Storti, Member
Jonathan Andrews, Member

Also Present: Rista Malanca, Inland Wetlands Enforcement Officer

1. Call To Order:

Chairman Jay Bate called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.; Torrington City Hall Council Chambers, Room 218, 140 Main Street, Torrington, CT

2. Roll Call and Announcement:

Chairman Bate announced present and serving on the Commission this evening will be Jane Bakker, Doris Murphy, Tom Telman, William Storti, Jonathan Andrews and Jay Bate. Also present is Inland Wetlands Enforcement Officer Rista Malanca

3. Minutes for Approval:

a. 3/17/15

MOTION by Mr. Telman to approve the 3/17/15 minutes, seconded by Ms. Bakker, motion carried with Ms. Murphy abstaining from voting.

4. Old Business:

none

5. New Business:

- a. Applicant: Andrew Greene for Conn-Torr LLC
 Location: 681 Main Street
 Activity: Maintenance of vegetation along riparian zone of the river,
 supplemental planting of shrubs/herbaceous plants in riparian
 zone of the river

Matt Sanford, soil scientist with Milone and MacBroom appeared before the Commission and gave a presentation of the proposal, referring to site maps. Wetlands were flagged back in April, there is an old dam in this area. A more comprehensive plan for the site will be submitted in the future when a tenant is located for the empty space. There are trees compromising the integrity of the concrete walls now, and those trees will be cut down.

Ms. Malanca read a letter from Andrew Greene who was unable to attend this meeting.

Questions were posed by Commission members, discussion followed, particularly on the removal of Japanese Knotweed invasives. Mr. Sanford provided technical details on herbicides to be used.

Ms. Malanca recommended eventual approval, with a condition that trees be marked before removal, and Ms. Malanca will do a site inspection.

Mr. Bate noted long ago past practice of Fitzgerald Gaskets, employees bringing home asbestos and using it as fill. Mr. Sanford responded he did not observe any asbestos on site.

MOTION by Ms. Altman to accept the application of Andrew Greene for Conn-Torr LLC at 681 Main Street, for maintenance of vegetation along riparian zone of the river, supplemental planting of shrubs/herbaceous plants in riparian zone of the river, Motion seconded by Ms. Bakker, unanimously carried.

6. Staff Report:

Agent Determinations:

- 857 Main Street, PATCO, construct 10' x 29' addition and minor grading in upland review area
- 545 Westledge Drive, Matthew Seavy, install underground sewer storage tank and repair lawn, fire damage, in upland review area
- 122 Tara Drive, Denise French, 22' x 30' addition in upland review area

Ms. Malanca reviewed the agent determinations.

7. Adjournment:

MOTION by Mr. Telman to adjourn at 7:33 p.m., seconded by Ms. Bakker, unanimously carried.