

Hampton IWWA Minutes
Regular Meeting – July 2, 2019
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Chairman Bonnekson called the Meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Present for the Board: Stan Crawford, Heather Bonnekson, Glen Newcombe, Peter Witkowski, Diane Gagnon, Pat Cascio, Martin Mlyniec (7:14)

Not Present: Muriel Miller

Staff and Others Present: Wetlands Enforcement Officer John Valente, Applicants Laurie and Paul Pribble, Engineer Karl Acimovic, First Selectman Allan Cahill, Recording Clerk Dayna Arriola

Item 1: Audience for Citizens: First Selectman Allan Cahill advocated for the Pribble's plan to rebuild the dam, noting the importance of hazardous mitigation in controlling the Little River.

Item 2: Additions to the Agenda: none

Item 3: Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting of May 7, 2019 and Special Meeting of June 15, 2019

Motion: Stan Crawford, seconded by Heather Bonnekson, to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 7, 2019 with the following amendment under Item 10 Audience for Citizens: "First Selectman Cahill announced that the purchase of a *51* acre tract along the Little River south of Hammond Hill will be considered..." Motion carried 3-0, Diane Gagnon, Pat Cascio and Peter Witkowski abstaining.

Motion: Peter Witkowski, seconded by Diane Gagnon, to approve the Special Meeting Minutes of June 15, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 4: Old Business:

1. WP0619-01: Laurie and Paul Pribble, Applicants; 653 Pomfret Road (Route 97). Proposed Activity: Repair of Dam on Little River.

John Valente reviewed the plans as presented in the *Report for 2019 Repairs of the Little River Dam CT DEEP #06306*. Concerns were raised regarding the duration of the project and consequent exposure to potential weather conditions as Mr. Pribble expects to complete the project himself. Mr. Pribble assured members that as a contractor, he has the necessary licensing and insurance and will rely on additional equipment and personnel as needed to complete the project. Mr. Valente stipulated the requirement of the engineer's continuous purview of the project at each of its steps, suggesting that this could be facilitated with a series of photographs throughout the process rather than physical inspections. He also stated that as a condition of approval, once the project begins it must be completed, noting that the perimeters of the time frame are from mid-August to the beginning of November. Mr. Pribble concurred that the project should be completed within 30 days, with machinery on the site for a total of approximately one week. Materials for the project will be in place prior to the start of actual construction. Specifics of constructing the cofferdam and the concrete forms and wall, water, sediment and erosion controls, and restoration of the site were discussed. Peter Witkowski stated that the Pribble's stewardship shouldn't be lost on anyone as the project is neither mandated by the State nor financed by a municipality, a sentiment echoed by several agency members. Mr. Valente reviewed the Summary Ruling (attached) to include all the conditions set forth after discussion at the meeting.

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Motion: Diane Gagnon, seconded by Stan Crawford, to approve WP0619-01. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 5: New Business: none.

Item 6: No Permit Necessary: John Valente reported that he has signed applications for construction of sheds, garages, barns and one new house.

Item 7: WEO Report

1. **Monthly Report:** nothing further to report.
2. **Duly Authorized Agent Action:** none.

Item 8: Communications:

The Habitat, Winter/Spring 2019

Connecticut Wildlife, March/April 2019

ECCD Outlook, Winter 2019

Application to Trap Beaver Causing Severe Damage or Threats to Public Health and Safety: Pia Rigby, Applicant, 79 Kenyon Road

Permit Applications for the Use of Pesticides in State Waters: Fuller Brook Pond, 20 Utley Road; Donnelly Pond, 114 Old Town Pound Road

Communication from the Department of Energy & Environmental Protection to Richard and Irene Brown, 20 Utley Road, on the condition of the Brown Pond Dam

Communication from the Conservation Commission to the IWWA in support of the Town's acquisition of the 51 acre parcel along the Little River

Item 9: Discuss and Act on Any Other Business: none.

Item 10: Audience for Citizens: none.

Item 11: Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Agency, the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dayna Arriola
Secretary

