

**EAST LYME INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**April 12, 2021**

**Remote Participation by ZOOM due to Covid 19**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Present:** Don Phimister, David Schmitt, Phyllis Berger, Kristin Chantrell, Doreen Rhein, Jason Deeble, Alt.,

**Absent:** Gary Upton, Sandy Gignac, Marjorie Meekhoff

**Also Present:** Gary Goeschel, Director of Planning/Inland Wetlands Agent, Jennifer Lindo, Administrative Assistant, Paul Dagle, Liaison from BOS

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting started at 7:01

**I. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:**

**MOTION: (Deeble/Schmitt) to add procedure discussion to New Business B. Vote: APPROVED unanimously**

FILED

**II. PUBLIC HEARINGS-none**

**III. PUBLIC DELEGATIONS: none**

**IV. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

**A. Meeting Minutes March 8, 2021**

**MOTION: (Schmitt/Berger) to approve the March 8, 2021 Regular meeting as presented.  
Vote: APPROVED unanimously.**

Apr 13 20 21 AT 1:40 AM/PM  
Karen Mellem  
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

**V. EX-OFFICIO REPORT**

P. Dagle informed the members that the work on the Public Safety Building is progressing. The BOF is reviewing the town budgets. He stated the BOS is reaching out to local charities and organizations for input on possible funding options for the American Recovery Act funds. The funding may also cover capital projects for the town. The town will have more information on the guidelines for spending the funds in June.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Regulation Changes**

G. Goeschel reviewed the signage language for the zoning subdivision regulations for possible inclusion to the Inland Wetlands Agency regulations when there is a public hearing scheduled.

J. Deeble asked about the location of the sign if the wetlands cover more than one property. G. Goeschel said he would ask the town attorney what the best practice would be in that situation.

G. Goeschel will send the proposed modified language to the town attorney for review.

**B. Procedures**

J. Deeble informed the members that he had a resident approach him about clear cutting concerns. He wanted guidance on what he should have told the resident to do if there were concerns.

G. Goeschel stated that anyone with wetland violation concerns should contact him, as the Wetlands Agent or the office and he will investigate the matter and determine any actions that are appropriate.

J. Deeble asked about procedures for filling vacancies for alternates on the Agency. P. Dagle informed him that if someone is interested in a vacancy, they should submit a letter of their intent with pertinent background information to the First Selectman's office so it can be considered for action by the BOS.

**VII. PENDING APPLICATIONS**

**A. Application of Chris Casadei, Hull Forest Products Inc, for Owner, John Bialowans, Jr., for a timber harvest operation at 57 Walnut Hill Road, East Lyme, Assessor's Map 48, Lot 56-1.**

K. Chantrell said that 4 members went on the site walk of the property.

C. Casadei described the site as a 40± acres with one intermittent stream that will need to be crossed for access. He said the stream has high banks and is approximately 4-5 feet wide. He is proposing a temporary bridge 8' wide and 16' long to span the stream. He will be taking approximately 50,000' of timber over a period of a month and a half. The logs will be carried to the staging area and all slash will be laid on the ground and remain on site. There will be no stumping or grubbing.

G. Goeschel stated he had no concerns for the crossing and what is proposed is standard practice.

**MOTION: (Schmitt/Rhein) to APPROVE the application of Chris Casadei, Hull Forest Products Inc, for Owner, John Bialowans, Jr., for a timber harvest operation at 57 Walnut Hill Road, East Lyme, Assessor's Map 48, Lot 56-1.**

**Vote: APPROVED Unanimously**

**VIII. OLD BUSINESS-none**

**IX. REPORTS**

**A. Chairman's Report-no report**

**B. Inland Wetlands Agent Report**

**Administrative Permits:**

G. Goeschel reported he has issued 24 administrative permits compared to the 3-4 permits issued when the URA was 100 ft.

He is reviewing some new permits.

**Commission Issued Permits-none**

**C. Enforcement-none**

**D. Correspondence:**

Eversource notified the town they will be conducting line clearing with a temporary impact to 10,240 ft. of wetlands along the I-95/I-395 interchange.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION (Schmitt/Berger) to adjourn at 7:43. Vote: APPROVED unanimously.**

**Respectfully Submitted**

**Sue Spang**

**Recording Secretary**

**2021 Meeting dates:**

**May 10, June 14, July 12, August 9, September 13, October 18, November 8, December 13.**