## EAST LYME INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY

Show Cause Hearing Special Meeting, July 8, 2025, 5:30 PM

CHAIRMAN: Kristen Chantrell WEO: Gary Goeschel II

VICE CHAIRMAN: Don Phimister RECORDING SECRETARY: Sue Spang

SECRETARY: Phyliss Berger

**CALL TO ORDER: 5:49** 

## I. ROLL CALL:

**Present:** Ryan Williams, Don Phimister, Doreen Rhein (5:53), Phylis Berger, Carlo Lombardo, Alt.,

**Absent:** Kristen Chantrell, Greg McIntire, John Vilcheck, Alt., Leonard Salter, **Also Present:** G. Goeschel, WEO, Sue Spang, Recording Secretary, Anne Cicchiello, BOS

The Pledge was recited. C. Lombardo was seated

## II. SHOW CAUSE HEARING-CCEASE AND DEISIST ORDER-Siddhartha S. Kalita, Owner, 78 Flanders Rd., Assessor's Map #21.3, Lot #150, Niantic, CT.

G. Goeschel issued a Cease and Desist (C&D) due to removal of vegetation and trees within the regulated area of the pond. Mr. Kalita has since planted four sugar maples. He has submitted a restoration plan that includes other plantings.

Siddhartha Kalita, 10 Palmer Rd, Easton CT., owner, introduced himself. He said he spoke to his neighbor about a tree hanging over the neighbor's property. The neighbor asked if he could chop three trees down on Mr. Kalita's property and was told he could. There were five trees cut down on his property, some were diseased. He left the stumps.

Mr. Kalita misunderstood directions given to him from G. Goeschel when told he could take plantings according to the plan. He admits he read the plan and the limits of clearing wrong. He said his plan includes two more maple trees, blue berry bushes, hydrangeas and woodchips. G. Goeschel recommended a \$5,000 planting bond to cover two growing seasons.

MOTION:(Rhein/Berger) to allow work to continue on site and the proposed planting plan at 78 Flanders Rd., with a \$5,000 planting bond to be held for two full growing seasons and eligible for release upon 80% survival of plantings. Vote: APPROVED unanimously.

## III. Adjournment

MOTION:(Rhein/Berger) motion to adjourn. Vote: APPROVED unanimously. 6:10

Respectfully Submitted

Sue Spang Recording Secretary

