

INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES COMMISSION

Town of Trumbull

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MINUTES  
JULY 9, 2019

CALL TO ORDER: The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

PRESENT: Chairman Richard Girouard Vice-Chairman John Lauria  
Carmine DeFeo Mark MacKeil  
Laura Pulie, alternate-arrived @7:45 pm David Verespy

ABSENT: Secretary Richard Deecken

ALSO

PRESENT: Tatiana Smotritskaya, P.E. Civil Engineer, IWWC Co-Agent, Town Attorney James Cordone

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NEW BUSINESS OPENED at 7:07 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Application 19-33 Diane Rubinstein- Permit approval for previously cleaned out dead & fallen trees and brush within a regulated area at 122 Old Dike Road. Diane Rubinstein addressed the Commission. She currently resides at 121 Old Dike Road. She purchased the property at 122 Old Dike Road with a partner with hopes to flip it. She was unaware of the wetlands regulations. They hired a contractor to clear the property. She said they paid for 2 trees and she recently found out 3 trees were removed. Their plan is to put back the trees to make it back to what was existing. The path they made was curved out with a bobcat and filled with all the old brush; chipped wood and leaves. They received a recommendation from a landscape architect to plant 3 red maples. The IWWC Co-Agent told the Commission that this violation dates back to October 2018. She provided pictures to the Commission that were taken during that inspection. Although the applicant marked 3 trees she believes there are a few more and asked the applicant to clarify how many were removed because the pictures show several stumps. The Applicant said she did not cut the trees. She is aware of the 1 in the water and several small trees that were not healthy. She did not have an arborist there. Although she wasn't there she knows that she told the landscaper that she wanted the trees because she wanted the privacy from the lake. The Commission expressed that trying to rehab the property is great and what needs to be done needs to be done appropriately. Two or three trees may not be the best thing to do. Re-establishing an understory may be a better approach than putting in more trees. Such as large native shrubs that create an understory that is used to growing under the canopy of the bigger trees. The roots will help protect the soil. What they don't want is the exposed soil which was created by the bobcat running down into the lake. The Applicant said there was a large amount of exposed soil prior to that and an enormous amount of brush running into the lake. The Commission

suggested that something needs to be put where the bank is to stabilize it. Red maples may not be the best choice.

NEW BUSINESS CLOSED at 7:29 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS OPENED at 7:30 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

Application 19-26

Town of Trumbull

Permit approval for drainage improvements and repairs within a regulated area at Unity Park.

MOTION (Verespy) Seconded (Lauria) to APPROVE as submitted with general conditions  
VOTE to APPROVE CARRIED unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS CLOSED at 7:37 p.m.

MINUTES

Meeting minutes: June 4, 2019 to be approved at next meeting on September 3, 2019.

SCHEDULE FIELD INSPECTION(S)

Wednesday, August 14th leaving Town Hall at 3:00 p.m.

Application 19-33

Diane Rubinstein

122 Old Dike Road

The Commission spoke about the several articles that came out recently about the Long Hill Development and about the Commissions discussions regarding signage for raingardens. Samples of raingarden signage was submitted for reference for applicants that are required to have signage by the Commission. It was discussed that perhaps a great project for the Trumbull High School Vo-Ag program as an educational project to put up signage or maybe a Boy Scout project. The word needs to be spread about what wetlands is all about and take any educational opportunity to spread the word about what they do and why. The Commission asked that Commissioner MacKeil speak to the appropriate parties at the Vo-Ag program. The signage would be for public town property.

By unanimous consent the Inland Wetlands Watercourses Commission adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Colleen Lombardo  
Clerk