

**WINDHAM INLAND WETLANDS &
WATERCOURSES COMMISSION**
Minutes for Thursday, March 12, 2015 Meeting

Windham Town Hall
2nd floor Conference Room
979 Main Street, Willimantic, CT

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Voting Members Present: Joseph Marsalisi, Katherine Eves, Joseph Wagner, Susan Johnson, Helmut Traichel. **Voting Members Absent:** None; **Voting Members Excused:** None

Guests: Philip Henry, Civil Design Group; Paul Beck, Hunt Real Estate; Daniel Mullins, Eastern Connecticut Conservation District

Staff Present: James Finger, Wetlands Agent; Dagmar Noll, Clerk

Public Present: None

I. Call to Order – Chair Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:01PM. Introductions.

II. New Business

1. Doug Murray c/o HRES Willimantic LLC – 161 Main Street (Route 66), Willimantic

Presentation by Phil Henry and Paul Beck of Civil Design Group, of the application to build a Family Dollar store along Main Street between Ives Street and Elm Street. Discussion about the landscaping and construction of the stormwater infiltration system proposed to address land disturbance within 200' of the Willimantic River in the southwest corner of the property. Commissioner Kit Eves MOVED to authorize the Wetlands Agent - James Finger to approve the application with changes recommended to add vegetation to the detention basin. Commissioner Traichel SECONDED the motion, and the MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

2. Lauter Park Improvements

Presentation by Dan Mullins on plan to create a riparian buffer along the shoreline of the Natchaug River at Lauter Park. Riparian buffers protect the shoreline from erosion and improves water quality by filtering pollutants from the land around the water. The proposed ~1000-foot buffer will include shrubs and perennials. Phase one will begin in April, working the first 500 feet. Commissioner Joseph Marsalisi MOVED to authorize Wetlands Agent James Finger to approve the application as presented and monitor the project. Commissioner Eves SECONDED the motion, and the MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

III. Other Business

1. Review of minutes from previous meeting - None.

2. Correspondence

Wetlands Agent - James Finger presented info on the ECOS Energy solar farm plan to be built in the eastern part of Lebanon abutting the southern border of Windham; his approval of two residential subdivisions - a six lot development off of Back Rd., and a three lot plan for Windham Center near the Fire House; a list of soil scientists from The Society of Soil Scientists of Southern New England; a DEEP notice to Mr. Edelman's about the need to provide a report on his dam at Frog Pond; and finally information about a Land Use seminar sponsored by the CT Bar Association.

3. Review of regulations

J. Finger presented a sample Minimal Impact Inland Wetlands Watercourse and Conservation application form from another CT town for the commission to consider as a model for revisions to the current form.

IV. Adjourn Chair Johnson adjourned the meeting at 7:57PM

Respectfully submitted by D. Noll, Clerk.