

**ANDOVER INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES COMMISSION
OLD FIREHOUSE, CENTER STREET
FEBRUARY 12, 2007
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

1. Chairman John England called the Special Meeting to order at 7:03 P.M.

Members present were: Chairman John England, Michael Landolphi, James McCann, Alternate Richard Osborne. Also present were Wetlands Agent Stuart Popper and Josephine Paluso, Board Clerk.

2. **Seating of Alternates:** Chairman England seated Alternate Richard Osborne for Steve Reade.

3. **Additions to the Agenda**

A. Discussion of previously approved application of Mr. Cassells 116 Wheeler Road.

B. Discussion of recent Ordinance at Town Meeting.

4. **New Business**

A. Application of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph and Judith Lagasse, 115 Lakeside Drive, Reconstruct existing stone wall in the Lake bed.

Mr. Lagasse told the Commission that over time the water has eroded and knocked down portions of the stone wall that he had constructed adjacent to the Lake. He explained that the new wall will match the old one but it will be held together by cement. Chairman England noted that when work like this is done, ALMA and the Commission both have standard conditions they recommend. He discussed the requirements and noted that Mr. Lagasse should notify the Wetlands Agent prior to beginning work. The Commission members and Mr. Lagasse discussed the time table for the work, noting that it would have to be done during the months of February and March before the Lake gets filled up again.

Mr. McCann asked how long this project will take. Mr. Lagasse said that he will be working on it part time don't know how long it will take. The Commission members and Mr. Lagasse discussed how he would do the job, what kind of work could take place in the Lake bed and when the work could be done. Chairman England said the permit is good for one year after the start of work and that if need be Mr. Lagasse can always come back and request to extend the permit. **Motion: Mr. McCann made a motion to approve the application of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph and Judith Lagasse to reconstruct existing stone wall in the Lake bed with the conditions required by ALMA and the standard conditions required by the IWWC. Mr. Landolphi seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. (4-0-0)**

B. 2007-2008 Budget:

Chairman England told the Commission that he received a copy of the Budget from the Chairman of Finance Board, Steve Reade. He noted that the money allocated for wages and training had stayed the same. The Commission members discussed the other budget items and did not recommend any changes to the budget. **Motion: Mr. McCann made a motion to approve the Budget. Mr. Osborne seconded the motion, The motion was approved unanimously, (4-0-0).**

C. Election of Officers:

Motion: Mr. McCann nominated Mr. England as Chairman. Mr. Landolphi seconded the nomination. The motion was approved, (3-0-1). Mr. England abstained. Motion: Mr. McCann nominated Steve Reade as Vice-Chairman. Mr. Landolphi seconded the nomination. The motion was approved unanimously, (4-0-0).

5. Approval of Minutes: September 11, 2006:

Motion: Mr. Landolphi made motion to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2006 Regular Meeting as submitted. Mr. McCann seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously, (4-0-0).

6. Miscellaneous

Discussion on Town Ordinance. Chairman England said he went back in the Town Meeting records to 1974 when the Commission was set up. He said the Ordinance was then revised in 1986 to include 6 regular members and 2 alternates and one of the regular members being the Town Sanitarian and the other a member of Planning and Zoning Commission. Chairman England said First Selectman Robert Burbank recently noticed that IWWC was not operating according to the Ordinance.

The recent Ordinance passed at the Town meeting now has the IWWC with five regular members and three alternate members and one of the regular members being a member of the Planning and Zoning Commission. The appointment of the Town Sanitarian has been eliminated. The regular members will serve a 2 year terms and the alternates will serve a 3 year term.

7. Public Comments

There were none.

8. Correspondence

Mr. Popper distributed copies of the most recent issue of the CACIWC "Habitat newsletter". He said that according to the most recent issue Andover is no longer a member of CACIWC. Mr. Popper said he will check the budget and renew the Commission's membership in CACIWC.

9. Administrative Report

Application of Mr. Cassell, 116 Wheeling Road. Mr. Popper said the applicant had received approval from the Commission in September of 2003 with the standard

conditions. He explained that Mr. Cassell wants to continue to bring in fill to the back yard and deposit it in the areas approved by the Commission. Mr. Popper said he doesn't see any problems and asked how the Commission would like to proceed with the request for an extension. Chairman England said the fee to renew an application is \$75 and Mr. Popper can verify if the application can be renewed for two years or more.

Chairman England said Mr. Popper is now a "Certified Wetlands Agent" and can issue Administrative Approvals. He said but first we must appoint him with the authority to issue Administrative Approvals. **Motion: Mr. McCann made a motion to authorize Mr. Popper, as the IWWC Agent to issue administrative approvals. Mr. Landolphi seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously (4-0-0).**

10. Open Discussion

There was none.

11. Adjournment

Motion: Mr. McCann made a motion to adjourn the February 12, 2007 Special Meeting at 8:10 P.M. Mr. Landolphi seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously, (4-0-0).

Respectfully submitted by:

**Josie Paluso
Board Clerk**

These minutes are submitted as required by the Connecticut General Statutes and are not official until formally approved by the Commission/Board.