



# Town of Watertown Connecticut

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## MINUTES CONSERVATION COMMISSION/ INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY WATERTOWN, CONNECTICUT

### REGULAR MEETING

Time: 7:15 P.M. (7:26 P.M.)  
Date: February 10, 2011  
Place: Watertown High School Lecture Hall  
324 French Street  
Watertown Connecticut

#### 1. Call Meeting to Order

Chairman, Mr. Edwin Undercuffler called the meeting to order at 7:26 p.m.

#### 2. Roll Call

**Present:** Chairman, Mr. Edwin Undercuffler  
Vice Chairman, Mr. Donato Orsini  
Mr. Michael Genovese  
Mr. Joseph Polletta  
Ms. Martha Sturgis  
Mr. Brian Benoit  
Ms. Dorota Habib  
Mr. Richard Sarandrea

**Absent:** Secretary, Mr. Thomas Murphy  
Mr. Todd Robinson

**Also Present:** Wetlands Enforcement Officer, Mr. Moosa Rafey  
Land Use Secretary, Mr. Chuck Bezio

Chairman, Mr. Edwin Undercuffler seated Ms. Dorota Habib for absent member Secretary, Mr. Thomas Murphy.

**3. Public Participation**

None

**4. Election of Officers**

- A. Chairperson
- B. Vice Chairperson
- C. Secretary

**A. Chairperson**

**MOTION:** Mr. Michael Genovese moved to nominate Mr. Edwin Undercuffler for Chairman.

**SECOND:** Ms. Martha Sturgis.

Discussion: None

**MOTION:** Ms. Martha Sturgis moved to close nominations for Chairman.

**SECOND:** Mr. Joseph Polletta.

Discussion: None

**VOTE**

**AYES:**

Chairman, Mr. Edwin Undercuffler  
Vice Chairman, Mr. Donato Orsini  
Mr. Michael Genovese  
Mr. Joseph Polletta  
Ms. Martha Sturgis  
Mr. Brian Benoit  
Ms. Dorota Habib  
Mr. Richard Sarandrea

**NAYS:** None.

**MOTION UNANIMOUS PASS T 7-0.**

Action on the original motion.

**VOTE**

**AYES:** Chairman, Mr. Edwin Undercuffler  
Vice Chairman, Mr. Donato Orsini  
Mr. Michael Genovese  
Mr. Joseph Polletta  
Ms. Martha Sturgis  
Mr. Brian Benoit  
Ms. Dorota Habib  
Mr. Richard Sarandrea

**NAYS:** None.

**MOTION UNANIMOUS PASS T 7-0.**

Mr. Edwin Undercuffler was elected Chairman Unanimously.

**B. Vice Chairperson**

**MOTION:** Mr. Joseph Polletta moved to nominate Mr. Donato Orsini for Vice Chairman

**SECOND:** Ms. Martha Sturgis.

Discussion: None

**MOTION:** Mr. Joseph Polletta moved to close nomination for Vice Chairman.

**SECOND:** Ms. Martha Sturgis.

**VOTE**

**AYES:** Chairman, Mr. Edwin Undercuffler  
Vice Chairman, Mr. Donato Orsini  
Mr. Michael Genovese  
Mr. Joseph Polletta  
Ms. Martha Sturgis  
Mr. Brian Benoit  
Ms. Dorota Habib  
Mr. Richard Sarandrea

**NAYS:** None.

MOTION UNANIMOUS PASS T 7-0.

Action on the original motion.

**VOTE**

**AYES:**

Chairman, Mr. Edwin Undercuffler  
Vice Chairman, Mr. Donato Orsini  
Mr. Michael Genovese  
Mr. Joseph Polletta  
Ms. Martha Sturgis  
Mr. Brian Benoit  
Ms. Dorota Habib  
Mr. Richard Sarandrea

**NAYS:** None.

MOTION UNANIMOUS PASS T 7-0.

Mr. Donato Orsini was elected unanimously as Vice Chairman.

**C. Secretary**

**MOTION:** Ms. Martha Sturgis moved to nominate Mr. Thomas Murphy for Secretary.

**SECOND:** Mr. Richard Sarandrea

Discussion: None

**MOTION:** Ms. Martha Sturgis moved to close the nomination for Secretary.

**SECOND:** Mr. Richard Sarandrea

Discussion: None

**VOTE**

**AYES:** Chairman, Mr. Edwin Undercuffler  
Vice Chairman, Mr. Donato Orsini  
Mr. Michael Genovese  
Mr. Joseph Polletta  
Ms. Martha Sturgis  
Mr. Brian Benoit  
Ms. Dorota Habib  
Mr. Richard Sarandrea

**NAYS:** None.

**MOTION UNANIMOUS PASS T 7-0.**

Action on original motion.

**VOTE**

**AYES:** Chairman, Mr. Edwin Undercuffler  
Vice Chairman, Mr. Donato Orsini  
Mr. Michael Genovese  
Mr. Joseph Polletta  
Ms. Martha Sturgis  
Mr. Brian Benoit  
Ms. Dorota Habib  
Mr. Richard Sarandrea

**NAYS:** None.

**MOTION UNANIMOUS PASS T 7-0.**

**5. Action on Minutes**

- A. Regular Meeting November 18, 2010**
- B. Regular Meeting December 9, 2010**
- C. Regular Meeting January 13, 2011**

**MOTION:** Mr. Michael Genovese moved to approve minutes items A & B.

**SECOND:** Mr. Joseph Polletta.

**VOTE**

**AYES:**

Chairman, Mr. Edwin Undercuffler; Vice Chairman, Mr. Donato Orsini; Mr. Michael Genovese; Mr. Joseph Polletta; Ms. Martha Sturgis; Mr. Brian Benoit; Ms. Dorota Habib.

**NAYS:** None.

MOTION UNANIMOUS PASS T 7-0.

**MOTION:** Mr. Michael Genovese moved to table minutes agenda item C. to the next regularly scheduled meeting.

**SECOND:** Ms. Martha Sturgis.

**VOTE**

**AYES:**

Chairman, Mr. Edwin Undercuffler; Vice Chairman, Mr. Donato Orsini; Mr. Michael Genovese; Mr. Joseph Polletta; Ms. Martha Sturgis; Mr. Brian Benoit; Ms. Dorota Habib.

**NAYS:** None.

MOTION UNANIMOUS PASS T 7-0.

**6. Pending Applications**

- A. Application #754 of the Town of Watertown Water and Sewer Authority for installation of 850 linear feet of water main between Shaw Farm Road and Happy Avenue, Oakville, CT.**

Caterino

Mr. Vincent Caterino, Water and Sewer Authority Superintendent, was present and explained the application to the Commission. He advised the Commission that the proposal is for installation of 850 linear feet of water main between Shaw Farm Road and Happy Avenue, Oakville, CT. He reported that since the last meeting he has received a report from the Soil Scientist, ConnSoil. The report corrects an error on the maps that were originally submitted. The flags that were picked up by the surveyor in the field he wrote on the map that they were IWL which mean Inland Wetland Limits. They should have been IWC which means Inland Wetland Watercourses. There are no wetlands on this site. He explained the report from the soil scientist to the Commission. He noted that the report states that the ditches on the site have been caused by erosion, they are only erosion channels and gullies.

When they cross the gullies they are to re-grade the area with geotextile fabric and rip-rap to prevent any further erosion. The report indicates that they plant some gray dogwood shrubs, in the area to stabilize. The area will be heavily stabilized. We agree to the report 100%. This project will give the customers more water pressure, it will increase the fire hydrant flows, it will give them more flows when they flushing the hydrants, this is an added safety measure to have two feed to this big section of town. There are 100 customers that we want secure for water service. We are obtaining two easements because we are going through two private properties. We will also be installing on open space owed by the Town. The water main is 5' deep.

Rafey

I recommend before any site disturbance the Wetlands Agent and the Town Engineer visit the site after the snow has melted to make any recommendation on how to stabilize the area. My concerns are the gully erosions, it is time to go and re-grade these. The soil scientist has reported that there is an intermittent watercourse. The Town Engineer and I visited the site when it was covered by snow. I suggested that if the Commission wants to approve this application it should be subjected to a condition to allow the Wetlands Agent and Town Engineer to make recommendation on how to re-grade and stabilize the site.

**MOTION:** Mr. Joseph Polletta moved to approve the application with standard conditions and before any site disturbance the Wetlands Agent and the Town Engineer is to visit the site after the snow has melted to make any recommendation on how to stabilize the area.

**SECOND:** Mr. Michael Genovese

**VOTE**

**AYES:**

Chairman, Mr. Edwin Undercuffler; Vice Chairman, Mr. Donato Orsini; Mr. Michael Genovese; Mr. Joseph Polletta; Ms. Martha Sturgis; Mr. Brian Benoit; Ms. Dorota Habib.

**NAYS:** None.

**MOTION UNANIMOUS PASS T 7-0.**

**7. New Applications**

None

**8. Old Business**

- A. Notice of Violation issued to the owner of 633 Park Road, Watertown, CT.**

**MOTION:** Mr. Michael Genovese moved to table agenda item 8A. to the next regularly scheduled meeting.

**SECOND:** Mr. Joseph Polletta.

**VOTE**

**AYES:**

Chairman, Mr. Edwin Undercuffler; Vice Chairman, Mr. Donato Orsini; Mr. Michael Genovese; Mr. Joseph Polletta; Ms. Martha Sturgis; Mr. Brian Benoit; Ms. Dorota Habib.

**NAYS:** None.

**MOTION UNANIMOUS PASS T 7-0.**

- B. Proposed amendments to Section 7.11.c, Section 10.8, and Section 10.10 of the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations of the Town of Watertown, Connecticut**

**MOTION:** Mr. Joseph Polletta moved to approve the text amendments to Section 7.11.C, Section 10.8 and Section 10.10 of the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations.

**SECOND:** Ms. Martha Sturgis.

**VOTE**

**AYES:**

Chairman, Mr. Edwin Undercuffler; Vice Chairman, Mr. Donato Orsini; Mr. Michael Genovese; Mr. Joseph Polletta; Ms. Martha Sturgis; Mr. Brian Benoit; Ms. Dorota Habib.

**NAYS:** None.

**MOTION UNANIMOUS PASS T 7-0.**

**9. New Business**

- A. Review of the Conservation Commission/ Inland Wetlands Agency By-Laws**

Rafey

I recommend the following changes to the By-Laws: Article IV Membership Wetland Enforcement Office shall attend Commission meetings. This belongs in the section regarding the Wetlands Enforcement Officer. This should be moved to Article XI. He also noted that there are a few typos that need to be corrected. I recommend that the review of the By-laws be tabled to the next regular scheduled meeting so the Commission has an entire month to review and propose an changes.

**MOTION:** Mr. Joseph Polletta moved to table the Conservation Commission/ Inland Wetlands Agency By-Laws to the next regularly scheduled meeting.

**SECOND:** Ms. Martha Sturgis.

**VOTE**

**AYES:**

Chairman, Mr. Edwin Undercuffler; Vice Chairman, Mr. Donato Orsini; Mr. Michael Genovese; Mr. Joseph Polletta; Ms. Martha Sturgis; Mr. Brian Benoit; Ms. Dorota Habib.

**NAYS:** None.

**MOTION UNANIMOUS PASS T 7-0.**

**10. Communications and Bills**

**A. Municipal Inland Wetland Commissioners Training Program DVD**

The entire Commission and staff watched the Municipal Inland Wetland Commissioners Training Program DVD, Volume Ia. Connecticut's Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Act.

**11. Reports from Officers and Committees**

None

**12. Reports from Staff**

**A. Agent Determination**

1. **Application #755 of Cercemaggiore Club for construction of additions to an existing pavilion within upland review area at 550 Sylvan Lake Road, Oakville, CT.**

Rafey

He reported that the Cercemaggiore Club has submitted an application for construction of additions to an existing pavilion within upland review area at 550 Sylvan Lake Road, Oakville, CT. They had a site plan application before the Planning and Zoning Commission for approval of an existing pavilion. The Planning and Zoning Commission asked me if there were any wetlands of the property. I reviewed the site plan that was submitted to the Planning and Zoning Commission and that site plan does show any near the pavilion. There are some wetlands on the property but not within the area that the proposed activity was planned. I have done further research and I reviewed the aerial photos for that part of the town. According to Ariel photos and soil maps there are an area of inland Wetlands near the existing pavilion since proposed addition to the pavilion are located within upland review area, therefore . I asked them to submit an application for a permit. I made a determination because the project has minor activities is out of the wetlands in the upland review area I made the decision. The two additions are 30' x 30' to the pavilion and the other is 10.5' x 16.5' band stand and there will be two small connectors between the two existing pavilions. I also recommend to the Cercemaggiore Club that they send a soil scientist out in the spring to investigate the area, of concern.

13. **Public Participation**

None

14. **Adjournment**

**MOTION:** Mr. Joseph Polletta moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 P.M.

**SECOND:** Vice Chairman, Mr. Donato Orsini

**VOTE**

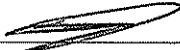
**AYES:**

Chairman, Mr. Edwin Undercuffler; Vice Chairman, Mr. Donato Orsini; Mr. Michael Genovese; Mr. Joseph Polletta; Ms. Martha Sturgis; Mr. Brian Benoit; Ms. Dorota Habib.

NAYS: None.

MOTION UNANIMOUS PASS T 7-0.

Attest:

  
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Tom Murphy, Secretary  
Conservation Commission  
Inland/Wetland Agency