

**TOWN OF MONTVILLE
INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 16, 2021 – 7:00 P.M.
MONTVILLE TOWN HALL
MONTVILLE, CT**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Brush called the meeting to order at 7:00.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Chairman-Doug Brush Vice-Chairman Charles O’Bday III, Commissioners, Jessica LeClair,(remote) Anthony Tufares

Absent: Sandra Berardy, Joseph Berardy, Vacancy, Vacancy Alt.

Attending: T. Williams

3. MINUTES

A. Approval of minutes for the August 19, 2021, Regular Meeting

Motion:(O’Bday/Tufares) to APPROVE the minutes of August 19, 2021, as presented.

Vote: APPROVED. Approval of minutes of July 15, 2021. In favor-Brush, O’Bday, LeClair. Opposed-none. Abstaining-Tufares.

4. REMARKS FROM the PUBLIC *NOT* RELATING to ITEMS on the AGENDA-none

5. OLD BUSINESS:

A. 221 IWC 14-Chapel Hill Rd Owner Town of Montville Applicant: Don Bourdeau, Public Works Director, an application to replace existing drainage culvert crossing beneath Chapel Hill Road.

B. Russo, CLA for the applicant stated the proposed work is designed to replicate the hydraulics that exist now. He was questioned about the road closure due to flooding in the proposed work area. B. Russo stated that it was an extreme rain event and that none of the proposed work would have changed the flooding and with so much rain it could not have been designed to prevent the road flooding. He said that if a larger culvert/pipe were proposed it would increase the flow downstream and flood properties. It was his understanding that the town was getting calls during that rain event about washed-out yards and flooding downstream.

Derrick Hayward, CLA Engineers, for the applicant stated the road was going to be smoothed out by raising it 4-5 inches but the low point would remain the same.

MOTION: (Tufares/O’Bday) After giving due consideration to all relevant factors, including those in Section 10 of the Montville Inland Wetland Regulations and Section 22a-41 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I move to approve Application 221 IWC 14 of The Town of Montville for Regulated Activities for Culvert Improvements at Chapel Hill Road north of Utz Drive, Oakdale, CT, as more fully described in the application, supporting documents and on a plan entitled “Town of Montville, Plan & Profile for Chapel Hill Road, Culvert Replacement, Prepared by CLA Engineers, Inc., Dated 8/10/2021.” Vote: APPROVED unanimously.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Grant Application for CT DEEP and Watershed Land Acquisition Grant

T. Williams read her comments giving background on the property and request:

The Town of Bozrah is asking for a letter of support from The Montville Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission to receive funding under CT DEEP Open Space and Watershed Acquisition (OSWA) Program. The funds will be used to purchase the Glemboski/Ous property. The property in Montville is 55+/- acres, Bozrah property is 105 +/- acres and together are 160 +/- acres of forested property. The acquisition will expand the open space area within the Trading Cove Brook Watershed area, increasing recreational opportunities for the community, secure wildlife areas and allow for future expansions of a trail systems into the Milo Light Preserve.

Together with The Nature Conservancy's 338 acres Milo Light Preserve this acquisition will protect high-quality drinking water sources critical to Southeastern Connecticut.

Norwich Public Utilities (NPU) reports that it is vitally important as it serves nearly 40,000 people in the surrounding area. NPU states this potential acquisition will ensure quality and quantity water to the community for years to come.

T. Williams informed the members that the Mayor and Planning and Zoning have already signed off on the request. She believes that eventually the Avalonia Land Trust will end up buying it.

MOTION: (Tufares/LeClair) The Town of Montville Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission supports the Town of Bozrah's effort to obtain a CT DEEP Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Grant to acquire the Bertha Glemboski & Bety J Ous Estate property (062-003-000), +/- 55 acres in Oakdale, Connecticut.

This acquisition will expand the open space area of the Trading Cove Brook Watershed, allowing for permanent protection of drinking water source along with increasing recreational opportunities for the community, secure wildlife areas and allow for future expansions of a trail systems into the Milo Light Preserve. Vote: APPROVED unanimously.

- 7. PUBLIC HEARING-none
- 8. SHOW CAUSE HEARING-none
- 9. CORRESPONDENCE-none
- 10. OTHER BUSINESS-none

T. Williams informed the members that the Town Planner has retired and Liz Burdick has been hired to replace her.

- 11. EXECUTIVE SESSION -none

- 12. ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: (O'Bday/LeClair) to adjourn at 7:30

Respectfully Submitted
Sue Spang
Recording Secretary

2021 Meeting Dates: September 16, 2021, October 14, 2021, November 18, 2021 & December 16, 2021