

**East Haddam Inland Wetlands and Watercourse Commission  
Land Use Office**

**Regular Meeting Minutes  
March 18, 2025**

1. Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the East Haddam Inland Wetlands and Watercourse Commission was called to order by Mr. Dill at 7:30 PM at the Municipal Office Complex.

2. Attendance

**Members Present:** Randolph Dill, Daniel Jahne, Jennifer Burton-Reeve, David Walls, Bryan Goff

**Members Absent:** Mary Augustiny

**Also Present:** James Ventres (Land Use Administrator)

Mr. Dill appointed Mr. Walls as a voting member due to Ms. Augustiny's absence.

3. Approval of Minutes

6a. Change *right a way* to *right of way*

6a. Change *attention to pave to intention to pave*

***A motion by Ms. Burton-Reeve to approve January 21, 2024, minutes as amended. Seconded by Mr. Walls, and unanimously approved.***

4. Bills

No bills

5. Field Inspection Report

A field inspection was held on Wednesday, March 12, 2025, and Mr. Dill, Ms. Burton-Reeve and Mr. Ventres were in attendance. The following properties were visited: Honey Hill Road and 26 Leesville Road.

6. Wetlands Permit Review

- a. Application #IWWC – 25-01 – Honey Hill Road, North Side, Mangano-Mazzella Preserve (property location), Town of East Haddam Land Trust (application & property owner). Map 013, Lot 003. Proposed construction of a bridge.***

Mr. Dill noted that Mr. Beard was talking about steps and asked for clarification as to what that meant. Ms. Burton-Reeve noted that there was discussion of those being earthen and stone and will go straight up the trail. There was an observation that the bridge will go further upstream where the crossing is a bit narrower. That would help support switch backs so that

there would not be a straight down path. Discussion ensued related to the stream staying pretty much in its path. The lumber and stones are the materials being brought in.

***Motion by Mr. Dill to approve the Application #IWWC – 25-01 – Honey Hill Road, North Side, Mangano-Mazzella Preserve (property location), Town of East Haddam Land Trust (application & property owner). Map 013, Lot 003. Proposed construction of a bridge. Seconded by Ms. Burton-Reeve and unanimously approved.***

7. Discussion

**a. 26 Leesville Road (property location), Charles & Cathy Grillo (property owners). Map 052, Lot 032. Drainage issue**

Mr. Dill provided an overview of the situation which involves a drainage issue on private property on Leesville Road, where a drainage pipe was installed and approved in 1974 with no easement for the Town to maintain. A structure was built over top of that drainage pipe and now there are runoff issues that are causing the adjoining property owner some issues. Mr. Ventres provided an overview of the possible solutions to address the drainage issues. There is not a straightforward easy solution, and there are complications involving multiple property owners, topography and the lack of a Town easement. Mr. Ventres has located a company that may be able to offer a solution to address, but he is waiting for feedback. The water comes from an intermittent stream that floods during heavy rainstorms. Discussion ensued related to who would pay for this repair. Mr. Dill asked Mr. Ventres to talk with the Town Attorney to brief him on the issue and get feedback.

8. IWWC Enforcement Officer's Report

**a. Beebe Road**

Mr. Dill distributed the Public Works' response to his letter. He noted that this item is one of the best examples of why it is so important not to make comments in the field that are not recorded or make suggestions on the plan outside of a recorded meeting.

Mr. Dill reviewed the letter, point by point, and provided further information.

An As-Built was requested to be provided.

The installation of guardrails was discussed as well, with Public Works noting in the letter that guardrails will be installed after determining the appropriate widths for vehicle passage.

Public Works noted that the beaver deceiver has been requested and is in the budget.

Discussion ensued related to the removal of material and that the wetlands have been filled.

The commissioners discussed that if the property owner were a private person, versus the Town, the IWWC would instruct the homeowner to remove the material.

In terms of next steps, Mr. Dill outlined he could write a letter back in response and ask for the As-Built to be provided. Mr. Ventres will discuss as well with Public Works the need for an As-Built. Mr. Dill will denote that there is consensus of the need for a settling basin but the details are unclear so Public Works may need to research the specifics.

**b. Sheepskin Hollow Road/Roaring Brook Repair**

The owners are providing a plan to the Land Use Office, and this item will be put on the agenda upon receipt of that plan.

**c. Proposed forestry regulations**

Mr. Ventres provided a copy of the potential new statute changes that is being considered. He reviewed the details of the changes and overall gist of the proposals. He suggested waiting to have a Public Hearing on the proposed regulations until this new statute is either approved or eliminated.

9. Adjournment

*A motion was made by Ms. Burton-Reeve to adjourn the meeting at 8:22pm. The motion was seconded by Mr. Goff and unanimously approved.*

Respectfully submitted,  
Shannon A. Goyette  
Recording Secretary