

**TOWN OF MONTVILLE**  
**INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION**  
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**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Thursday, June 19, 2014 7:00 p.m.**  
**LOCATION: MONTVILLE TOWN HALL, Council Chambers**

1. Call to order: Chairman Brush called the June 19<sup>th</sup> Inland Wetland Commission to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Roll call: In attendance were Commissioners Brush, O'Bday, Riske, Houk and Deranleau. Commissioner White and Staff absent was Colleen Bezanson, Inland Wetland Agent/Planner II.

3. Minutes

- a. Approve the minutes of the February 20<sup>th</sup> meeting

**Motion** made by Commissioner Houk and seconded by Commissioner O'Bday to approve the February 20 minutes.

**Discussion, none, voice vote, 4-1-0, motion carried. Commissioner Deranleau abstained.**

- b. Approve minutes of April 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Motion** made by Commissioner Riske and seconded by Commissioner O'Bday to approve the February 20, 1014 minutes.

**Discussion, none, voice vote, 5-0, motion carried.**

4. Public Hearings: None

5. Show Cause Hearings: None

6. Remarks from the public relating to items on the agenda:

Commissioner Brush asked three times if there were any remarks from the public relating to items on the agenda. There were none.

7. Old Business:

- a. SAMG Associates, LLC: An application for a subdivision with a crossing and associated grading on the property located at 1784 Route 85, Montville, Ct. As shown on Assessor's Map 11 Lot 3A.

Commissioner Brush read Staffs comments. They indicated that some of the Town Engineer's comments had not been addressed. Staff believes that the Commission does not have enough information as indicated in the Town Engineer/Soil Scientist comments to make an informed decision regarding the project. The applicant submitted revised plans on the 13<sup>th</sup>. Since the applicant had already been given an

extension, Staff recommends denial without prejudice to allow the applicant to address the concerns of the town soil scientist and engineer.

Mark Reynolds professional Engineer addressed the Commission on behalf of the applicant. He stated that he had addressed the Commission's concerns about flooding. The plans and narrative had been revised to include detail of low/no flow construction. It now included multiple pipes. The Riprap had been extended downstream. He gave a breakdown of the plans and revisions.

The Commission recommended an addition be made to the plans, which would give a detailed description of how the pipes would be installed. A discussion was held.

**Motion** made by Commissioner Houk and seconded by Commissioner O'Bday as follows, After giving due consideration to all relevant factors including those in Section 10 and or Section 4 of the Montville Inland Wetland Regulation and Section 22a-41 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I move to deny without prejudice 214 IWC 2: **SAMG Associates, LLC:** An application for a subdivision with a crossing and associated grading on the property located at 1784 Route 85, Montville, Ct. As shown on Assessor's Map 11 Lot 3A as depicted on the plan titled "Subdivision Plan 1784 Hartford New London Tpke (Route 85) Montville Ct Prepared for SAMG Associates LLC Old Lyme, Ct Prepared by Reynolds Engineering Lebanon Ct dated 11/1/13 and revised to 4/14/14 " and the application and narrative dated 8/22/12.

The reason for denial is that the applicant has not provided enough information to satisfy the comments of the Town Engineer and/or Soil Scientist regarding the wetland impacts. Therefore the Commission cannot make an informed decision regarding the proposed plan.

**Discussion, none, voice vote, 4-1-0, motion carried. Commissioner Deranleau abstained.**

b. Hull Forest Products/Leonard Lathrop: An application for a timber harvest with crossings on the property south of Route 163, Montville, Ct. As shown on Assessor's Map 52 Lot 6.

Commissioner Brush completed a site-walk on the adjoining properties with the applicant. The applicant was asked to make changes to the map, which he had done. There would be a total of seven crossings. The crossings on the second property were mainly uplands.

Chris Cassedai, Forrester for Hull Forrest addressed the Commission. He stated that he had provided a map of the stream crossings with maps of the corduroy bridges to be used. A discussion was held.

**Motion** made by Commissioner Brush and seconded by Commissioner Houk as follows, After giving due consideration to all relevant factors including those in Section 10 and or Section 4 of the Montville Inland Wetland Regulation and Section 22a-41 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I move to approve application 214 IWC 2 **Hull Forest /Leonard Lathrop:** An application for a timber harvest with crossings on the property located at on the south side of Route 163 across from # 1239, Montville, Ct. As shown on Assessor's Map 52 Lot 6 as depicted on the plan titled "Lathrop Timber Harvest Property of Fred and Judith Lathrop 1229 Route 163 Prepared by C. Casadei Feb 2014" and the application and narrative dated 3/18/14.

This is a conditional approval. Each and every condition is an integral part of the Commission decision. Should any of the conditions, on appeal from this decision, be found to be void or of no legal effect then this conditional approval is likewise void. Should any of the conditions not be implemented by the applicant or his successors within the specified permit time period, then this conditional approval is void.

### Standard Reasons for Approval

1. The environmental impact of the proposed project does not have a significant effect on the inland wetland's and watercourse's capacity to support fish and wildlife, to prevent flooding, to supply and protect surface and groundwater, to control sediment, to facilitate drainage, to control pollution, to support recreational activities, and to promote public health and safety.
2. The Commission has determined that the relationship between the short-term uses of the environment and the maintenance and enhancement of long-term productivity will have no impact on the surrounding wetland system
3. The proposed activity will not have irreversible and irretrievable commitments of resources.
4. The proposed project will not change the character and or add degree of injury to, or interference with, safety, health, or the reasonable use of property, including abutting or downstream property.
5. The proposed activity use is suitable to the area.
6. The applicant has taken all feasible measures to mitigate the impact of any aspect of the proposed regulated activity.

**Discussion, none, voice vote, 4-1-0, motion carried. Commissioner Deranleau abstained.**

c. Hull Forest Products/Fred & Judith Lathrop: An application for a timber harvest with crossings on the property located at 1239 Route 163, Montville, Ct. As shown on Assessor's Map 52 Lot 35

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**Discussion, none, voice vote, 4-1-0, motion carried. Commissioner Deranleau abstained.**

8. New Business:

- a. Daniel Stanavage: An application for work within a regulated area on the property located at 55H Laurel Point Dr. Montville, Ct. As shown on Assessor's Map 105 Lot 26.

Commissioner Brush stated that Mr. Stanavage had an emergency and could not attend the meeting. MS. Bezanson had left a note indicating that the applicant was in violation. No narrative was provided. This was an anonymous complaint.

**Motion** made by Commissioner O'Bday and seconded by Commissioner Riske to schedule a site-walk on July 11, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.

**Discussion, none, voice vote, 5-0, motion carried.**

- b. Chesterfield Fire Company: An application for work within a regulated in conjunction with the construction of new garage bays area on the property located at 1606 Route 85, Montville Ct. As shown on Assessor's Map 5 Lots 12 & 12A.

Chief Keith Truex and First Lieutenant Bert Davis addressed the Commission. They stated that they had contacted a builder concerning an expansion. They had been advised to expand using a standalone building as opposed to one attached to the existing building. They stated that they were a volunteer fire department and were raising the funds for the project. They had been advised by the builder to seek the approval of the Commission before having plans drawn up to see if the project was feasible. The Commission recommended they withdraw the current application and have the plans drawn up and resubmit a new application with plans. A discussion was held.

- c. Town of Montville: Modification of permit 213IWC 14 for sidewalk installation within a regulated area along Chesterfield Rd from the Bus Garage to the Montville High School Access Drive.

Commissioner Brush indicated that Ms. Bezanson recommended a site-walk.

Bob Russo, CLA Engineer addressed the Commission. Mr. Russo gave a refresher of the old plans. He stated that the additional work would be done on the opposite side of the street. Mr. Russo gave a breakdown of the plans, which included the explanation of a second sidewalk, the crosswalk being redone as well as two new storm water discharges. A discussion was held.

**Motion** made by Commissioner O’Bday and seconded by Commissioner Riske this item to next month’s meeting.

**Discussion, none, voice vote, 5-0, motion carried.**

9. Correspondence:

- Referral of a proposed fuel tank reclamation activity at 421 Salem Tpke, Town of Bozrah.
- Notifications of application submit to DEEP for a general permit for water resource construction activities.
- Wetlands Agency Comprehensive Training Program

10. Other Business:

a. Algonquin Gas Transmission: Proposed Cathodic Protection Systems on Fitch Hill Rd, Raymond Hill Rd, and Crandall Hill Rd

A discussion was held as to whether a permit was needed. There would be digging of a trench through wetlands. Commissioner Brush would contact the attorney and ask if a permit was needed.

b. CCI II LLC: 260 Leffingwell Rd, Montville, Ct. (Assessor’s Map 61 Lot 11) emergency drainage.

Colleen Bezanson indicated that the applicant was in violation. Staff had not received a plan as of yet. A discussion was held as to whether to wait for a plan before scheduling a site-walk.

**Motion** made by Commissioner O’Bday and seconded by Commissioner Riske to continue to the next meeting.

**Discussion, none, voice vote, 5-0, motion carried.**

11. Executive Session: None

12. Adjourn

**Motion** made by Commissioner O’Bday and seconded by Commissioner Riske to adjourn the June 19, 2014 Inland Wetland Commission at 8:32 p.m.

**Discussion, none, voice vote, 5-0, motion carried. Meeting adjourned.**

*Respectfully submitted by, Heidi-Lee Jacobs, Minutes Clerk for the Town of Montville.*

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