COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:
Ms. Dulka, Mr. Courtney, Mr. Crochetier, Mr. Malone, Ms. Perrier, Mr. Seaha.

Also present: Ms. Maura Robie, Wetlands Officer, Ms. Mary Lou Morell, Property Manager, Elite Property Management. Attorney Paul Smith, Ms. Katie A. Bednarz, Soil Scientist, Mr. Kevin R. Johnson, Landscape Architect representing ALLN Tree, LLC, the owner of 3 Industrial Drive, Windsor Locks.

Ms. Dulka called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

Approval of December 5, 2012 minutes Ms. Dulka asked for a motion for the December 5, 2012 minutes. Motion to accept was made by Mr. Courtney, seconded by Mr. Seaha. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Dibble Hollow: Ms. Dulka reviewed a letter sent to Ms. Morell on December 7, 2012, a copy of which is on file. Ms. Morell stated that she had received a letter from the previous Wetlands Agent, memo on February 22, 2012. The letter stated that Dibble Hollow drainage concern has come to The Inland Wetland Commissions attention during post storm inspections as noted by Mr. James Hidy, of NRCS. The letter went on to state that the Association may have a problem with the torreal flow of the outside of the storm drain suggesting a broken pipe. It has the appearance of water traveling outside of the storm drain pipe near Unit 20 of Dibble Hollow eroding and washing away the soil. As you are aware we have had quite a few significant storms in over the last several years. In 2005, slip surfaces have resulted in properties failing near Dibble Hollow. This letter is for your information only. So that your Association should consider any necessary maintenance as it pertains to bank stabilization, especially for the Condominium units at the top of the bank. The memo was signed by Jennifer Rodriguez. Ms. Morell stated that she had several phone conversations with Jennifer, attempting to set up two separate meetings to review the channel, walk the brook with herself, Jennifer and somebody from NRCS. Those plans never materialized, because they were unable to get together at the same time, and not due to any resistance on Ms. Morell's behalf. Ms. Morell received was a letter from Ms. Dulka asking her to contact Ms. Robie, Wetlands Agent. Ms. Morell stated that Dibble Hollow had repaired the one pipe that was mentioned in the memo she received from the Building Department in February 2012 and was not aware of any other issues on the Property. Ms. Dulka asked Ms. Morell if she was the Property Manager, Ms. Morell told her that she had been for the last couple of years. Ms. Morell said that she had overseen the work done as specified. Ms. Dulka asked if she had asked for a permit to have the repair done. Ms. Morell said no. Ms. Dulka explained that any work involving Wetlands needs a permit to proceed. Ms. Robie stated that there are some outstanding issues such as slope failure, and broken pipes. Both Ms. Dulka and Ms. Robie recommend that an engineer be hired to look over the site, come up with a plan and submit it to the Town Engineer. Ms. Dulka asked Ms. Morell if she could have a progress update by the February meeting. Ms. Morell agreed to provide the Commission with an update at the February 2013 meeting.
Woodland Street: No Update

Hamilton Sunstrand: No application received as yet for Watts Pond Dam

Lawnacre Road: Update from Kirk Montstream on 12/20/12: They cleaned up both head walls they are making a plan to get a cable to remove the dam.

Bills and Correspondence: A soil science registry was received as published by the Society of Soil Scientists of Southern New England.

A letter from First Selectman Mr. Steven Warwick congratulating Mr. Courtney on being reappointed to the Inland Wetland and Watercourses Commission until February 16, 2016

Budget: The next budget meeting is schedule for February 5, 2013 at 6:30 PM

New Business: 2 Ella Grasso Turnpike: Ms. Robie went to the site to check on the silt fence prior to the start of work. She made the following comments to Hal Pierce by phone 1. Silt fence needs stapling in spots where it is sagging. Keep an eye on it throughout construction. 2. Always try to stay off upland review (restoration) areas whenever possible, especially the areas containing horsetail plant species as Ms. Robie noticed many tire tracks in the area. 3. We are still awaiting final site plan with a copy of the approval letter, signature, and engineer's seal.

Mr. Courtney made a motion to add an item to the agenda, seconded by Mr. Cochetier. Motion carried. Mr. Seaha made a motion to hear the application for 3, Industrial Road seconded by Mr. Courtney. Motion carried. The project proposes to utilize the site for landscaping operation materials storage by building three concrete block storage bins to contain materials such as mulch, topsoil, stumps and other yard waste. They are proposing to alter 1,878 sq. ft. of existing area that has limited functions and values, and its location is incompatible with the desired use of the site. They are proposing to compensate by creating a 2,350 sq. ft. wetland area in the S.W. corner of the site. This would include leaving 7 existing mature trees, utilizing the rich soil, planting native trees, shrubs, and erosion control seed mixes. In this location it would also act as a vegetated buffer between the property and the only residential abutment. Attorney Smith showed the commissioners a map covering the items above. Ms. Dulka stated that a public hearing on this matter would not be necessary and the Commission Members agreed. Some site clearing has already been carried out, without a permit. Attorney Smith was asked who carried it out. He said it was done by Rousseau Landscaping, the owner of the property. In the past leaves and debris have been dumped on the property. The commission wants the attorney to send a letter to an abutter, Barbara Rush, explaining that the site is now a watercourse area. Ms. Dulka said she was displeased with Mr. Rousseau and expected a letter of apology to the commission. Ms. Dulka asked for a vote on the acceptance of application. A motion was made by Mr. Seaha, to accept the application , was seconded by Mr. Courtney, Motion carried. The Commission Members agreed that they had sufficient information to vote on the project tonight. Ms. Dulka asked for a motion on the application. Mr. Seaha made a motion to approve the application with conditions leaving some large willow trees, piles of sticks, and woody debris, snag or dead trees in the proposed new wetland area seconded by Mr. Courtney. Motion carried.

Adjournment: Ms. Dulka requested a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 PM, Mr. Courtney made a motion for adjournment, Mr. Seaha seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully Pauline G. Taylor, Secretary