

**TOWN OF MONTVILLE**  
**INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION**  
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**SPECIAL MEETING**  
**PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES**  
**7:00 p.m. February 7, 2013**  
**LOCATION: MONTVILLE TOWN HALL, *Council Chambers***

1. **Call to order: Commissioner Brush opened the Public Hearing at 7:02 p.m.**
2. **Roll call:** In Attendance were Commissioners Brush, Taylor, Bartholomew, Beauchene and O'Bday. Absent was Commissioner Riske. Staff present was Colleen Bezanson, Inlands Wetlands Agent/Planner II.
3. Public Hearings:
  - a. **Town of East Lyme:** An application for the water main interconnection project with regulated activities on the property located at 375 Butlertown Rd, as shown on Assessor's Map 5 Lot 27-5 and within the roadways of Route 161, Route 85, Sachatello Industrial Dr and Butlertown Rd.

Colleen Bezanson read the following exhibits into record:

1. Town of East Lyme Application including plan "East Lyme-New London Interconnection Project East Lyme, CT Contract No. 1 – Water Transmission Main DWSRF #2010-0102." Prepared for the Town of East Lyme Water Sewer Commission and First Selectman Prepared by Tighe & Bond Consulting Engineers dated December 2012 and the application and narrative and storm water report dated December 2012.
2. Legal Notice as submitted and published in the New London Day on January 25, 2013 and February 1, 2013.
3. Staff report dated 2/7/2013
4. Certified Mailing receipts for the Public Hearing Notifications to the Towns of East Lyme and Waterford and to the New London Department of Utilities
5. Letter from the Town Engineer dated 1/29/2013

Ms. Bezanson stated that the town Engineer's comments were in the packet given to the Commission. She stated that although the comments are not Wetland Related they should be addressed and that if a motion was made tonight they were included in part of the conditions. Ms. Bezanson gave a breakdown of the project.

First Selectman for East Lyme, CT, Paul Formica addressed the Commission. He indicated that the project was being completed due to East Lyme's ongoing water shortage. The project is a water banking system with New London. It will eliminate the water shortfall that occurs in East Lyme in July and August, by banking the excess water from East Lyme in New London during the September through June months for use during the summer months. Selectman Formica gave a brief break down of the project at hand and stated that this was the first leg of a larger project with other cities. A discussion was held.

Project Manager George Kansas of Tighe & Bond addressed the Commission. He stated that this would connect the northern end of the East Lyme distribution system to the New London system at the water treatment plant. Mr. Kansas gave a breakdown of the plan and the Latimer Brook Crossing. The Crossing would be upstream and cross the roadway downstream. Concrete piers with drilled shaft would be placed to support the steel casing and pipe. This would add protection and minimize debris in the water. A water tower would be placed on the property as well as an access drive. He emphasized that of all the possible plans and scenarios this was the least invasive. A discussion was held.

Senior Environmental Scientist, Matt Davidson of Tighe & Bond addressed the Commission. He stated that of out all the evaluated alternatives, this application will least impact the wetlands. He gave a breakdown of all the alternatives, concerns and the reasons why they were not used. He stated that out of all the alternatives this plan would have the fewest impacts both wetlands and upland review and out of the impacts, the vast majority were temporary. A discussion was held.

Mayor Ronald McDaniel of Montville addressed the Commission. He stated that without the reconfiguration of the intersection on Rte 85 this plan made more sense. Mayor McDaniel gave a breakdown as to why this plan made more sense, long term. He stated that this water would benefit Montville as to fire suppression and transmission vetted through regular water community. A discussion was held.

Commissioner Brush asked three times if anybody had any comments in Favor.

*There were None.*

Commissioner Brush asked three times if anybody had any comments in opposition.

*There were None.*

**Motion** made by Commissioner O’Bday and seconded by Commissioner Taylor to close the Public Hearing at 7:44 p.m.

**Voice Vote. 5-0 All in Favor. Motion Carried. Public Hearing Closed.**

**Motion** made by Commissioner Taylor 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 Regulations and Section 22a-41 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I move to approve application,

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This is a conditional approval. Each and every condition is an intergral part of the Commission decision. Should any of the conditions, on appeal from this decision, be found to be void or of not 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.

**Conditions of approval are:**

- 1. All comments of the Town Engineers Letter dated 1-29-13 will be addressed.**

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Commissioner Bartholomew- For**

**Commissioner Taylor – For**

**Commissioner Beauchene – For**

**Commissioner Brush - For**

**Commissioner O’Bday - For**

**5-0 All is favor. Motion Carries Unanimously.**

**4. Adjourn**

**Motion made by Commissioner O’Bday and seconded by Commissioner Bartholomew to adjourn the February 7. 2013, Special Meeting at 7:49 p.m.**

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

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