

**INLAND AND WETLANDS COMMISSION
SHOW CAUSE HEARING
Dolores and Julio DaSilva, Jr, 0 Edwards St.
OCTOBER 15, 2013**

Mary Davis called this meeting to order at 7:08 PM with the following in attendance:

MEMBERS:

Mary Davis, Chair
Joseph Bakstis, Vice Chair, Absent
Sally MacKenzie, Secretary
Marcia Puc
Alex Olbrys, Absent
Tracy DeBarber
Lars Johnson, Alternate, Absent

OTHER:

Sue Goggin, Secretary
Public – 0
Steve Macary, ZEO

Mary Davis said the Show Cause Hearing was to provide Julio and Dolores DaSilva, Jr. an opportunity to be heard and show cause why the order should not remain in effect regarding clear cutting trees, a regulated activity, at 0 Edwards Street, Naugatuck, CT, adjacent to a watercourse, Long Meadow Pond Brook, without having first obtained a permit from the Naugatuck Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission. Mary said a letter was sent to the DaSilva's from Keith Rosenfeld on October 1, 2013. She asked Steve for the order of events. Steve said that Keith went out there and sent them a letter and then Steve went out there. He said he thinks Mr. DaSilva told his workers to clean up the area. He said when he went out there the whole area was cut. Steve said he told them to stop the clean up until they came before wetlands. John DaSilva, 89 Larchmont Avenue, Waterbury, CT, said he is Dolores and Julio's son. He said they were unaware that they had to obtain a permit to cut down trees on their property. Mary said it's been a law since 1974 in the State of Connecticut that anybody that owns property has to get a permit to cut anything within the 100' buffer. Mary said the commission doesn't want any more trees cut down. She asked why the trees were cut down. John said he had photos of the larger trees as well as some of the others that were dead. He said they were worried about trees coming down in the upcoming winter season. He asked what steps they can take at this point. Mary said it's very important for him to do something now because when you clear cut trees it can cause erosion. It can cause that embankment to collapse into the brook and that will cause major problems. He said they did not know that there was a requirement to pull a permit to cut the trees. Mary said they are going to need a plan and apply for a permit. She recommended that they contact Southwest Conservation District or they should hire a professional. Steve will visit the DaSilva's property to see if anything is washing away. There was a discussion on whether it was an emergency situation or not. It was determined that it was not an emergency situation. Mary said nothing should be cut up or done to the area until someone looks at it. Sally mentioned the washout at Mountview Plaza. She said a large rain event would wash it out. Mary suggested that he put in some silt fence with hay bales to start. John should come back to the next IW meeting on November 6th. Steve will call him in the morning and go out and visit the property. He will also give Roman's number to John. Sue should send a copy of November's agenda to the DaSilva's.

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by Marcia Puc and seconded by Tracy DeBarber to **ADJOURN** the meeting at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sally MacKenzie, Secretary /sg