

THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT THE NEXT IWWA MEETING

TOWN OF CHESTER, CONNECTICUT  
INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES AGENCY  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
Monday, April 1, 2024  
Chester Town Hall

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bisacky called the meeting to order at 7:01p.m. In attendance included: Al Bisacky, Michael Bellesiles, Bob Blair, Bill Bernhart, Kim Senay, Wanderson Dutra, Randy Bernotas, IW Official, and Roger Nemergut.

MINUTES - 3/4/24

Michael Bellesiles made a motion to approve the minutes from the 3/4/24 IWWA meeting as presented. Bob Blair seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS - None.

APPLICATION #24-08 - Wanderson Landscaping, 318 West Main Street - removal of tree and relocation of ornamental boulders

Mr. Dutra, Wanderson Landscaping, reported that the applicant (Ten Directions Inc., DBA Guest House Retreat and Conference Center), is requesting permission to remove a condemned tree and relocate ornamental boulders (with an excavator) at the location. The proposed work is to be done between the driveway and the building.

The consensus of the Agency members was that this landscaping work could be allowed under an Administrative Permit.

APPLICATION #24-09 - Mechelle Sage, 12-14 Sypher Road, one bedroom addition to existing residence, a new deck, and screen porch

A copy of the application was distributed to Agency members. The applicant wishes to add a 32-foot by 32-foot addition to the north side of an existing two-family residence. The proposed addition will have the same finish floor elevation as the existing structure and will have a full basement with a drive under garage on the northwest side. A 12-foot by 32-foot deck is also proposed on the east side of the addition. The deck will be supported by cement piers. A 17-foot by 14-foot screened porch is proposed over a portion of the existing stone patio. Grading will involve filling around the addition and cutting relating to the proposed driveway access to the drive under garage. Fill material will be from the driveway cut operations supplemented as required with clean fill from off-site. The application included alternatives that were considered by the applicant.

No activity is proposed in a wetland or watercourse, just the review area. Wetlands were flagged in November by Richard Snarski. An approximately 1/10 of an acre pond is located on the property. This pond has silted in and contains invasive phragmites that the applicant would like to address. The pond is fed by Burr brook (the plan will be updated to document the location of Burr brook). No permit will be required to remove the phragmites by hand. If equipment is needed, a permit will be necessary. In addition the removal of accumulated silt would require a permit.

Details of a proposed rain garden to capture water from the proposed addition and a portion of the driveway (mitigation due to the grading) were discussed. A planting plan was also included in the rain garden design. Additional sizing calculations related to the rain garden will be provided to the Agency. The proposed rain garden as shown on the plans is at the same elevation as the wetland. Due to the proposed location of the rain garden, Agency members requested that the applicant provide assurance that the rain garden will operate as intended.

A new septic system is not required, however, a B100a application will be submitted to the Health Department/Health District as necessary. The intention is to use the existing system.

A tree will need to be removed to facilitate the proposed driveway work.

Agency members felt that a site walk was not necessary. Randy will “walk” the property and provide input to the Agency at the next meeting.

CONTINUED SHOW CAUSE HEARING - Chester Airport, 61 Winthrop Road - unpermitted activity within review area – No report. Still under DEEP review.

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#### ENFORCEMENT OFFICER’S REPORT

Randy reported:

- \* A copy of the DEEP permit for the use of pesticides on Gottesman Pond (Winthrop Rd.) was provided to the Agency for informational purposes.
- \* Randy will speak with Cam Evangelisti regarding the removal of beavers from Jennings Pond. If the removal is done by hand, no permit is necessary.
- \* Work has not yet begun at Aaron Manor.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS – tabled until all Agency members are present.

CORRESPONDENCE - None.

RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS AFTER POSTING OF AGENDA - None.

#### ANY OTHER BUSINESS

213 Middlesex Ave. – to date, no plan has been received from Bob Doane relative to the stockpile at the property. Randy will follow-up with Doane Engineering.

Complaint Process – Agency members agreed that anonymous complaints will be accepted. All potential impacts to wetlands must be investigated.

ADJOURNMENT

Michael Bellesiles made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m. Bill Blair seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Helchowski  
Clerk