

THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT THE NEXT AGENCY MEETING

TOWN OF CHESTER, CONNECTICUT  
INLAND WETLAND & WATERCOURSES AGENCY  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
Monday, May 6, 2024  
Chester Town Hall

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bisacky called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. In attendance included: Bob Blair, Bill Bernhart (via TEAMS), Al Bisacky, Sally Sanders, and Kim Senay. Also in attendance: Randy Bernotas, IW Official, Roger Nemergut, Bernie Cermola, Cardinal Engineering, and Brian Jeremiah.

MINUTES - 4/1/24

Bob Blair made a motion to approve the minutes from the 4/1/24 IWWA meeting as presented. Bill Bernhart seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS - None.

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

As discussed at the 4/1/24 meeting, the applicant wishes to add a 32-foot by 32-foot addition to the north side of an existing two-family residence. As requested, clarification was provided as follows:

- Rain Garden - Roger Nemergut distributed updated plans and reported that Richard Snarski recommends that a wetland biofilter be used in lieu of the rain garden. Specifications of the biofilter and a planting plan were included in the revised plans.
- Additional details on the relationship between Burr Brook and the existing pond were provided. The pond is an embankment pond and is isolated by a berm from the brook. There is a catch basin off of the driveway that feeds the pond and there is an outlet on the pond (6-inch pipe at the NE corner of the pond).

The homeowner will maintain the biofilter.

If the property owner decides to “scour” the pond, a separate application will be developed and submitted to the Agency and will include a dewatering and sedimentation plan. Randy will be contacted prior to the start of any work.

Sally Sanders made a motion to approve application #24-09 - Mechelle Sage, 12-14 Sypher Road, one bedroom addition to existing residence, a new deck, and screen porch as presented. Bob Blair seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

APPLICATION #24-10 – Paul Barberino, Chapman Farms, LLC, 153 W. Main Street,

construction of new garage with accessory apartment.

Bernie Cermola, Cardinal Engineering, reported that the applicant is proposing a 32,000 sq. ft. garage with an accessory apartment above on an 82,000 sq. ft. lot. A portion (35 sq. ft.) of the proposed project is in the review area. The septic is located outside of the review area and has been approved. In addition, a portion of the grading will take place in the review area.

Agency members requested clarification/additional information as follows:

- A plan to address infiltration of water from impervious areas, i.e. the roof. (consistent with the Connecticut Stormwater Manual).
- Location of soil stockpile.
- Construction entrance – add location to the plans and specify type of gravel to be used.

This application will be discussed further at the June IWWA 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:

- 217 Middlesex Ave. – spoke with property owner regarding fill in the review area. To date, no permit has been requested.
- 213 Middlesex Ave. – mats have been placed but no seeding observed. The court date is approaching, and Bob Doane was contacted regarding the revised plan for the stockpile. Randy will re-visit the location on Friday.
- Jennings Pond – beaver/debris removal – to date, Randy has not yet discussed this project with Cam Evangelisti, Public Works.
- Park and Rec. installed a canoe/kayak rack at Cedar Lake.

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

CORRESPONDENCE - None.

RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS AFTER POSTING OF AGENDA - None.

#### ANY OTHER BUSINESS

North Main Street Project – the consensus of the Agency members was to issue an Administrative Permit for the Town's project (sewer extension, paving).

#### ADJOURNMENT

Sally Sanders made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 p.m. Bill Blair seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Helchowski  
Clerk