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1. Call to Order

The Chester Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Agency held its regular meeting on Monday, April 7, 2014, at the Chester Town Hall, 203 Middlesex Avenue, Chester, Connecticut. In attendance were Sally Sanders, Eric Davison, Kim Senay, Christine Darnell and Kris Seifert (arrived during Agenda Item #4). Vice Chairman Sanders called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

2. Minutes - March 3, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes and March 31, 2014 Site Walk Minutes

Motion by Darnell, second by Davison, to approve March 3, 2014 Minutes as written. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. Audience of Citizens - none.

4. Continued Show Cause Hearing - 46 Deep Hollow LLC, 46 Deep Hollow Road - unpermitted regulated activity

Andrew Drabkin and Attorney Chris Smith were present. Attorney Smith updated Agency members on the status of this matter. He indicated they were still waiting to hear from Cory Rose, Army Corps, to finalize what's occurring in the wetlands. Other work has been incorporated into the plan.

Attorney Smith referenced the farm use determination that was brought up at the last meeting. He noted there will be a farm operation and asked if something separate has to be submitted relative to the farm use itself.

Vice Chairman Sanders asked if there were any changes to the remediation plan. Mr. Drabkin reviewed the changes requested by Cory Rose. Sanders reviewed the areas Ms. Rose had indicated were usable for farm use. Mr. Drabkin noted he will be signing a contract soon with the NRCS regarding description and recommended uses.

Mr. Drabkin stated he ordered the conservation seeding mix. An appointment will be scheduled with Richard Snarski and Anna Sweeney to flag the wetlands, the stakings and mark the planting sites.

Area A on the remediation plan was reviewed.

Vice Chairman Sanders noted the decision was to go with wooden stakes to delineate the area as a temporary solution. The best time to do the staking would be when Mr. Snarski does the flagging. Mr. Drabkin

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added that the Agency was going to revisit the staking in a year or two to see if anything more needed to be done.

Vice Chairman Sanders noted the Order will remain in place as is.

5. Application #14-4 - 46 Deep Hollow LLC, 46 Deep Hollow Road - fencing, irrigation and seasonal high tunnel
Andrew Drabkin and Attorney Chris Smith were present. Vice Chairman Sanders noted this application was submitted last month and has to do with the farming operation at the front of the property. Attorney Chris Smith noted this application covers 3 different activities - fencing, irrigation and seasonal high tunnel.

Attorney Smith further noted there was discussion at the last meeting regarding the farming operation. Eric Davison asked if the applicant was looking for a determination on the farming operation as a whole or in pieces. Attorney Smith replied it would be best if done in one determination and if there was a question about any one area, the applicant could come back. That however, would probably hold up this application.

Attorney Smith discussed the remediation plan for the farming operation. The remediation plan was reviewed in detail. Attorney Smith noted the applicant will come back if the farming operation moves forward.

Eric Davison noted this application is pretty clear. It was noted as part of this application some invasives will be removed.

In conclusion, Attorney Smith asked the Agency to act on what's included in Application #14-4 this evening. They will then come back for the whole farming operation under Section 4-4.

Motion by Seifert, second by Darnell, to approve Application #14-4, 46 Deep Hollow LLC, 46 Deep Hollow Road, that covers deer fencing for surrounding area marked as farming, proposed irrigation and proposed seasonal high tunnel as shown on the plan submitted with the application. Discussion ensued relative to the season high tunnel, collection of rain water and proposed irrigation. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. Application #14-3 - Town of Chester, Main Street Improvements
First Selectman Ed Meehan and Gary Giroux from Stadia Engineering

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were present. Vice Chairman Sanders asked if neighboring property owners had been notified of this application and if not, whether there should be any further discussion at this time. First Selectman Meehan replied no, it was a procedural error on his part. He requested this be tabled until the next meeting in view of the fact the neighbors were not notified and that the report from the Town Engineer was only received just prior to this meeting.

First Selectman Meehan noted the Main Street Project Committee made a recommendation to the Board of Selectmen that Main Street from the Post Office to the Cemetery be moved southerly. This raised some issues with the Town Engineer that need to be addressed further.

Ms. Sweeney noted this application was received at the March meeting and if this is not ready for the April meeting, it will require a written extension of time.

7. Regulations and Map Modifications - nothing further to report.

8. Outstanding Orders

(a) Marguerite Komondy, 29 Liberty Street

(b) Phoenix Ventures LLC, 33 Liberty Street

Nothing further to report on the above.

9. Wetland Compliance Officer's Report

Anna Sweeney reported on the following -

1) Pataconk Yacht Club main building burned down. They will be rebuilding on the same footprint, but will need to come in for a wetlands permit.

2) The Johnson property at 35 South Wig Hill had a lot of disturbance and erosion from recent torrential rains on March 30th. Travis Parker is putting together a plan and an application will be forthcoming. Eric Davison asked if this required any immediate stabilization. WCO Sweeney replied it was currently fine and no action was required.

3) The property owner at 88 West Main Street wants to put in an artesian well and asked whether this could be done by administrative permit. It was decided this would require a regular wetlands permit.

4) WCO Sweeney noted she attended a recent wetlands seminar and obtained a lot of excellent information regarding rain gardens,

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stream side buffers, etc.

10. Election of Officers - tabled.
11. Correspondence - none.
12. Receipt of Applications After Posting of Agenda - none.
13. Any Other Business - none.
14. Executive Session - Pending Litigation - no executive session.
15. Adjournment
**Motion by Davison, second by Darnell, to adjourn at 7:50 PM.
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Judith R. Brown".

Judith R. Brown, Recording Secretary