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Regular Meeting, May 5, 2014
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1. Call to Order

The Chester Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Agency held its regular meeting on Monday, May 5, 2014, at the Chester Town Hall, 203 Middlesex Avenue, Chester, Connecticut. In attendance were Al Bisacky, Sally Sanders, Kim Senay, Eric Davison and Christine Darnell. Anna Sweeney, Wetlands Compliance Officer, was also present. Chairman Bisacky called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

2. Minutes -March 31, 2014 Site Walk Minutes; April 7, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion by Sanders, second by Darnell, to approve March 31, 2014 Site Walk Minutes as written. Voting in favor - Sanders, Darnell, Davison, Senay. Opposed - none. Abstained - Bisacky. Motion Carried.

Motion by Sanders, second by Davison, to approve April 7, 2014 Minutes amended as follows -

- Under 4. Continued Show Cause Hearing, 46 Deep Hollow LLC, 6th paragraph, last sentence should read, "Mr. Drabkin added that the Agency was going to revisit the staking in a year or two to see if anything more needed to be done and stated he would replace the wooden stakes as needed."

Voting in favor - Sanders, Davison, Senay, Darnell. Opposed - none. Abstained - Bisacky. Motion Carried.

3. Audience of Citizens - none.

Motion by Sanders, second by Darnell, to move Agenda Item #6 to before Agenda Item #4. Voting in favor - Sanders, Darnell, Davison, Senay, Bisacky. Opposed - none. Motion Carried.

6. Schaller, 51 Ferry Road - pre-review discussion re dock

Mr. Schaller noted he built his dock at 51 Ferry Road about 12 years ago. At this time he wants to extend the dock out to get to deep water as he's having a problem going out and coming in except for very high tide. He has gotten stuck a couple of times and there have been a few times when he has had to leave his boat at a neighbor's dock and walk home. Mr. Schaller further noted the problem is continually getting worse. He has asked his engineer to look at the issue. The engineer advised him that to get to deep enough water he would have to go out another 20 to 30 feet and that he should come to the Wetlands Agency to discuss this matter. Schaller noted even if he went out another 50 feet, his neighbors' docks are much further

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out. He also noted the kayakers don't come close to his dock.

Chairman Bisacky advised Mr. Schaller he will have to get permission from DEEP first. Schaller noted he was aware of that but his engineer said to come to this Agency first.

Sally Sanders asked how long the dock was. Schaller replied 100 feet. The original application was for 160 feet. Schaller noted this would be a fixed dock and the lift would be moved out.

Eric Davison noted the biggest hurdle for this dock extension would be to get approval from DEEP.

Chairman Bisacky noted this Agency decided in the past to take jurisdiction over docks. The Agency can change that decision at any time if it chooses to do so.

Anna Sweeney noted Mr. Schaller should also contact the Harbor Management Commission relative to any dock modifications.

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

Andrew Drabkin was present. Anna Sweeney indicated she did a recent site visit to the property and sent out all her notes to the Agency members. There were no surprises. Mrs. Sweeney did indicate there were a couple of issues that needed to be addressed. The Army Corps has jurisdiction over certain sections that can't be done at this point. There is also another section with stump piles that needs to be addressed. Mr. Drabkin noted there are two brush piles, piles of sticks and one stump pile within the buffer area. Mr. Snarski suggested just leaving them there for now as bringing in big machinery at this time would not be good. Chairman Bisacky asked how big these piles were. Drabkin noted they are not in the wetlands themselves, but in the buffer area. Mr. Davison agreed with Mr. Snarski not to bring in big machinery at this time. There was discussion regarding invasives.

It was recommended to not make any changes to the Order at this time.

Chairman Bisacky asked if there was a schedule in dealing with the Army Corps. Mr. Drabkin noted he would like this done as soon as possible. He received the latest comments from Army Corps last week that will be addressed this week.

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Mr. Drabkin noted he could not make the June meeting so he will be at the July meeting with a farm plan exemption. There was discussion as to when the application should be submitted. It was suggested the application be submitted as early as possible.

5. Application #14-3 - Town of Chester, Main Street Improvements - request for 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

There was a brief discussion regarding the status of the above Outstanding Orders.

9. Wetland Compliance Officer Report

Anna Sweeney, WCO, noted she did not have a report for this month. There was a brief discussion regarding a drainage issue at 35 Wig Hill Road.

10. Election of Officers

Motion by Davison, second by Darnell, to appoint current slate of officers for upcoming year - Bisacky as Chairman, Sanders as Vice Chairman and Secretary. Voting in favor - Davison, Darnell, Senay, Sanders, Bisacky. Opposed - none. Motion Carried.

11. Correspondence

Chairman Bisacky noted the Agency received a voucher for State Inland Wetlands Training.

12. Receipt of Applications After Posting of Agenda - none.

13. Any Other Business

The issue of Town clean up of road sand was discussed. Agency members felt the Town should do this earlier before the Spring rains. Mrs. Sweeney will write a letter to First Selectman Meehan, copied to

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the Conservation Commission, requesting this be done at least a month earlier before Spring rains.

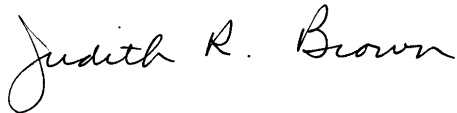
Anna Sweeney noted she also mentioned to First Selectman Meehan that on Kings Highway there is a drainage swale off the road going into a stream with a ton of sand.

14. Executive Session - Pending Litigation - nothing further to report.

15. Adjournment

**Motion by Sanders, second by Senay, to adjourn at 7:50 PM.
Voting in favor - Sanders, Senay, Darnell, Davison, Bisacky.
Opposed - none. Motion Carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Judith R. Brown". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name.

Judith R. Brown, Recording Secretary