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1. Call to Order

The Chester Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Agency held its regular meeting on Monday, April 3, 2017, at the Chester Town Hall, 203 Middlesex Avenue, Chester, Connecticut. In attendance were Al Bisacky, Christine Darnell, Eric Davison, Bob Blair and Kim Senay. Anna Sweeney, Wetlands Compliance Officer, was also present. Chairman Bisacky called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

2. Minutes – March 6, 2017 Minutes and March 27, 2017 Site Walk Minutes
Motion by Darnell, second by Blair, to approve March 6, 2017 Minutes as written. Approved with Davison and Bisacky abstaining.

Motion by Darnell, second by Blair, to approve March 27, 2017 Site Walk Minutes as written. Approved with Senay, Davison and Bisacky abstaining.

3. Audience of Citizens – none.

4. Continued Show Cause Hearing – Chester Airport, 61 Winthrop Road – unpermitted activity within review area

Chairman Bisacky noted there was a Cease & Desist Order which was modified and remains in effect. Attorney Matt Ranelli from Shipman Goodwin introduced himself along with Roger Nemergut (Engineer), Jody Chase (Wetlands Consultant) and Charlie Greeney (Facilities Director at Whelen).

Attorney Ranelli noted they received the Cease & Desist Order from Ms. Sweeney and responded. They have now been to two meetings. Their first step was to stop activities at issue. They installed sediment and erosion controls to prevent additional sediment from running over the access road into the wetland area. Agency members did a site walk and gave verbal permission to start corrective action. Attorney Ranelli noted they will update the members on what has been accomplished since the last meeting and what they would like to propose to do next.

Roger Nemergut distributed the map of the filled area which is the southern end of the runway. He pointed out the existing service road along the bank of what is now the toe of fill and then goes back out to Winthrop Road. He reviewed the fill area and

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contour lines. Mr. Nemergut further noted the survey got delayed because of the snow. There will be modifications to it. The surveyor restaked the western most area of the wetland. There is a swale between the existing road and toe of fill that is working with haybaling to direct the runoff from seeping through the bank. This confines it now to the west side of the existing service road and directs it to a sediment basin built in 1991 which is pretty effective.

Jody Chase noted since the last meeting, they started excavating almost right away after the site visit in the field. They removed the tailings pile. All of their activities have been concentrated on the upper plateau. Material has been removed up to where the silt fence and haybales begin. Ms. Chase reviewed the dark colored soils noting they got rid of most of the fill material. They also used the trees in this wetland as a benchmark for how deep to go. There were a number of trees at the edge which they don't want to undermine.

It was noted they would like to do restoration as soon as possible because it is critical to get this stabilized before spring rains. They don't want it to continue to erode. The lower plateau that has a substantial amount of sediment needs to be done during the dry season, probably August or September. At this point, they would like to finish off the upper plateau with plantings and maintain erosion control.

Attorney Ranelli reiterated the goal was to stabilize that particular area. Ms. Chase and Mr. Greeney go out after every rain event and monitor the effectiveness of the controls installed. They seem to be holding fine and controlling erosion. As far as the lower plateau, they came to the conclusion that needs to be done by hand.

Chairman Bisacky noted there was an existing service road and a relocated service road shown on the plan. Attorney Ranelli noted their thought is they have to address and stabilize that slope (outside of the wetland issue). The pitch is so steep, they need more room. The idea is to move the roadway to give more room for the toe of slope to go eastward.

Eric Davison asked if the drainage swale will become a permanent feature on the upside slope of the road. Mr. Nemergut replied probably but they would do something

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with a reinforced turf mat so grass can be grown and have a grass swale. Nemergut further noted there is a new toe of slope being proposed out about 20'. The toe of slope needs to be pulled out in order to get the slope flatter for stability along with room for the swale and edge of road. He reviewed the configuration of the relocated roadway. The new road will be super elevated and banked towards the fill slope and away from the wetlands. It will be a 2% transverse slope so the runoff on the road will not go towards the wetlands but back into the swale. Nemergut again reviewed the relocation of the service road and location of the swale. He indicated back in 1991 there was some storm drainage put into the runway catch basin that takes the flow to the west away from this. With the road being pitched toward the swale, all the flow will be confined to the sediment basin.

Kim Senay asked about the location of the top of slope. Mr. Nemergut noted the top of slope moved easterly about 15-20'. He indicated back in 1991 the remediation was a 2 on 1 with a grass slope.

Attorney Ranelli reiterated this is all preliminary and they need more information before presenting to the Agency in final form. The only thing they are asking for tonight is the actual plantings and stabilization in the wetlands area. They are developing the preliminary plan and with more information will present a detailed plan at the next meeting.

Eric Davison noted they need to confirm there are no wetlands in the area for the relocation of the service road.

Eric Davison asked how much soil will be taken out in that area and what was the depth of fill down to the original topsoil. Jody Chase noted they took out about 6" to 8" (max of 10") in certain spots in the wetlands. Roger Nemergut noted this was based on the old survey map that had the wetlands flagged on it. Davison asked if topsoil would be added on to that. Chase noted they would like to get a nice soil medium on the outside area along the wetland.

Eric Davison reviewed the upper plateau area looking up towards the runway. Chase noted they haven't installed any additional silt fencing. They continue to monitor the

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area and nothing has moved. She reviewed the location of the silt fence noting nothing has been added downslope.

There was discussion about which areas have been monitored and whether old silt fencing is still working. Also discussion about using staked waddles. Chase noted they would go look at this area tomorrow. The location of staked waddles was reviewed.

Chairman Bisacky noted plantings will be done in the upper wetland area and install more sediment barrier at the downstream of the lower plateau.

Eric Davison asked if there has been any follow up with DEEP. Attorney Ranelli indicated he spoke to DEEP and they are setting up a meeting to talk to them. DEEP is short staffed. They want them to propose something and present it to DEEP.

Roger Nemergut reviewed the surface of the service road by the wetlands. Kim Senay asked how much fill would have to be brought in. Nemergut noted he has not estimated that yet, but will have it for the next meeting.

5. Chester Airport, 61 Winthrop Road – unpermitted activity within review area
Chairman Bisacky reviewed the last Order containing 7 items. It was decided Item 3 should be modified to add silt fence in the area of the lower plateau in order to keep sediment contained in that area. Plantings will also be done in the next few weeks (refer to map). The dates for the next meeting should be modified.

Motion by Darnell, second by Davison, to modify the Order with the following – to put erosion controls in the lower plateau in the channel flow area in order to keep sediment contained in that area and to begin planting in the upper plateau as shown on the plan and to modify dates of the next meeting. Approved with Blair abstaining.

6. #17-01 – David Miller, 105 Cedar Lake Road – addition to residential dwelling
David Miller noted after the last meeting there was a foot of snow. He also noted he made modifications to his plan – added bushes and gravel on the bank, took 5' off the

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addition (now 24' x 17' vs. 24' x 22'), also added areas of trap rock in between the 2 houses, existing driveway has not changed. He was still waiting on test holes for septic approval. Miller reviewed modifications to the roof. He also requested an extension of time for his application and will stake out the proposed addition.

7. #17-02 – Town of Chester, Prospect Street – repair retaining wall and drainage
Chairman Bisacky noted a site walk had been done of the area. Howard Pfrommer and Matt Carroll from Jacobson & Associates (Town Engineers) were present. Mr. Pfrommer noted some changes had been made since the site walk. He submitted a revised plan. Mr. Pfrommer explained there is a retaining wall collapsing on a very narrow roadway which is a safety hazard. Agency members had expressed a couple of concerns during the site walk. Mr. Pfrommer noted they took the proposed curb off the north side of the roadway and added a band of crushed stone. They also have a more intensive planting plan. He also noted the area where the existing curb stops and water runs off the roadway will be graded and stabilized with riprap which will protect the slope in that area. Mr. Pfrommer noted they don't advise getting rid of the catch basins. There are 2' sumps in the catch basins. The Town cleans the catch basins once a year. Wetlands plantings are proposed on both sides – 9 trees, 15 shrubs, 180 ground cover and 159 perennials. Agency members were pleased with the additional wetlands plantings.

Mr. Pfrommer noted they would like to go out to bid in April. They have already gotten approval from Planning & Zoning, along with some recommendations regarding plantings, etc. The only thing left now is the Army Corps.

Motion by Davison, second by Darnell, to approve #17-02 Town of Chester Prospect Street Drainage Project as submitted. Unanimously Approved.

8. #17-03 – Dan Belisle, 10 Gilbert Hill – construction of shed
Dan Belisle noted he moved the location of the shed further away from the wetlands. It is now about 4' to 6' away from the driveway. The shed is 12' x 20'. Chairman Bisacky reminded Mr. Belisle he will need a building permit. Mr. Belisle noted he will be using piers with crushed stone around them. Kim Senay asked whether there would be 4 or 6 piers. Belisle replied 6 piers. Chairman Bisacky noted this plan was

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a big improvement.

Mr. Belisle noted he had discussed location of another building and adding it to this application. Anna Sweeney noted that would require the applicant to get an extension of time. Discussion ensued as to whether to extend this application or submit a new application for another building. It was decided this application would remain as is and the Agency could vote on the shed. **Motion by Davison, second by Darnell, to approve #17-03 Belisle as shown on revised plan dated 4/3/17 with condition that fee is paid before permit is issued. Unanimously Approved.**

Motion by Darnell, second by Davison, to move Agenda Item #13 to after #8. Unanimously Approved.

13. Any Other Business

Andrew Drabkin noted they would like to put up another small greenhouse at 46 Deep Hollow Road. Chairman Bisacky noted the question here is would this be an administrative permit. Mr. Drabkin noted the area is outside the wetlands but within the review area. This would be for farm use. There would be no fill, no issue with run off or water. He reviewed the reasons why they chose this particular area. Mr. Drabkin also noted they would be coming back with their farm plan. There was much discussion as to as of right activities. Chairman Bisacky reviewed a past activity several years ago regarding farm activities. The upshot of that was there would be no application fees, but there was an application process for farming activities. The consensus was this could be done by an administrative permit.

9. Regulations and Map Modifications – nothing further at this time.

10. Wetland Compliance Officer's Report

WCO Sweeney noted Mr. Kranyak at 87-89 Main Street wishes to do a sewer hook up. Agency members reviewed the plan and agreed this could be done by administrative permit. Kim Senay questioned whether in fact a permit was necessary.

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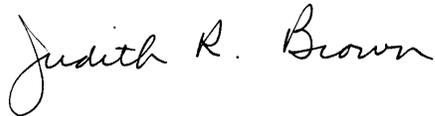
11. Correspondence – none.

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

14. Adjournment

Motion by Darnell, second by Davison, to adjourn at 8:25 PM. Unanimously Approved.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Judith R. Brown, Recording Secretary