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1. Call to Order

The Chester Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Agency held its regular meeting on Monday, October 5, 2015, at the Chester Town Hall, 203 Middlesex Avenue, Chester, Connecticut. In attendance were Sally Sanders, Eric Davison, Christine Darnell and Kim Senay. Anna Sweeney, Wetlands Compliance Officer, was also present. Vice Chairman Sanders called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

2. Minutes - September 14, 2015

Motion by Darnell, second by Senay, to approve September 14, 2015 Minutes amended as follows - correct the spelling of "reciewed" with "reviewed" in the 4th sentence under 7. #15-06 - Heather Grass discussion. Unanimously Approved.

3. Audience of Citizens

Robert Blair was present.

4. #15-04 - John & Roberta Sciacca, 20 Kings Highway - garden shed
John & Roberta Sciacca were present. Members had driven by individually to look at the site. Vice Chairman Sanders noted the shed had been started without a permit. It was in the review area. Mr. Sciacca noted the gravel area has been added. Ms. Darnell noted this application is pretty straight forward. Mr. Davison noted looking at this in the field it doesn't appear it is in the wetlands. Sanders noted it is level where the shed is located. **Motion by Darnell, second by Senay, to approve #15-04 with a gravel base and no storage of petroleum products. Unanimously Approved.**

5. #15-05 - Denise Learned, 189 W. Main Street - shed

Vice Chairman Sanders noted Denise & Michael Learned presented their application at the last meeting. They were not able to be present this evening. Sanders explained they lost their existing shed last year because of the snow. The new shed is a reduced size. The concrete pad has been removed. They are proposing a pre-made shed with a wood floor sitting on a crushed stone base. It is significantly smaller. Ms. Darnell felt this was straight forward and an improvement to the property. **Motion by Darnell, second by Davison, to approve #15-05 as presented. Unanimously Approved.**

6. #15-06 - Heather Grass, 31 Parkers Point - walkway to CT River

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and retaining wall

Heather Grass was present. Copies of the completed application were distributed. At the last meeting an application was submitted but it lacking in information. Vice Chairman Sanders noted it is quite steep in the back. Sanders noted a definite path will improve the property. She asked what the planting plan would be as it wasn't included in the application. Erosion was discussion. Mrs. Grass noted the path would definitely disrupt where the erosion currently is as it would be disbursed more. She noted she wanted to be sure the rain was absorbed and didn't create any path. Sanders noted the top will be crushed stone. Mrs. Grass noted there currently is 2 mounds of soil in the front yard left over from building the house. Any stone or gravel will be stored in that area and brought down as needed. Kim Senay asked whether this would be fieldstone or boulders. Mrs. Grass noted it would probably be boulders. The height of the wall was discussed. Mrs. Grass noted the wall will come up to the top of the stone. Concrete will be put at the base to anchor the stone. It will not be a solid wall. Mrs. Grass reviewed the site plan pointing out the existing dock and platform. Mr. Davison wondered how close the activity was in relationship to the edge of the wetlands. There was discussion regarding the activity on the slope and what erosion controls would be necessary. The type of shrubbery was reviewed. Mrs. Grass noted she would like something low, perhaps Mountain Laurel, Winterberry, etc. It could also be trimmed. **Motion by Darnell, second by Senay, to approve #15-06**

Heather Grass with the following conditions -

- 1. Cement only will be used to anchor the stone, not a solid wall.
- 2. Shrubby to be planted right after the path is constructed.
- 3. Erosion controls to be determined at field inspection by the Wetlands Compliance Officer.

Unanimously Approved.

7. #15-07 - Hays Haven Marina, 67 Railroad Avenue - modification to Permit #14-09 for Solar Installation

James Hays was present. Vice Chairman Sanders noted this was a modification to the permit granted last year for solar panel installation. Mr. Hays reviewed the plans. He briefly reviewed the initial solar panel installation and then explained this subsequent

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installation. It was noted the poles are about 15 feet high. There was discussion as to the procedure for doing a modification to a previously issued permit. Mr. Hays reviewed the site plan. Neighbor notification was discussed. Mr. Davison noted at a recent seminar it was indicated neighbor notification was not a requirement. Vice Chairman Sanders reviewed the regulations relative to modifications. **Motion by Davison, second by Darnell, to approve modification to Permit #14-09 issued on October 6, 2014 to Hays Haven Marina based on the plans submitted. Unanimously Approved.**

8. #15-08 - Danielle Gunther, 123 W. Main Street - retaining wall and fill

Mrs. Sweeney noted she received an email from Danielle Gunther that she is ill and can't attend this evening. She indicated the property owner wants to install a retaining wall, fill in the area in order to have a larger backyard. Vice Chairman Sanders reviewed the application. Mrs. Sweeney explained a soil scientist had been to the site. The property owner indicates there is no wetlands. Mrs. Sweeney noted she would like to know how much fill will be brought in. Several things were lacking in the application - more detail of wall, grading, wetland boundaries, plan with elevations, cuts and fills, alternatives and a scaled map. Mrs. Sweeney reminded everyone the Agency can regulate an area beyond the 100 feet if there might be potential problems. This is a sloped area going down to a stream. Potentially there could be major problems. Agency members noted they would also like to do a site visit. The project should be staked prior to any site walk. The Agency received the application at this meeting. Mrs. Sweeney will notify the property owner of supplemental information required.

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

Vice Chairman Sanders noted nothing further was due on this until December. This should be reviewed at the November meeting.

10. Regulations and Map Modifications - nothing further at this time.

11. Wetland Compliance Officer's Report

No formal report was prepared. Mrs. Sweeney noted a neighbor has

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inquired if anything further is going on with Aaron Manor. She was not aware of anything.

12. Correspondence
The Habitat was distributed.

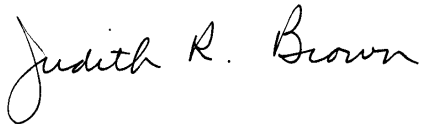
Mr. Davison noted he would attend the upcoming CACIWIC meeting.

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

14. Any Other Business
It was noted the August minutes were tabled because of no quorum. It should be on the next agenda.

15. Adjournment
Motion by Senay, second by Davison, to adjourn at 8:10 PM.
Unanimously Approved.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Judith R. Brown". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J' and 'B'.

Judith R. Brown, Recording Secretary