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Chester Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Agency

Regular Meeting, September 11, 2017

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1. Call to Order

The Chester Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Agency held its regular meeting on Monday, September 11, 2017, at the Chester Town Hall, 203 Middlesex Avenue, Chester, Connecticut. In attendance were Al Bisacky, Sally Sanders, Kim Senay, Christine Darnell, Bob Blair. Wetland Compliance Officer Anna Sweeney was also present. Chairman Bisacky called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

2. Minutes – August 7, 2017 – tabled.

3. Audience of Citizens – none.

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

Nothing further at this time. WCO Sweeney noted she has visited the site, took pictures and will prepare a report for the file.

5. Chester Airport, 61 Winthrop Road – unpermitted activity within review area
Nothing further at this time. Whelen Aviation will come to the next meeting in October.

6. #17-09 Town of Chester, 9 Parkers Point – Drainage Project

Chairman Bisacky noted a site walk had been conducted on August 23rd. Scot Mills from the Town's Public Works Dept. noted there is no easement for the pond and that would be a huge liability for the Town. The Public Works Dept. has come up with an idea of putting in a sediment area with a 15" buried pipe going along the ROW driveway which would pick up the other drain and have a manhole cover. He further noted the main issue here is to get the water away from the house. If there is ever a big event and the water gets into the foundation of the house, the Town is libel. Chairman Bisacky noted Jeff Jacobson was going to come up with some ideas, Mr. Mills reiterated the Town does not want anything to do with the pond. He indicated they would meet with Mr. Jacobson and come up with a plan.

Jeff Jacobson arrived. He was advised there was a discussion about the liability issues relating to the pond. Mr. Mills reviewed the proposal of running a pipe underground from the proposed sediment pond area along the side of the driveway so it picks up the runoff. There would be a manhole cover or storm drain to catch that

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water. A pipe would then be run down into the wetlands. They reviewed the survey plan pointing out the proposal. He reiterated the Town does not want to take on the liability of the pond.

Mr. Mills noted if the level spreader proposal was used, there would have to be a maintenance program. How long would it last before it has to be replaced. This plan would need to include life expectancy of the level spreader, what the maintenance program would be and when would it have to be replaced. Sally Sanders also noted they would need to know what the flows are going to be.

Mr. Mills noted he thought the whole idea was to not disturb the wetlands. To use the level spreader would mean removing trees and other stuff in the wetlands to create a 20' x 20' area. This would do more damage.

WCO Sweeney noted a level spreader is not a new thing. There must be plans for maintenance. What is the average life of a level spreader? Mr. Jacobson noted a lot of level spreaders historically are constructed out of riprap. He didn't think that was a terribly effective way because it would eventually find the void in the rock.

Chairman Bisacky noted a swale would be more preferable. There will be less maintenance.

Mr. Mills noted they are trying to come up with the best way to take care of the problem for the property owner at the least cost to the Town. He liked the idea of the level spreader but there is a big cost to it.

Mr. Jacobson noted the Agency at the last meeting asked him to look at alternatives. He has looked at using a swale. He reviewed the use of a swale and what the water flow would be in this area. He noted bypassing the pond is fine. None of this would impact Mr. Moore's property.

Mr. Moore reviewed the plan and made a couple of suggestions. Mr. Jacobson noted any work next to the Railroad tracks would need permission from the Railroad. It was noted the Railroad did a lot of work in this area after the 1982 floods with their drainage. Overflow pipes were put in.

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Chairman Bisacky noted the Agency would need sketches of the final proposal. He also agreed bypassing the pond would be fine. Mr. Jacobson suggested using a stone bottom and sides in the swale/channel and letting the vegetation grow. There was discussion as to where the utilities were on the Moore property.

It was noted the next Agency meeting is October 2nd.

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

8. Wetland Compliance Officer's Report

9. Correspondence

WCO Sweeney reported on the following along with correspondence -

- Received notice that TLB Architecture, 92 W. Main Street, has a General Permit to do work on their dam.
- There will be tree trimming at 6 North Main Street.

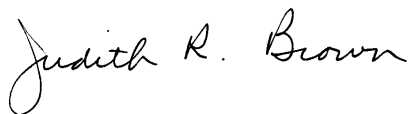
10. Receipt of Applications After Posting of Agenda – none.

11. Any Other Business – none.

12. Adjournment

Motion by Darnell, second by Sanders, to adjourn at 8:00 PM. Unanimously Approved.

Respectfully submitted,



Judith R. Brown, Recording Secretary