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Chester Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Agency

Regular Meeting, March 5, 2018

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1. Call to Order

The Chester Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Agency held its regular meeting on Monday, March 5, 2018, at the Chester Town Hall, 203 Middlesex Avenue, Chester, Connecticut. In attendance were Al Bisacky, Sally Sanders, Bob Blair, Kim Senay, Ellie Wahlberg and Bill Bernhart. Anna Sweeney, Wetlands Compliance Officer, was also present. Chairman Bisacky called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

2. Minutes – January 8, 2018 and February 5, 2018

Motion by Sanders, second by Senay, to approve January 8, 2018 Minutes as written. Approved with Wahlberg and Bernhart abstaining.

February Minutes were not available due to a problem with the recorder.

3. Audience of Citizens – none.

4. #17-12 Andrew Drabkin, 46 Deep Hollow Road – application for septic system

Chairman Bisacky noted this application is to construct a septic system to serve the apartment and farm stand in separate buildings. There are a total of 3 buildings and 2 septic systems as shown on the plan. Chairman Bisacky noted the house is on a separate system. **Motion by Sanders, second by Senay, to approve the plan for septic system as stated referencing the plan of August 2017. Approved with Wahlberg and Bernhart abstaining.**

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

WCO Sweeney noted she received a call from Attorney Ranelli asking if the Order has been lifted. She indicated there are still open issues regarding the slope and the future stabilization of the slope. There are also open issues with DEEP and Planning & Zoning. This item was tabled.

6. Chester Airport, 61 Winthrop Road – unpermitted activity within review area
This item was tabled.

7. #17-10 Joan Keating, 4 Kings Highway – application for garage/living space addition and driveway – NOTE: Application has been withdrawn

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8. #17-11 Russell Martin, 44 Spring Street – application for addition, barn/garage foundation, deck and driveway improvements

Joe Wren introduced himself as well as Tony Brodeur (Contractor) and Russell Martin (property owner). He noted the application was received in January, a site walk was done in February, there was no quorum for the February meeting and an extension was requested through Ms. Sweeney. Mr. Wren submitted revised mapping with a couple minor changes which he reviewed. He noted generally the plan is still the same with renovation of the barn and proposed addition in the back. The existing paver patio in the back is mostly outside the 100' review area, but it may be changed to dry laid bluestone. There is a small extension of the patio due to the door on the proposed addition. The barn sequence was provided.

Mr. Wren noted in January there was discussion regarding the roof runoff from the addition. There is an existing deck where the addition is going and beyond that a landscaped area. He reviewed the addition area. The gutter from the back side was removed to allow water to drip to the ground and 2 to 3' wide riverstone to allow rain water to infiltrate down below. There will also be a diverter so the rain water doesn't drip over the door opening.

Mr. Wren noted he spoke to the owner about adding plantings in the suggested area. The owner noted there is shallow ledge coming out of the ground so its hard to establish any significant root systems. He showed existing photos of this area which they would like to keep open. The driveway is currently crushed stone. Photos of the driveway and established vegetative buffer were reviewed. There is no runoff from the street coming on to this property going into the wetlands. Its all kept in the street. Mr. Wren noted they feel this plan is acceptable with these minor changes. Chairman Bisacky asked what kind of crushed stone would be used on the driveway to the barn. Mr. Wren noted it probably would have to be a processed base for stability with pea stone or decorative stone. It won't be processed stone. It will be excavated into the ground surface. Chairman Bisacky asked if there was a detail on the plan for this. Mr. Wren replied no.

Chairman Bisacky questioned the two stockpiles, one away from the house and the other one right next to the wetlands. He would like to see the one to the right of the driveway removed, even if the other one had to be a little larger.

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Vice Chair Sanders noted she would like to see a buffer in the area of the mowed lawn on the other side of the tree all the way to the wetland line. She would like to see it 25' closer to the tree into the review area. Mr. Wren noted they could add some shrubs towards the barn on the edge of the driveway. The owner is okay with the addition of shrubs in this area. Various conversations took place amongst members during the marking up of the plan to show the location of the buffer and shrubs, etc.

Chairman Bisacky asked about runoff from the barn roof. Mr. Wren noted there are no gutters, it just drips off. They could add some riverstone in this area.

Motion by Sanders, second by Blair, to approve application #17-11 with the addition of the things discussed at this meeting and noted on the Plan dated November 8 2017. One stockpile to be removed even if the other gets a little larger, crushed stone on either side of the barn as discussed and to disapprove the area of the plantings as indicated by the orange marker. A revised plan to be submitted. Approved with Wahlberg and Bernhart abstaining.

9. #18-01 Russ and Michele Hammond, 48 Cedar Lake Road – Retaining walls, sea wall, walkway, steps, terrace and associated activities
Russ Hammond, Whitney Huber and George Ballok were all present. It was noted last month the plan was reviewed and a site visit was done. Mr. Huber reviewed the plan again for the new Agency members. He indicated this project is between the Lake front and the front side of the house. There are a series of projects that will happen. The most significant one is the Lake retaining wall. There currently is a timber wall falling apart which will be replaced with a new stone wall. Gabeons will not be used as stated at the February meeting. The new wall will be placed behind the timber wall and will go from the far side of the deck all the way down to the neighboring property where there is a stone retaining wall. Kim Senay asked what would be done to keep the whole thing from falling into the Lake. Sally Sanders asked how this will be done without there being siltation going into the Lake. Mr. Huber noted there will be booms with turbidity curtains that hang down. This was discussed during the site walk. Chairman Bisacky noted the turbidity curtain makes sense. There was discussion about timing of the work to be done. The property owner

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hopes to get the work done this spring.

Mr. Huber noted the existing deck will be replaced with a new bluestone terrace on grade. Behind that is a retaining wall falling apart. That will be removed and a new retaining wall installed in the same location. There will also be a secondary seating area on the terrace. From there a set of bluestone steps up about 3' and a set of wooden steps up to the existing deck. There are no changes to the deck area at all, it will stay exactly the same.

George Ballok noted existing plantings will stay and they will add plants over the entire area. The stumps will remain. All native plants will be used about 4' high. Everything will be mulched. The grades will be kept the same.

Kim Senay asked what the slope is coming out of the Lake and would it be beneficial to put the wall a little deeper. It was noted the slope isn't noticeable.

Motion by Sanders, second by Blair, to approve #18-01 with the addition of the turbidity curtain, addition of the plantings (native plants) and mulching as discussed. Approved with Wahlberg and Bernhart abstaining.

10. Town of Chester, Cedar Lake, Hydroraking.

The application for Hydroraking Cedar Lake was distributed. Vice Chair Sanders explained the application process for new Agency members. The application was reviewed for completeness. It was noted the roots and stems will be removed by the hydroraking. Ms. Sweeney noted the application states the vegetation will be placed in dumpsters on shore and removed to a solid waste facility or other appropriate site. Someone bidding on the job would like to know what was the appropriate site. Chairman Bisacky noted he didn't care where it goes as long as its not a wetland. The application was received and will be voted on at the next meeting.

11. Regulations and Map Modifications – nothing further to report.

12. Wetland Compliance Officer's Report

WCO Sweeney noted the Cedar Lake Watershed Commission is looking to fill a vacancy on that Commission and wanted it to be someone from the Inland Wetlands

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Agency. Ms. Sweeney will get further information about filling this vacancy spot.

13. Correspondence – none.

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

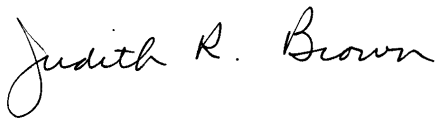
15. Any Other Business – none.

16. Adjournment

Motion by Wahlberg, second by Bernhart, to adjourn at 8:15 PM.

Unanimously Approved.

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