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Chester Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Agency

Regular Meeting, April 2, 2018

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1. Call to Order

The Chester Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Agency held its regular meeting on Monday, April 2, 2018, at the Chester Town Hall, 203 Middlesex Avenue, Chester, Connecticut. In attendance were Al Bisacky, Sally Sanders, Eric Davison, Bob Blair and Bill Bernhardt. Anna Sweeney, Wetlands Compliance Officer, was also present. Chairman Bisacky called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

2. Minutes – February 5, 2018 and March 5, 2018

Motion by Sanders, second by Blair, to approve February 5, 2018 Minutes as written. Approved with Davison abstaining.

Motion by Bernhardt, second by Sanders, to approve March 5, 2018 Minutes as written. Approved with Davison abstaining.

3. Audience of Citizens – no one offered to speak.

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

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Both Agenda items 4. and 5. were tabled waiting for the growing season to start.

6. #18-02 Town of Chester, Cedar Lake, Hydroraking

Chairman Bisacky noted this application was submitted last month. No one was present this evening representing the application. WCO Sweeney noted First Selectwoman Gister indicated they were eager to get started. They had planned to put the dumpster at the State Boat Launch but the State will be charging the town for that so they are going to put it at the beach. They will be raking 3 locations at the beach area. **Motion by Sanders, second by Bernhardt, to approve #18-02 Town of Chester, Cedar Lake Hydroraking as submitted. Unanimously Approved.**

7. Negrelli, Wig Hill Road, Review of Proposed Subdivision

Chairman Bisacky noted the Agency looks at all subdivision application before Planning & Zoning can rule on them. The Agency looks at what might happen if lot lines were approved were proposed and would that potentially impact the wetlands.

It is noted for the record Eric Davison recused himself from this discussion.

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The proposed Subdivision Plan for 2 lots was reviewed. The watercourse, the wetlands and driveway easement to the cell tower were all reviewed. Chairman Bisacky noted the Agency has to determine if the proposed property lines could potentially result in unavoidable impact to wetlands. It was suggested members schedule a site walk. Chairman Bisacky noted more information is needed (topo, location of proposed driveway, and it is suspected there are more wetlands on the property than shown.) He noted the plan shows wetlands on the adjacent property but they abruptly stop at the property line. The rest of this information should be submitted before a site walk is scheduled.

8. Regulations and Map Modifications

WCO Sweeney noted she reached out to DEEP and found out they are 90% done with the Model Regulations. Chairman Bisacky noted the Town's regulations are based on the DEEP Model and our last update was 2005. Periodically DEEP sends updates. Bisacky noted if the Town's regulations conflict with State Statutes, then the State Statutes prevail. It was agreed to wait until the new Model Regulations come out. Chairman Bisacky reviewed the process for adopting a new revised set of regulations for the new Agency members.

9. Election of Officers

Motion by Davison, second by Blair, to nominate Al Bisacky as Chairman and Sally Sanders as Vice Chairman and Secretary. Unanimously Approved.

10. Wetland Compliance Officer's Report

Wetland Compliance Officer Sweeney reported on the following items -

- Town Public Works will keep an eye on the silt fence on Prospect Street where the town did some work on the culvert.
- Belisle, Gilbert Hill – a tree fell into the vernal pool. Mr. Belisle wants to know if he can remove the stump. Eric Davison explained the advantages to leaving the stump. It was agreed the stump should remain.
- WCO Sweeney noted Andrew Drabkin had asked to review all his files. She put them all together and Mr. Drabkin never showed up to look at them.

11. Correspondence

Chairman Bisacky read a couple emails into the record from Mr. Drabkin regarding how the Commission does business.

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

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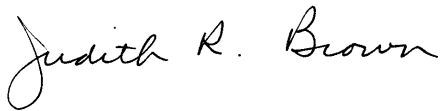
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13. Any Other Business – none.

14. Adjournment

Motion by Sanders, second by Bernhardt, to adjourn at 7:45 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 text "Respectfully submitted,".

Judith R. Brown, Recording Secretary