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Chester Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Agency

Regular Meeting, October 7, 2019

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1. Call to Order

The Chester Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Agency held its regular meeting on Monday, October 7, 2019, at the Chester Town Hall, 203 Middlesex Avenue, Chester, Connecticut. In attendance were Al Bisacky, Sally Sanders, Bob Blair, Kim Senay and Eleanor Wahlberg. Anna Sweeney, Wetlands Compliance Officer, was also present.

2. Minutes – September 9, 2019

Motion by Wahlberg, second by Blair, to approve September 9, 2019 Minutes as written.

Approved with Sanders abstaining.

3. Audience of Citizens – no one spoke at this time.

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

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Agenda items 4 and 5 were tabled.

6. #19-11 Main Street Improvement Project, Phase 3, activity in review area

Chairman Bisacky noted there were a couple questions from last month. One was adding a manhole on the west side to reduce the flow through thru the catch basins and increase the capture potential for sediment. The other one was reviewing drainage erosion at the rear of the Main Street Parking Lot. Aaron Mortensen noted he looked into adding the drainage structure to collect the runoff from the west side. He noted the State installed a catch basin at that location with a 4' sump so they introduced a hood system at the last catch basin. He noted they will add a catch basin hood at the outlet pipe which basically turns it into a glorified septic system. It will trap the oils on the top and allow the sediment to settle at the bottom of the 4' sump where there is a lot of storage area. It also has a siphon to allow air to flow out the top and allows the cleaner water in the middle to go through. It will need to be cleaned out on a regular basis. With regard to the area closer to the flagpole, Mr. Mortensen noted what Chairman Bisacky had suggested would work perfectly fine and submitted an updated drawing. With regard to the erosion, the outfall sticks out and will be cut back to grade and discharging at the same location. Just below the discharge point, there is riprap riverbank. There will be an erosion control blanket at the steep back at the back of the lot. Chairman Bisacky asked about the Maple Street Parking Lot. Mr. Mortensen noted he spoke to First Selectwoman Gister about that, but it is outside the scope of this project. He has not been briefed on what is happening at the Maple Street Parking Lot, other than they are adding lights and just added a sidewalk.

Chairman Bisacky noted there were a couple changes in revised plans submitted.

Motion by Blair, second by Wahlberg, to approve Application #19-11 Main Street Improvements Phase 3 pursuant to revised plans (in file). Unanimously Approved.

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7. #19-12 Angela Ruel – lot development as per previous Permit #14-01
Chairman Bisacky noted this was a permit previously approved in 2014. There are no changes in the permit or regulations since then. **Motion by Sanders, second by Wahlberg, to approve Application #19-12 Angela Ruel as submitted (no changes from #14-01 Permit). Unanimously Approved.**

8. #19-13 Heidi Samuelson, 191 W. Main, modification of #19-05
Wetlands Compliance Officer Sweeney noted there was no official application, but a letter requesting a modification to #19-05. A site walk had been scheduled for last Wednesday and was then advised the Agency members would not be welcomed on the property. A site walk was not done. Chairman Bisacky noted this could be tabled or denied with or without prejudice. Chairman Bisacky read into the record a letter from Gary Pipkin and Heidi Samuelson dated September 20th indicating they were withdrawing the application for a driveway in the review area. Mr. Smith is now not comfortable with that arrangement. They are comfortable with the deeded permitted Baker Road RW and no longer have a need for an Inland Wetland Permit. It was noted there is a condition on the original Permit and if the condition is not met, the Permit is void. Chairman Bisacky noted there are two issues – one a request to modify the Permit and the other is a request to withdraw the Permit. Bisacky noted the Permit is not valid until they satisfy the condition so he didn't see any need to take any action. With regard to Application #19-13, Bisacky suggested in light of the fact a site walk was not done, the Application be denied without prejudice. **Motion by Sanders, second by Blair, to deny without prejudice Application #19-13. Unanimously Approved.**

9. Regulations and Map Modifications – nothing further regarding this item.

10. Correspondence – none.

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

12. Any Other Business

Wetland Compliance Officer report - Ms. Sweeney reported on the following – She received the dredge determination from DEEP along with the drawings showing sediment disposal area. It will be at least 25' away with silt fence around it. Mr. Mingoello had come in and spoke with Judy Brown who felt Ms. Sweeney should have been at the meeting because the property on Winthrop Road has a lot of wetlands. The property abuts Cockaponset Forest. He has been told he needs to come before the Wetlands Agency for a pre-review.

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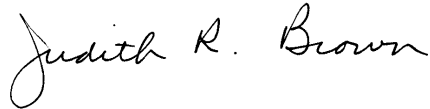
She noted a plan had not yet been received regarding the drainage structures on Kings Highway. Chairman Bisacky noted he went by there the other day and was quite disappointed in what they did.

Chairman Bisacky noted the Intervenors filed a lawsuit regarding Aaron Manor.

13. Adjournment

Motion by Wahlberg, second by Blair, to adjourn at 7:35 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