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**Chester Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Agency**

**Regular Meeting, February 3, 2020**

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1. Call to Order

The Chester Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Agency held its regular meeting on Monday, February 3, 2020, at the Chester Town Hall, 203 Middlesex Avenue, Chester, Connecticut. In attendance were Bob Blair, Eric Davison, Bill Bernhart and Kim Senay. Anna Sweeney, Wetlands Compliance Officer, was also present. Acting Chairman Blair called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

2. Minutes – January 6, 2020

**Motion by Bernhart, second by Davison, to approve January 6, 2020 Minutes as submitted. Unanimously Approved.**

3. Audience of Citizens – none.

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. Nothing new to report.

6. #19-15 Martin Watkins, 30 Middlesex Avenue, Deck

Acting Chairman Blair noted Mr. Watkins had been at the last meeting to present his application and plan. He reviewed the construction process and what had to be replaced. He also reviewed the entrances to the house. There is no inside access to the basement, only outside. Kim Senay questioned the sliding doors. Mr. Watkins noted he asked his builder about the sliding doors but the builder felt cantilevered would not be an option. It was also noted there couldn't be anything over the septic system. The deck is being moved further away from the wetlands and will be significantly higher, probably almost a full story higher. Septic is only 5' away from the house. Mr. Watkins noted there will be 14 piers supporting the new deck.

**Motion by Davison. Second by Senay, to approve #19-15 Martin Watkins, 30 Middlesex Avenue, Deck as presented. Unanimously Approved.**

7. Regulations and Map Modifications – nothing new to report.

8. Wetland Compliance Officer Report

(1) WCO Sweeney noted she and Eric Davison went on a site walk to look at a potential viewing platform at the top of Laurel Hill overlooking Chester Creek. It's high above tidal wetlands which we don't regulate. They will also be topping some of the trees. Kim Senay asked why the Agency has jurisdiction over the dredging but not this project. Ms. Sweeney noted there is a distinction between tidal wetlands and waterways. Discussion followed regarding jurisdiction. Eric Davison noted the work for this project is pretty minor.

(2) WCO Sweeney noted Chester Point Real Estate LLC had a permit in 2013 for a restaurant, but it expired in 2018. The prior plan was reviewed. Tom Metcalf is the engineer and Steve Karlson is the attorney. The applicant will come in at the March meeting for a renewal of the

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permit. Eric Davison noted he will not be here for that meeting. Anna Sweeney noted she will be gone for most of the month of March.

9. Correspondence – none.

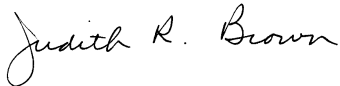
10. Receipt of Applications After Posting of Agenda – none.

11. Any Other Business – none.

12. Adjournment

**Motion by Bernhart, second by Davison, to adjourn at 7:23 PM. Unanimously Approved.**

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Judith R. Brown".

Judith R. Brown, Recording Secretary