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Chester Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Agency

Monday, June 1, 2020

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1. Call to Order

The Chester Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Agency held its regular meeting on Monday, June 1, 2020 by ZOOM meeting. In attendance were Al Bisacky, Sally Sanders, Kim Senay, Eric Davison, Bob Blair and Bill Bernhart. Anna Sweeney, Wetlands Compliance Officer, was also present. Chairman Bisacky called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

2. Minutes – May 4, 2020

Motion by Bernhart, second by Sanders, to approve Minutes of May 4, 2020, as written. Approved with Senay and Davison Abstaining.

3. Audience of Citizens – no comments.

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

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Agenda Items 4 and 5 – no action yet, still waiting for DEEP.

6. #20-2 Charles Homicki, 223 West Main Street, Enlarge Shed

Chairman Bisacky noted this application was reviewed at the last meeting and it was decided members should look at the site. Bill Bernhart noted he drove by the site and could see the stake indicating the corner of the extended addition which looked at described being away from the brook. Sally Sanders asked if the existing shed was going to be removed. Mr. Homicki replied yes, but he would be rebuilding it. Chairman Bisacky noted at the last meeting there was discussion about having gravel at the drip edge but this was not shown on the plan. Homicki noted he would make sure that is done. Bisacky noted that will be added as a condition of approval. It was noted the foundation would be the same as the existing shed which is up on blocks. **Motion by Sanders, second by Blair, to approve #20-02 Homicki with condition that gravel goes around perimeter for the roof drip. Unanimously Approved.**

7. #20-3 Colt House, Tyler & Bria Gilbert (owner), John Schroeder (applicant), 43, 45, 47 Main Street, application to rebuild decks

John Schroeder has submitted a letter requesting to continue tabling this application.

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

9. Wetland Compliance Officer Report

1. Radicchi property next to Deep Hollow Farm. Ms. Sweeney noted she would need to see the plans but it doesn't look like there are any wetlands. Mr. Radicchi hasn't bought the property yet.

2. Freudenstein – signs are installed and look good.

3. Schultz – there is a drainage area put in by the town that runs through his yard. He may come in for a shed permit and to fill the drainage area.

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4. Ziemann, Ferry Road – the area was cleared up and invasive species removed. No additional fill. It just got flattened out. Material was dumped there several years ago.

5. Ms. Sweeney reviewed the Executive Order giving an additional 90 days for rendering any kind of decision.

10. Correspondence – none.

11. Receipt of Applications After Posting of Agenda

John Schroeder was present as representative for 26 Spring Street. Mr. Schroeder noted this was a house on the Pattaconk Brook next to the waterfall. His client bought the house in November. He is renovating the interior and painting the exterior. They would like to add two small additions on the front of the house – a mud room and covered open portico. Schroeder noted he has met with his client several times. The grade falls off from Spring Street toward the house into brook. His client has engaged an arborist to look at the trees.

Christine Darnell explained the area around the house noting there are some invasives which will be removed. Native plantings were reviewed. It was noted it gets very wet in the middle of the yard toward the brook area, although this is not a documented wet area. They would like to plan for the hillside area to always be wet, maybe a rain garden area, more perennials than shrubs. There is also a tall tree canopy. The layered landscape area in 3 seasons has not been designed yet. This will be done as soon as possible. There is a big clump of bamboo toward the pond that the client would like removed and replaced with gravel.

Schroeder noted the walkway and driveway are gravel and they will be raising the grade in the driveway area. The final surface will be gravel. There was discussion regarding the stone retaining walls and the terrace areas. There is the possibility of a railing to make that area safer. It was noted sand and salt from the road could be a problem around the ash trees.

Schroeder reviewed the French drain and trench drain in front of the garage door. The trench drain will capture the surface run off which will be guided into the French drain. This will eventually empty into the bridge. One storm drain is completely filled up and not functioning. The Town will be asked to clean it out.

Schroeder noted they will have a planting plan for the next meeting.

A site walk was scheduled for June 10th at 6 PM. The application was deemed complete and accepted at this meeting.

12. Any Other Business

Letter was received from a landowner regarding a beaver dam. There was much discussion regarding a device which is a PVC pipe that can be punched through the beaver dam by hand. Chairman Bisacky noted he would like further information regarding this matter. Anna Sweeney noted there have been several complaints about this particular beaver dam. It is anticipated there

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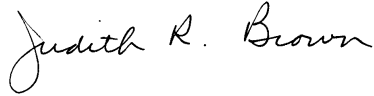
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could be huge problems with this dam in the future. Eric Davison noted if this device is installed by hand with no heavy equipment, he didn't feel it would require a permit.

13. Adjournment

Motion by Sanders, second by Davison, to adjourn. Unanimously Approved.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Judith R. Brown, Recording Secretary