

NOTE: These Minutes are subject to Agency approval at next Regular Meeting. Chester Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Agency Regular Meeting, July 13, 2020

1. Call to Order

The Chester Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Agency held its regular meeting on Monday, July 13, 2020, at the Chester Town Hall, 203 Middlesex Avenue, Chester, Connecticut. In attendance were Al Bisacky, Bob Blair, Bill Bernhart, Sally Sanders, and Kim Senay. Anna Sweeney, Wetlands Compliance Officer, was also present. Chairman Bisacky called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM via ZOOM videoconferencing.

2. Minutes –June 1, 2020

Motion by Bernhart, second by Blair, to approve June 1, 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. #20-3 Colt House, Tyler & Bria Gilbert (owner), John Schroeder (applicant), 43,45,47 Main St, application to rebuild decks.

Mr. Schroeder has submitted a request that this application be tabled. The application was tabled.

7. #20-5 Lafrate, Anthony & Steele, Vicki L., 26 Spring St, addition and land work
The planning for this project was discussed. Additional landscaping plans had been sent to agency members by Christine Darnell Gardens the afternoon of the meeting day. The landscaping was discussed including its stability. It was noted by Christine Darnell that formal construction plans for the proposed outdoor seating area are not finalized. Since this work appears to involve cut/fill work, plans need to be presented to the Agency for approval before construction begins. The Agency requested that the Wetland officer take photos of the area to send them to members. There was discussion about the change in the level of the driveway by the retaining wall and in front of the garage. Chairman Bisacky asked for the details for the rebuilding of the retaining wall, not finding them fully explained. Mr. Schroeder explained that these were in a note on the plans. He said that he would be submitting these detailed plans to the building inspector. Chairman Bisacky asked that these plans be submitted to the Wetland Agency.

Note: On July 14 Mr. Schroeder submitted the detailed plans/notes for driveway and retaining wall work to the Agency. Chairman Bisacky noted that the proposed work spans a property line of the adjacent lot owned by the Town of Chester and requested that the town acknowledge the planned work. As of the writing of these minutes, a response from the Town is still pending.

Application tabled until the next meeting.

8. #20-6 Schultz, Cameron, 47 Maple Street

Mr. Schultz explained his projects which are to place a 12' x 16' shed on a ¾" crushed stone base in his back yard. He also wants to cover a section of a catch basin drainpipe with 10-15 yards of dirt and stone. The subject drainpipe was provided by the Town of Chester to replace a broken metal culvert exiting from the catch basin. He explained that the town's drainage had previously caused erosion on his property and he wishes to fill it back in. The Agency members asked the Officer about the wetlands on the property. Mrs. Sweeney said that the back yard had a stream running along the back and side of the property. This is shown on the map submitted with the application. The Agency members will look at the property on their own. Mr. Schultz said that the shed area had been staked out and that you could see it from the street.

9. Regulations and Map Modifications—nothing new to report

10. Wetland Compliance Officer Report

1. Lucien Bouffard, 89 Cedar Lake Road has erected a high tunnel greenhouse structure on flat land adjacent to a stream. Mr. Bouffard appeared at the meeting and explained that there is no soil disturbance and there is no foundation. The owner will enhance the planting in the strip of land between the tunnel and the stream. The Agency members agreed that no application would be required.

2. Paving clean out, West Main Street

The town crew allowed the paving company for South Wig Hill to clean out their asphalt trucks at two locations on West Main Street. The first was the small turnoff area across from 153 W Main St. The second was at the fishing spot just beyond 172 W Main. The Agency members requested photos of the areas and the name of the paving company.

3. Main Street Project

The contractors were not prepared for the huge rainstorm we had a couple weeks ago. Since then, some erosion controls have been installed and the roadbed has been lowered so the storm drains will function.

11. Correspondence—None received.

12. Receipt of Applications After Posting of Agenda—None Received.

13. Any Other Business—None.

14. Adjournment Motion by Blair, second by Sanders, to adjourn at 8:06 PM.
Unanimously Approved.