

THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT THE NEXT INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES
AGENCY MEETING

CHESTER INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
June 7, 2021
Via ZOOM

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bisacky called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. In attendance included: Sally Sanders, Al Bisacky, Bill Bernhart, Kim Senay and Bob Blair. Also, in attendance Anna Sweeney, Inland Wetland Official and Roger Nemergut.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Sally Sanders made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 3, 2021 meeting as presented. Bill Bernhart seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS – None.

CONTINUE SHOW CAUSE HEARING - Chester Airport, 61 Winthrop Road – unpermitted activity within review area – No report. Item tabled.

CHESTER AIRPORT, 61 WINTHROP ROAD - unpermitted activity within review area – item tabled.

#21-1: Keating and Durning, 4 Kings Highway, Addition to Residence and Site Work

The application for a permit at 4 Kings Highway was included in the Agency packet. Items relative to the application were “screen-shared”.

As discussed at the 5/3 meeting, Agency recommendations included:

- Modification of the Rain Garden to “straddle” the wetlands
 - To accommodate additional impervious areas
- Conversion of a portion of the “lawn” into a natural wetland
- Possible riparian buffer along the stream

Roger Nemergut, Project engineer, reported that the property was “staked” for the 5/18/21 site walk. Revised plans were “screen shared” and included:

- Enlargement and a shift of the rain garden to the southeast and the inclusion of additional impervious surfaces.
- Two existing sheds at the property will be removed and the 12x12 proposed shed will be placed on a gravel base.
 - After discussion, it was determined that the proposed shed will be shifted by 12 ft. (to the west).
 - Trees noted on the plans will not be affected by this “shift” in shed placement.

- The shed's gravel base will extend past the dripline of the roof by 2 ft.
- A proposed driveway turnaround area is included and the current turnaround area will be removed to realize net reductions in impervious surface.

Agency comments after site walk:

- Sally Sanders reported that the site walk indicated sufficient riparian buffer on the property and it is not necessary to require additional plantings. She recommended that the property owner could mow the area less close to the creek.
- The lawn area in the vicinity of the rain garden appears to absorb a lot of water.

Sally Sanders made a motion to approve application #12-1 with the following conditions:

- The rain garden must be completed per the plans no later than when the CO is issued
 - If not completed by issuance of CO, violations may be applied
- The shed must be moved 12 ft. to the west along the front set back line.
 - The shed's gravel base must extend past the dripline of the roof by 2 ft.

Bob Blair seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS – Item tabled until the entire Commission is present to discuss/vote.

WETLAND COMPLIANCE OFFICER REPORT – No report

CORRESPONDENCE – None.

RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS AFTER POSTING OF AGENDA – None.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The complaint at 72 Winthrop Road; i.e.; unregistered vehicles in the vicinity of a pond and in the woods, is being addressed by the ZEO and Wetland Compliance Officer. The vehicle near the pond has been removed.

ADJOURNMENT

Sally Sanders made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 p.m. Bill Bernhart seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Suzanne Helchowski
Clerk