

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

CHESTER INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
December 6, 2021
Chester Town Hall
Chester Connecticut

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bisacky called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. In attendance included: Sally Sanders, Al Bisacky, Kim Senay, Bill Bernhart, and Bob Blair. Also in attendance Matt Carroll, Jacobson and Associates.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Sally Sanders made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 7, 2021 meeting as presented. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

AUUDENCE OF CITIZENS – None.

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

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

#21-5: Town of Chester NRCS Grant Repairs

Matthew Carroll, Jacobson and Associates, reported on the proposed repair work at Great Brook and Pattaconk Brook (6 different sites) that is necessary due to the 2018 storm event. A contractor will be hired to remove materials and restore the stream beds to prior conditions. Note that Jacobson is in possession of data relative to the condition (hydraulic capacity) of the streams prior to the 2018 event.

Documentation relative to the project was distributed and discussed. Six sites are included in the project (Liberty Street, High Street/N. Main Street, Great Brook, N. Main, Water Street and W. Main Street/Pattaconk Brook).

Parameters of the project(s) were discussed and included:

- Excavation/removal of debris
- A rock weir will be used in appropriate areas
- Rip Rap
- Armor
- Potential equipment to be used hydraulic excavator, skid steer, back hoe
- All sites will be restored to the conditions existing prior to the storm.
- Containment booms will be used downstream as the area is shallow.

The Board required the following (will be added to the “notes” and project manual):

- The flows will be blocked up stream of the excavation via a coffer dam to bypass the flows. The contractor will determine the method to be used to block and bypass the flow.
- More detailed specs will be developed by Jacobson and Jacobson will monitor the performance of all specifications; note, that NRCS will be monitoring the project as well.
- All designs submitted by the contractor will be reviewed by a PE at Jacobson.
- All hydraulic equipment used in the water must use a vegetable-based oil.
- Contractor will provide a construction entrance and restore grass/banks to existing conditions (if disturbed).
- Jacobson will provide DEEP documentation that notes that no additional permitting is required relative to the armor/concrete. DEEP is satisfied as long as the areas are brought back to the prior conditions.
- Note that the Army Corps of Engineers no longer allows the use of armor underneath

It is anticipated that the project will go out to bid in the February/March 2022 timeframe with work commencing in late Summer 2022.

Matt Carroll was available to answer questions posed by Board members.

This project will be discussed further at the 1/10/22 meeting.

#21-6: Pam and Ben Dupont, 59 Cedar Lake Road, Garage

Applicant not present, application incomplete, no action taken.

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

WETLAND COMPLIANCE OFFICER REPORT

The Board acknowledged the death of Anna with deep sorrow.

AI reported:

- A Land Use staff member was hired to support the commission administratively.
- The Wetland Compliance Officer position will be posted.
- “Old” Chart House – inspected. No permit was required for work done on the property.
 - Potential for pedestrian bridge replacement discussed with owner. Owner advised that a permit would be required if/when this work performed.

CORRESPONDENCE – None.

RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS AFTER POSTING OF AGENDA – None.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS - Sally will file 2022 meeting schedule with First Selectman’s office.

ADJOURNMENT

Bill Bernhart made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m. Bob Blair seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Suzanne Helchowski
Clerk