

THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT THE NEXT MEETING

TOWN OF CHESTER, CONNECTICUT  
INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES AGENCY  
Regular Meeting  
April 4, 2022  
Chester Town Hall

CALL TO ORDER

Al Bisacky, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. In attendance included: Al Bisacky, Sally Sanders, Kim Senay, Eric Davison, and Bob Blair. Audience members included: John Schroder, First Selectman Janecek, Dick Leighton, Building Official, Kim Megreth, Tyler Gilbert and Brandon Pearce.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Sally Sanders made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2022 meeting as presented. Bob Blair seconded the motion. The motion passed with Eric Davison and Al Bisacky abstaining from the vote.

AUDIENCE 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.

20-3 TYLER AND BRIA GILBERT – 47 Main Street, modification of permit

Mr. Gilbert provided plans for review. This “re-design” was before P&Z last month and includes changes to a shed roof, relocation of an entrance and an approximate 52 sq. ft. addition. Agency members agreed that the modification proposed does not change the impact to the Wetlands.

Mr. Gilbert provided a brief update on the proposed work to the back of the property to address drainage concerns (not relevant to this request; will come before IW at the appropriate time). Al Bisacky reported that the Agency would require a rain garden or infiltration structure. At this time, there are no plans for a deck on the back of the property.

Sally Sanders made a motion to approve the modification of permit request (modification of the footprint of the entrance), as presented, at 47 Main Street. Eric Davison seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

22-3 BRANDON AND ELIZABETH PEARCE – 68 Wig Hill Road, swimming pool

A copy of the Inland Wetland and Watercourses Agency Permit application for the installation of a swimming pool at 68 Wig Hill Road was included in the Agency’s packet.

Al Bisacky reported that he has visited the site.

Mr. Pearce reported that the location of the proposed pool shown on the plans is the only viable location due to major elevation changes on the property. The deck on the property will be removed and will not be replaced. The Agency will require a silt fence, straw waddle or wood chips during the project.

Mr. Pearce was available to address questions/comments posed by Agency members. Al Bisacky outlined the permitting process; i.e. the “clock starts tonight” and it is anticipated that the Agency will continue review and take action on the application at the 5/2/22 meeting. No site walk was scheduled at the property as Agency members are familiar with the property.

SHOW CAUSE HEARING: Donald MacDermid– 43 Liberty Street

Al Bisacky reported that unpermitted work has taken place at 43 Liberty Street.

Kim Megreth reported that she is the niece of Donald MacDermid, property owner, and holds a Power of Attorney for him. She reported that she was unaware that the project to rebuild the stone wall damaged in the September 2018 flood required a permit. The home and property sustained extensive damage due to the flood (resident had to vacate the property for several months). She was of the understanding that a permit was required only for new construction.

Ryan Scott, Shawn Scott Masonry, General Contractor, reported that as requested, a silt fence was immediately installed and all work ceased on 3/31. Plans and drawings of the project were available for Agency review.

Sally Sanders made a motion to issue an Administrative Permit to have the stone wall repaired (returned to its original state) at 43 Liberty Street. Bob Blair seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

A check in the amount of \$50 for the Administrative Permit will be delivered to the Town Hall ASAP.

WETLAND COMPLIANCE OFFICER REPORT – None.

CORRESPONDENCE – None.

RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS AFTER POSTING OF AGENDA – None.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Town is promoting board/commission vacancies. Note that there are vacancies on the Inland Wetland Commission. Al Bisacky will contact Michael Bellesisle who has expressed an interest in the Inland Wetland Commission.

The next meeting, 5/2, will take place at the Meeting House.

Update on staff – An individual interested in the Inland Wetland Official position will meet with Al and Charlene this week.

Administrative Items - Sally reported that she has developed an “application activity log” file located in the IW office. The log contains a list of applications, etc. from 2006 to present. She is in the process of developing a list of all agendas and board minutes from 2010 to present.

Sally will attend the next scheduled Land Use staff meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month. All IW members were invited to attend.

Charlene Janecek reported that she and Dick Leighton developed a “check list” form to be used by the Land Use Departments.

#### AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS

John Schroeder requested an update on the 91 Main Street property. Al responded that he received a call from a representative of 91 Main Street. They intend to repair a retaining wall on the stream. Al anticipates that an application will be forthcoming. When application is presented to IW, they will address the issue of potential unpermitted work done at the property.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Sally Sanders made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m. Eric Davison seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Suzanne Helchowski  
Clerk