

TOWN OF CHESTER, CONNECTICUT
INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES AGENCY
Minutes
Regular Meeting
May 2, 2022
Chester Meeting House

CALL TO ORDER

Al Bisacky, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. In attendance included: Al Bisacky, Eric Davison, Bill Bernhart and Bob Blair. Audience members included: Bob Russo, Steven and Karen Bradley, Terry Lomme, Josh Ruddy, Christopher Owens and Brandon Pearce.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Bob Blair made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 4, 2022 meeting as presented. Eric Davison 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. Still under DEEP review.

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

#22-3: BRANDON AND ELIZABETH PEARCE, 68 Wig Hill Road, Driveway, 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 available for Agency review.

As reported at the 4/4 IW meeting, 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. Mr. Pearce reported that as requested at the 4/4 meeting, a straw waddle will be used during the project.

Bob Blair made a motion to approve Application #22-3 for the installation of a swimming pool with the condition that erosion control measures are added to the plan for stockpiling and excavation. Bill Bernhart seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

All appropriate fees will be submitted to the Town Hall.

#22-05 – COVE HOLLOW LLC, 91 Main Street – Foundation for building expansion, concrete sidewalks, ground sign, landscape, retaining wall repair along brook

A copy of the application was distributed to Agency members.

Attorney Lomme, representing the applicant, reported that the 91 Main Street property was recently renovated. During the renovation, the footprint of the structure was increased by 46 ft. to accommodate ADA requirements. The owner is also requesting approval of landscaping on the West and South sides of the building and a free standing sign on the front of the building (replacement of previous sign with concrete footing). In addition, approximately 8 linear feet of the stone sluice way on the East side of Horse Brook needs restoration and approval for same is being requested at this time. It

is anticipated that this work will be completed simultaneously with the landscaping. A landscaping plan was included with the application.

None of the above activities are in a wetland area. During the course of the project, all appropriate safeguards will be placed and maintained.

Mr. Lomme and the property owner were available to respond to Agency members' questions/comments.

Agency members scheduled a site walk on May 12, 2022 @ 5:30 p.m. All appropriate fees will be submitted to the Town Hall.

#22-06: STEPHEN AND KAREN BRADLEY, 254 West Main Street, residential building addition –
A copy of the Application was distributed to Agency members.

Bob Russo, CLA, (note that Mr. Russo is also the brother of the applicant), provided an overview of the proposed project. The project includes the addition of an in-law apartment attached to the existing house (west side). A wetland investigation was completed and Mr. Russo provided the results of same including the connectivity of the wetlands to surrounding waterways. The septic system at the property was upgraded last year and will accommodate the proposed addition. Per the Sanitarian, no additional testing is necessary. All septic related documents will be forwarded to the Agency.

If approved, all erosion and sedimentation controls will be put in place and Mr. Russo will provide updates to the Agency as the project progresses. Pallets currently in the wetland area will be removed by hand. A permit was not received for the shed that is located next to the garage. This can be included in the application if the Agency so desires.

Mr. Russo was available to address questions of agency members.

Agency members agreed that the application is complete. Appropriate fees will be submitted to the Town Hall.

SHOW CAUSE HEARING – Christopher and Patricia Owns, 43 North Main Street
A Cease and Desist order was issued at this property for unpermitted work.

The application and requested documents have not yet been received by the Agency. Mr. Owens reported that this documentation was placed in the mail today and that he was unaware that an IW permit was necessary for structure (meditation building) that was built. Ms. Sanders will contact the application relative to fees owed.

This item will be discussed at the next meeting. At the next meeting, the Agency will determine if a site walk is necessary.

CORRESPONDENCE – None.

RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS AFTER POSTING OF AGENDA - None

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Al reported that Josh Ruddy, in attendance at this evening's meeting, is interested in the Inland Wetland Enforcement Officer position. He has met with the First Selectwoman, IW Chair and has "shadowed" Sally in the office. A job description will be developed for the position. To date, Sally has been administering applications and Al has been doing some limited enforcement.

The next meeting is scheduled on June 6, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT

Bill Bernhart made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m. Eric Davison seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Suzanne Helchowski
Clerk