

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

TOWN OF CHESTER, CONNECTICUT
INLAND & WATERCOURSES AGENCY
Special Meeting
Monday, July 11, 2022
Chester Meeting House
Chester, Connecticut

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bisacky called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. In attendance included Chairman Bisacky, Sally Sanders, Bill Bernhart, First Selectman Janecek, Bob Blair, Kim Senay, Denise Learned, Camp Hazen, YMCA, Selectman Meehan, WPCA Chairman, Michael Biale (arrived at 5:42 p.m.), Teri Hahn, Christopher Owens, Sal and Carol Cancelliere, and Tyler and Bria Gilbert.

MINUTES

Bill Bernhart made a motion to approve the 6/6/22 meeting minutes as presented. Sally Sanders seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Bob Blair made a motion to approve the 6/14/22 meeting minutes as presented. Kim Senay seconded the motion. The motion passed with Sally Sanders and Bill Bernhart abstaining from the vote.

AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS – None.

CONTINUED 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 – No report. Item Tabled.

CONTINUED SHOW CAUSE HEARING – 213 Middlesex Avenue – unpermitted activity in inland wetlands and watercourses and upland review area – no representatives from 213 Middlesex Avenue were in attendance at this evening’s meeting.

As discussed at the 6/14 meeting, the C&D order was modified and forwarded, via Certified Mail, to the property owner. The letter was delivered and “signed for”. The letter requested that a plan of action be presented to the Agency. To date, the Agency has not received a response.

213 MIDDLESEX AVENUE – unpermitted activity in inland wetlands and watercourses and upland review area – No additional information received. Item Tabled.

#22-07 CAMP HAZEN – West Main Street, waterfront improvements

The application for waterfront improvements was discussed at the 6/6 meeting. Agency members “walked” the site on 6/9/22.

Terri Hahn reported that the pavers to be used throughout the project will support the weight of garbage trucks.

Sally Sanders made a motion to waive the permit fees for the Camp Hazen YMCA project (application #22-07). Bill Bernhart seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Note that the State's fee of \$60 cannot be waived.

Sally Sanders made a motion to approve application #22-07: Camp Hazen, West Main Street, waterfront improvements as presented. Bob Blair seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#22-09 CHESTER WPCA – 43-51 Main Street, sanitary sewer replacement

The WPCA's application was discussed at the 6/6 meeting. The project includes the repair of approximately 66 feet of gravity pipe located behind the Colt House. The WPCA and Agency agreed that the use of a small crane to move equipment and materials to the site is the most effective and least disruptive way to facilitate the project. All appropriate erosion controls will be utilized. The WPCA's project will be coordinated with the property owner's project as both parties are using the same contractor, Schumack.

Sally Sanders made a motion to approve application #22-09: Chester WPCA, 43-51 Main Street, sanitary sewer replacement, as presented. Bill Bernhart seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#22-11 CAMP HAZEN – West Main Street, Cottage Improvements

Denise Learned reported that the proposed project calls for the construction of a 200 sq. foot addition to a cottage at Camp Hazen's Pattaconk Village. A copy of the application was available to Agency members. The application was accepted.

CORRESPONDENCE – None.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

#22-08 – Chris Owens – 43 North Main Street – Shed

This application was discussed at the 6/6 meeting.

Sally Sanders made a motion to approve application #22-08: Christopher and Patricia Owens, 43 Main Street, Shed, as presented. Michael Biale seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The fee of \$160.00 was paid.

#22-10 – MICHAEL JORDAN AND JOOSIE van ROODE - 89 Main Street

This application was discussed at the 6/6 meeting and the applicant has provided all information requested by the Agency.

Michael Biale made a motion to approve application #22-10: Michael Jordan & Joosie van Roode, 89 Main Street, Shed, as presented including the information presented this evening. Sally Sanders seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Sal and Carol Cancelliere, 217 Middlesex Ave., requested guidance from the Agency relative to a leaking pond located on their property. Note that due to the lack of recent rainfall, the pond is not currently leaking. Mr. Cancelliere proposed the use of a coffer dam to address the leak.

Al Bisacky reported that any work would require an IW permit (the permit can be downloaded from the Town's website), including engineering. In addition, a permit from the State may also be necessary. The Agency recommended that the property owner contact Jacobson & Associates regarding a potential project to address the pond.

Note that the request/discussion is not in any way related to agenda item 7 – "Continue Show Cause Hearing – 213 Middlesex Ave., unpermitted activity in inland wetland and watercourses and upland review area".

Tyler and Bria Gilbert – 43 to 47 Main Street.

Status report as follows:

- Tree Stump Removal – they would like to remove the stumps and grade the property in conjunction with the WPCA work.
 - This work may be included in permit #20-3 dated 5/4/2020.
- Discharge drain through the house – the drain is "snaked" through the house but it is not connected.
 - They are now considering the use of a rain garden to address the drainage; although nothing will be ready in time for the WPCA project. The need for heavy equipment is not necessary for a rain garden project.
 - Ed Meehan agreed that a rain garden would be appropriate as the extension of a storm drain would go into the sewer area.
 - This work may be included in permit #20-3 dated 5/4/2020.
 - Any rain garden project will come back to the Agency for discussion
- Split Rail Fence – applicant will present fencing plans to the Agency at the appropriate time.
- Japanese Knotweed – Bill Bernhart briefly updated the applicant on a 5 year effort of cutting and removal to eradicate this invasive weed.

First Selectwoman Janecek reported that Land Use staff interviews are being conducted this week.

RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS AFTER POSTING OF AGENDA

Sally Sanders made a motion to move the receipt of application #22-12, 91 Main Street, Plan Revision to agenda item 15. Bob Blair seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#22-12 – COVE HOLLOW, LLC - 91 Main Street

As requested by the Agency, a detailed planting plan was submitted. This application was received by the Agency and will be discussed further at the next meeting. The application fee is \$120.

ADJOURNMENT

Michael Biale made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:17 p.m. Sally Sanders seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Suzanne Helchowski, Clerk