

THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT THE NEXT IWWA MEETING

TOWN OF CHESTER, CONNECTICUT
INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, February 5, 2024
Chester Town Hall

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bisacky called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. In attendance included Al Bisacky, Bob Blair, Kim Senay (arrived at 7:06 p.m.), Bill Bernhart, Eric Davison, Randy Bernotas, IW Official, Selectwoman Bandzes, Joe Wren and Bob Doane.

MINUTES - 1/8/24

Bob Blair made a motion to approve the minutes of the 1/8/24 IWWA meeting as presented. Al Bisacky seconded the motion. The motion passed with Eric Davison and Bill Bernhart abstaining from the vote.

AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS - None.

APPLICATION #23-06 – Paul H. Just, Map 4 Lot 135, Old County Road, Chester, CT – Farm and Dwelling

New plans were distributed and included revised calculations. No additional correspondence has been received from the Sanitarian. Further discussion tabled until Jacobson reviews the revised calculations.

As noted at last month's meeting, there is an area of the lot outside of the review area where the proposed development could take place.

No action taken.

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

CHESTER AIRPORT, 61 Winthrop Road – unpermitted activity withing review area – No report. Still under DEEP review.

213 MIDDLESEX AVENUE – unpermitted activity in inland wetlands and watercourses and upland review area, request to modify conditions of Cease & Desist Order

Bob Doane requested that the C&D Order be modified to allow the stockpile to remain on the property. He presented a plan showing a location outside of the review area for the materials to be placed. The materials will be used to build a landscape berm.

Randy will research the updated C&D Order to confirm that the Order does not require the stockpile to be taken off the property. This matter is in the Courts at this time and Legal Counsel will be necessary if the C&D Order is to be revised to accommodate that property owner's request.

Bob Doane reported that the site is stabilized and the waddles along the stream have been refreshed. Only a small bit of sediment was removed, and the property has been seeded (including a hay mat) and is now dormant.

No action taken. As noted above, Randy will research the C&D Order and process required in the event that the C&D Order needs to be revised.

190 WEST MAIN STREET - Clyde Hartson, 190 West Main St., Septic System repair within upland review area.

Joe Wren, PE, reported that the property owner wishes to replace the current septic system with a code compliant system. Plans for the project developed by Mr. Wren were distributed and reviewed by the Agency. Soil testing, including additional test pits, has been completed and the results were favorable. The project has been approved by the Health District. The project calls for the use of "select fill". It was suggested that the separate system that was used for the laundry be repurposed for the gutter downspouts. It is anticipated that soils will be hauled off the site and the "select fill" will be hauled onto the site. The paved driveway will be used to accommodate trucks during the project.

The status of a prior permit issued for the installation of a shed on the property was discussed. Randy will follow-up to confirm that any plantings required between the shed and the stream have been installed.

Mr. Wren was available to address questions/comments posed by Agency members.

No site walk was scheduled, and no action was taken.

ITEMS 9, 10, 11 – DEEP – Use of Pesticides in State Waters – Chester Village West Pond, Old Mill Pond and Archambeault Pond

Copies of the DEEP application relative to the use of pesticides at the above referenced ponds were included in the Agency packet. The Agency has no jurisdiction over this process and this information was sent to the Agency as a courtesy.

No action required.

ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT

Randy reported:

- * He will research work being done at 29 Spring Street. Agency members believe the work being done is part of the permit issued for the property.
- * There is now a full-time Administrative Assistant in the Building Department.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS – tabled until all Agency members are present.

CORRESPONDENCE - None.

RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS AFTER POSTING OF AGENDA – None.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS – None.

ADJOURNMENT

Bill Bernhart made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m. Eric Davison seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Helchowski
Clerk