

**BRISTOL INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF MONDAY FEBRUARY 6, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER:

By: Chairman Fisk

Time: 7:00 P.M.

Place: Board Of Education
Auditorium, 129 Church Street

MEMBERS	NAME:	PRESENT	ABSENT
REGULAR MEMBERS	Zachary Fisk (Chairman)	X	
	Michael Robinson (Vice Chairman)	X	
	David Rooks (Secretary)	X	
	James Carros	X	
	Daniel Massaro, Jr.	X	
	Richard Ministro	X	
ALTERNATE MEMBERS	James Ritchie	X	
	Logan Williams		X
	Greg Klimek	X	
STAFF			
	Nancy Levesque, P.E., City Engineer		

Chairman Fisk reminded the Commission the next Regular Meeting of the Inland Wetland Commission Monday, March 6, 2023.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

INTRODUCTIONS AND SEATING OF ALTERNATES:

Members and staff were introduced. Chairman Fisk designated the regular commissioners in attendance as voting members this evening.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (NON-PENDING APPLICATIONS):

The following item was submitted into the record: letter from Robert Green Associates, LLC, and dated January 17, 2023 submitted by Vincent Wygart.

- 1.) Vincent Wygart, 416 James P Casey Rd, Wygart Construction, spoke regarding the cease and correct order he received from the city regarding 4 Frederick St. He spoke with Zach Norton who went to the property and took photos of what was done. He stated he is trying to clean up the property and didn't realize the permit he had didn't cover a section of the property. He is asking that while the proper permits and approval are being obtained if he can continue to remove the limbed trees and clean up debris on the property. He gave some ideas he had for the land but does not have anything definite at the time and will wait for the approvals before any other work is done.

Nancy Levesque, P.E., City Engineer, explained the requirements with regards to wetlands and the process and what approvals are needed and why any work done must be done thru proper approval process. Nancy Levesque read the letter the applicant submitted from Robert Green Associates into the record. Submitted photos were viewed. Also looking to schedule a potential site walk.

Motion: to complete clean up, cut down the limbed trees, and to leave the tree stumps. IWEO to monitor.

By: Robinson

Seconded: Ministro

For: Robinson, Carros, Massaro, Ministro, Rooks and Fisk

Against: None

Abstained: None

2.) Mark Farber, 410 Emmett St, spoke to the commission regarding follow up with ERM as well as the state regarding the letter he submitted in December. He didn't see anything in the January Minutes and noticed no responses in February's agenda either. He is asking the commission to reach out to ERM and the state regarding the issues that have not been addressed. He is concerned with what will happen to the cement cap with the severe cold and the summer months coming soon.

Motion: to have Engineering follow up with ERM and the State for status of the situation.

By: Robinson

Seconded: Rooks

For: Robinson, Carros, Massaro, Ministro, Rooks and Fisk

Against: None

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

1. Approval of Minutes – January 7, 2023 – On-Site Minutes.

1. January 7, 2023 – On-Site Minutes
2. January 9, 2023 – Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Move to approve the On-Site Minutes of the January 7, 2023, On-Site Minutes, as amended.

By: Robinson

Seconded: Massaro

For: Robinson, Carros, Massaro, Ministro, Rooks and Fisk.

Against: None.

Abstained: None.

MOTION: Move to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2023, regular meeting, as amended.

By: Robinson

Seconded: Ministro

For: Robinson, Carros, Massaro, Ministro, Rooks and Fisk.

Against: None.

Abstained: None.

NEW APPLICATIONS:

1. Application #2004 – Wetlands application for the rehabilitation of Bridge No. 04488 to address structural deficiencies at Mellen Street, City of Bristol Right-of-Way and over the Pequabuck River; City of Bristol, Public Works Department, applicant.
2. Application #23-466F-291 – Floodplain application for the rehabilitation of Bridge No. 04488 to address structural deficiencies at Mellen Street, City of Bristol Right-of-Way and over the Pequabuck River; City of Bristol, Public Works Department, applicant.

Chairman Fisk explained Applications #2004 and #23-466F-291 would be heard concurrently, but voted on separately.

The Commission received the following items in the electronic packets:

- a. Assessor's Map with Inland Wetlands Watercourse Layers
- b. Application
- c. List of Items Included for Application #2004, dated Date: December 6, 2022, Revised: January 5, 2023, from GM2
- d. Application #23-466F-291 - Inland Wetlands - Project Activity sheet, GM2
- e. Application #23-466F-291 - Floodplain Narrative Project Description
- f. Wetlands Delineation Report, dated November 30, 2020, Soil Science and Environmental Services, Inc.
- g. Statewide Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Activity Reporting Form
- h. Site photos

MOTION: Move to receive Application #2004.

By: Robinson

Seconded: Massaro

For: Robinson, Carros, Massaro, Ministro, Rooks and Fisk.

Against: None.

Abstained: None.

The application is received.

Paul Brand, 115 Glastonbury Blvd., GMZ, representing the applicant addressed the Commission regarding applications 2004 and 23-466F-291. He presented a power point presentation about the existing condition of the bridge. He explained the history of the bridge and why it is being repaired. He stated that the bridge is a 3 out of 10 for safety. He explained how the replacement/repairs would be completed. This project includes working with the water department as well due to a water main pipe attached to the bridge that will need to be moved while the work is being done.

The commission asked about how will the debris be kept out of the water.

He explained the area will be set up with a debris shield of plywood just underneath the bridge to assure no debris gets in the river under it. During the sandblasting, the area is fully tented and vacuum sealed to prevent debris and contamination from entering the water. All the debris is disposed of at approved sites in Connecticut. There are no species in the area to worry about and no tribal issues to worry about. The permits already received were reviewed. This project is paid in full as part of the Federal Local Bridge Program and they will be starting the project in May and it should be completed by December 2023.

The commission asked about what the bridge condition means when he says it is a 3 out of 10.

Paul Brand stated a score of 10 is the highest, and 3 is very low for safety. If it was scored a 1 it would be closed for use.

MOTION: Move to declare Application #2004 a non-significant activity.

By: Robinson

Seconded: Rooks

For: Robinson, Carros, Massaro, Ministro, Rooks and Fisk.

Against: None.

Abstained: None.

The application was declared a non-significant activity.

MOTION: Move to approve Application #2004 – Wetlands application for the rehabilitation of Bridge No. 04488 to address structural deficiencies at Mellen Street, City of Bristol Right-of-Way and over the Pequabuck River; City of Bristol, Public Works Department, applicant, in accordance with the plot plan and information submitted with standard stipulations.

By: Robinson

Seconded: Ministro

For: Robinson, Carros, Massaro, Ministro, Rooks and Fisk.

Against: None.

Abstained: None.

The application is approved.

2. Application #23-466F-291 – Floodplain application for the rehabilitation of Bridge No. 04488 to address structural deficiencies at Mellen Street, City of Bristol Right-of-Way and over the Pequabuck River; City of Bristol, Public Works Department, applicant.

MOTION: Move to receive Application #23-466F-291.

By: Robinson

Seconded: Ministro

For: Robinson, Carros, Massaro, Ministro, Rooks and Fisk.

Against: None.

Abstained: None.

The application is received.

MOTION: Move to approve Application #23-466F-291 – Floodplain application for the rehabilitation of Bridge No. 04488 to address structural deficiencies at Mellen Street, City of Bristol Right-of-Way and over the Pequabuck River; City of Bristol, Public Works Department, applicant, in accordance with the plot plan and information submitted with standard stipulations.

By: Robinson

Seconded: Ministro

For: Robinson, Carros, Massaro, Ministro, Rooks and Fisk.

Against: None.

Abstained: None.

The application is approved.

Staff-Approved Applications/Unpublished

Administrative Applications Approved

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App.# Approved Administrative	Street No.	Address	Purpose of Application
102047	7	Ipswitch Road	New piers for deck replacement.
102048	50	Indiana Street	New Shed.
102049	259	W. Washington Street	New piers for stairs.
Administrative Floodplain Applications			
22-466F-292	259	W. Washington Street	New piers for stairs.

MOTION Move to file report.

By: Robinson

Seconded: Ministro

For: Robinson, Carros, Massaro, Ministro, Rooks and Fisk.

Against: None.

Abstained: None.

STAFF REPORTS:

5. IWEO Report – January 2023

The Commission received the following item in their electronic packets: the Inland Wetlands Enforcement Officers report, dated January 25, 2023.

MOTION Move to file the report from the Acting Inland Wetlands Zoning Enforcement Officer.

By: Robinson

Seconded: Ministro

For: Robinson, Carros, Massaro, Ministro, Rooks and Fisk.

Against: None.

Abstained: None.

The report is filed.

5. Inland Wetlands Mapping Update – BL Companies

The Commission received the following item in their electronic packets: a Request for Proposal, Update of City of Bristol Regulatory Inland Wetland and Watercourse Mapping, 2P23-010, dated September 21, 2022, from BL Companies to Roger Rousseau, Purchasing Agent, City of Bristol.

Nancy Levesque, P.E., City Engineer, discussed the inland wetlands mapping update. Public works sent out a request for qualification and interviewed three different firms to update the wetland maps for the city and BL Companies was selected. BL Companies will be updating the wetlands maps for Bristol. They would like to come and do a presentation for the commission regarding this project and explain how they will proceed. It would be 30 minute presentation during the conservation meeting. They will be using a soil scientist, GIS, as well as arial photos. They will be working with the city engineering department. Nancy Levesque will have them present at the March 6, 2023 conservation meeting.

MOTION Move to file the report from Request for Proposal, Update of City of Bristol Regulatory Inland Wetland and Watercourse Mapping, 2P23-010, dated September 21, 2022, from BL Companies.

By: Robinson

Seconded: Ministro

For: Robinson, Carros, Massaro, Ministro, Rooks and Fisk.

Against: None.

Abstained: None.

The report is filed.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Move to adjourn at 8:02 P.M.

By: Rooks

Seconded: Robinson

For: Robinson, Carros, Massaro, Ministro, Rooks and Fisk.

Against: None.

Abstained: None.

This meeting was taped.

Zachary Fisk, Chairman
Inland Wetlands Commission

David Rooks, Secretary