

**BRISTOL INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF WEDNESDAY MARCH 3, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER:

By: Chairman Fisk

Time: 7:00 P.M.

Place: City Hall

ROLL CALL:

| MEMBERS | NAME: | PRESENT | ABSENT |
|-------------------|---|---------|--------|
| REGULAR MEMBERS: | Zachary Fisk (Chairman) | X | |
| | Chet Reed (Vice Chairman) | X | |
| | Sebastian Panioto (Secretary) | X | |
| | Michael Robinson | X | |
| | James Carros | X | |
| | David Rooks | X | |
| | Tammy Kelly | | X |
| ALTERNATE MEMBERS | David Scarritt | | X |
| | Daniel Massaro, Jr. | X | |
| | Carolyn Checovetes | X | |
| STAFF | Carol Noble, P.E., Environmental Engineer | X | |
| | Robin Klug, Recording Secretary | X | |

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

INTRODUCTIONS AND SEATING OF ALTERNATES:

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (NON-PENDING APPLICATIONS):

There was no public participation.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

1. IWWC – February 3 2021

MOTION: Move to approve the minutes of the February 3 2021, regular meeting.

By: Carros

Seconded: Robinson

For: Panioto, Robinson, Carros, Reed, Rooks and Fisk.

Against: None.

Abstained: None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

2. Application #1910 – Wetlands Application for the activity in the upland review area for excavation of floodplain to compensate for floodplain filling related to the construction of drive thru only for Dunkin' Donut shop and related infrastructure; 172–176 East Main Street.; Map 41; Lot 33; The Ghio Family Limited Partnership, applicant – (Application continued from February 3, 2021).
3. Application 20-467F-256 – Floodplain Application for excavation of floodplain to create volume storage to compensate for filling associated with construction of a drive thru only Dunkin' Donut shop and related infrastructure; 172–176 East Main Street; Map 41; Lot 33; The Ghio Family Limited Partnership, applicant – (Application continued from February 3, 2021).

The Commission acknowledged receipt of the following items in their electronic packets: a photograph of the signposting on the property, undated; a Floodplain Compensation Planting Details report dated November 2, 2020, entitled "*Floodplain Compensation Planting Details, Ghio Property, 17 – 174 East Main Street, Bristol, CT, prepared by Soil Resource Consultants*"; a stormwater management report entitled "*Stormwater Management Report Including 2, 5, 10, 25 and 100 Year Storms, Ghio Family Limited Partnership, 172-176 East Main Street, Forestville, CT, prepared by Andrew Quirk, P.E., Kratzert, Jones & Associates, Inc, dated October 21, 2020.*"; a stormwater management report entitled "*Stormwater Management Report Including 2, 5, 10, 25 and 100 Year Storms, Ghio Family Limited Partnership, 172-176 East Main Street, Forestville, CT, prepared by Andrew Quirk, P.E., Kratzert, Jones & Associates, Inc., dated October 21, 2020 and Revised to January 27, 2021.*"

MOTION: Move to open the Public Hearing.

By: Robinson

Seconded: Carros

For: Panioto, Robinson, Carros, Reed, Rooks and Fisk.
 Against: None.
 Abstained: None.

MOTION: Move to have Application #1910 and Application #20-467F-256 heard concurrently, and vote on separately.

By: Robinson

Seconded: Panioto

For: Panioto, Robinson, Carros, Reed, Rooks and Fisk.
 Against: None.
 Abstained: None.

Attorney Timothy Furey, 43 Bellevue Avenue, Bristol, CT 06010, representing the applicant, addressed the Commission regarding changes to site plan since the initial plan set and the current proposed construction. The changes included reducing the building development footprint, providing floodplain storage compensation and storage areas at varying elevations, including low flow and micropool storage area, redirecting the stormwater overflows to the wetland area (as coordinated with staff), LID considerations to reduce pavement areas, providing stone filter strip, wetlands plantings and invasive species control. These measures are further discussed by the engineer and soil scientist.

Andrew Quirk, Kratzert and Jones, P.O. Box 337, 1755 Meriden-Waterbury Road, Milldale, CT 06467-0337, professional engineer representing the applicant, addressed the Commission regarding flood plain storm water drainage, runoff and projected impact of the proposed building to the existing flood plain storage areas.

David Lord, P.O. Box 752, Meriden, CT 06450, of Soil Resource Consultants, professional soil scientist, addressed the Commission regarding the proposed flood plain compensation plan, the plan goals, sequence of implementation, key elements and the proposed schedule and methodology of site inspections/reporting to the City, following planting completion.

Discussion followed.

MOTION: Move to close the Public Hearing.

By: Robinson

Seconded: Carros

Against: None.
Abstained: None.

Douglas Reich, RLA, Fuller Engineering and Land Surveying, LLC, 525 John Street, Bridgeport, spoke on behalf of the applicant, to present the site's existing drainage flow patterns and the proposed project plan, which included: increased stormwater infiltration, quality and storage volume.

Discussion Followed

MOTION: Move to declare Application #1913 non-significant activity.

By: Robinson Seconded: Reed

For: Panioto, Robinson, Carros, Reed, Rooks and Fisk.
Against: None.
Abstained: None.

The application is declared a non-significant activity.

No one else spoke in favor of the application.

No one spoke against the application.

MOTION: Move to approve Application 1913 – Wetlands Application to construct a drive-through coffee shop; 1235 Farmington Avenue; Map 49; Lot 30; Top Joe I, LLC (Mark MacGregor), applicant, with the standard stipulations.

By: Robinson Seconded: Rooks

For: Panioto, Robinson, Carros, Reed, Rooks and Fisk.
Against: None.
Abstained: None.

The application is approved with standard stipulations.

5. Application 1914 – Wetlands Application for minor site modifications and re-grading to parking lot and sidewalk surrounding the building; 888 Farmington Avenue; Map 46; Lot 94-1; Torrington Savings Bank, applicant.
6. Application 21-458F-259 – Floodplain Application for minor site modifications and re-grading to parking lot and sidewalk surrounding the building to accommodate new tenant; 888 Farmington Avenue; Map 46; Lot 94-1; Torrington Savings Bank, applicant.

The Commission received the following items in their electronic packets: an engineering memorandum and report dated February 19, 2021, from Kevin Solli, P.E., Solli Engineering, LLC, to Nancy Leveque, P.E., City Engineer, regarding the Stormwater Design; and a copy of the regular minutes from the Zoning Commission Meeting of September 13, 2006.

MOTION: Move to receive Application #1914.

By: Robinson Seconded: Rooks

For: Panioto, Robinson, Carros, Reed, Rooks and Fisk.
Against: None.
Abstained: None.

MOTION: Move to receive Application 21-458F-259, allow it to be heard concurrently with Application #1914 and voted on separately.

By: Robinson Seconded: Rooks

For: Panioto, Robinson, Carros, Reed, Rooks and Fisk.
Against: None.
Abstained: None.

The application was received.

Michael Lambert, Solli Engineering, LLC, 501 Main Street, Monroe, addressed the Commission on behalf of the applicant and presented the proposed project plan. The proposal is a modification of the existing site plan consisting of: modifications to parking, increased flood plain storage, installation of a hydro dynamic separator and erosion control measures, as compensation for minor grading changes.

Discussion followed.

MOTION: Move to declare Application #1914 non-significant activity.

By: Reed Seconded: Robinson

For: Panioto, Robinson, Carros, Reed, Rooks and Fisk.
Against: None.
Abstained: None.

The application is declared a non-significant activity.

No one else spoke in favor of the application.

No one spoke against the application.

MOTION: Move to declare Application 21-458F-259 non-significant activity.

By: Reed Seconded: Robinson

For: Panioto, Robinson, Carros, Reed, Rooks and Fisk.
Against: None.
Abstained: None.

The application is declared a non-significant activity.

No one else spoke in favor of the application.

No one spoke against the application.

MOTION: Move to approve Application 1914 –Wetlands Application for minor site modifications and re-grading to parking lot and sidewalk surrounding the building; 888 Farmington Avenue; Map 46; Lot 94-1; Torrington Savings Bank, applicant, with the standard stipulations.

By: Panioto Seconded: Reed

For: Panioto, Robinson, Carros, Reed, Rooks and Fisk.
Against: None.
Abstained: None.

The application is approved with standard stipulations.

MOTION: Move to approve Application 21-458F-259 – Floodplain Application for minor site modifications and re-grading to parking lot and sidewalk surrounding the building to accommodate new tenant; 888 Farmington Avenue; Map 46; Lot 94-1; Torrington Savings Bank, applicant, with the standard stipulations.

By: Panioto Seconded: Reed

For: Panioto, Robinson, Carros, Reed, Rooks and Fisk.
Against: None.
Abstained: None.

The application is approved with standard stipulations.

- 7. Application #1915 – Subdivision, 505-545 Redstone Hill Road (18 lots); Assessor’s Map 2, Lots 133; 133-1; 133-2 & 133-3; R-15 (Single-Family Residential) zone; Total Access, applicant.

The Commission received the following items in their electronic packets: A Stormwater Management Report, dated February 17, 2021, entitled "*Stormwater Management Report, 505-545 Redstone Hill Road, Bristol, Connecticut, Prepared for Total Access, prepared by Harry E. Cole & Son.*"

Carol Noble confirmed for the Commission the application was complete.

MOTION: Move to receive Application #1915.

By: Robinson Seconded: Rooks

For: Panioto, Robinson, Carros, Reed, Rooks and Fisk.
Against: None.
Abstained: None.

Andre D. Dorval, Esq., 17 Riverside Avenue, Bristol, addressed the Commission on behalf of the applicant presented the subdivision proposal to the commission.

Steve Giudice, Harry E. Cole & Son, P.O. Box 44, 876 South Main St., Plantsville, addressed the Commission on behalf of the applicant to present the impacts of the proposed development to: the property’s stormwater drainage, storage and retention, ground water quality and intent to seek a conservation easement.

MOTION: Move to declare Application #1915 significant activity.

By: Reed Seconded: Robinson.

For: Panioto, Robinson, Carros, Reed, Rooks and Fisk.
Against: None.
Abstained: None.

The application is declared a significant activity.
A Public Hearing will be held May 5, 2021.

MOTION: Move to conduct a site visit of– Subdivision, 505-545 Redstone Hill Road (18 lots); Assessor’s Map 2, Lots 133; 133-1; 133-2 & 133-3; R-15.

By: Robinson Seconded: Panioto

For: Panioto, Robinson, Carros, Reed, Rooks and Fisk.
Against: None.
Abstained: None.

A site visit will take place preceding a May 5, 2021, Public Hearing.

No one else spoke in favor of the application.
No one spoke against the application.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 5. Commission Review of:

- a. Wetland Application Form IW-1 and IW-2 and Stipulations
- b. Administrative Wetland Application Form and Stipulations

The Commission received the following items in their electronic packets: the proposed revised Inland Wetlands Agency Application, IW-1 and IW-2, with instructions and stipulations, undated and the proposed revised Administrative Inland Wetlands Permit and stipulations, dated May 2021.

MOTION: Move to hold a Public Hearing of the proposed revisions to:

- a. Administrative Wetland Application Form and Stipulations

By: Robinson

Seconded: Panioto

For: Panioto, Robinson, Carros, Reed, Rooks and Fisk.

Against: None.

Abstained: None.

A Public Hearing will be held April 7, 2021.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 8. Superior Electric - Permit Application #1876 - Monthly Progress Report (02-22-21) Restoration Project - Schedule Update – February 22, 2021.

The Commission received the following item in their electronic packets: a monthly report dated February 22, 2021 (fourteen attached photographs dated January 22, 2021 to February 12, 2021.)

Sarah Seekins, Principal Consultant, ERM Consulting & Engineering, Inc., 95 Glastonbury Boulevard, Glastonbury provided verbal report to the Commission: work crews and equipment were demobilized in February and anticipate remobilization in late April to early May.

David Monz, Updike, Kelly and Spellacy, 265 Church Street, 10th Floor, New Haven, on behalf of the applicant, reported on demobilization.

There were no action items.

STAFF-APPROVED APPLICATIONS/UNPUBLISHED:

- 9. Administrative Applications Approved

Administrative Applications Approved

| App.# Approved Administrative | Street No. | Address | Purpose of App. |
|--|-------------------|------------------|---|
| 101889 | 24 | Soucy Dr. | Fence |
| 101890 | 163 | Jacqueline Dr. | Install (3) 120-gal propane tanks and 25' of 1/2" coated copper gas main to generator (supplied by separate contractor) |
| 101891 | 198 | Maple Ave. | Install 12' round above-ground pool and extend existing deck to connect to pool |
| 101892 | 40 | Northwestern Dr. | Install (1) 120 LP tank and hook to existing generator |

MOTION: Move to place on file.

By: Reed

Seconded: Robinson

For: Panioto, Robinson, Carros, Reed, Rooks and Fisk.
Against: None.
Abstained: None.

The applications were placed on file.

STAFF REPORTS:

10. IWEO February 2021 Monthly Report (Attached Inspection Report dated February 18, 2021).

The Commission received the following items in their electronics: The Inland Wetlands Enforcement Officer's report, dated February 18, 2021.

Jason Gagnon, Environmental Protection Technician,

There were no action items.

COMMUNICATIONS:

11. Appendix A Park Ambassador Job Description

The Commission received the following item in their electronic packets: The Appendix "A": Proposed Job Description for Park Ambassador, from, Joshua Medeiros, Superintendent, Parks and Recreation Department and Youth and Community Services.

Informational only, there were no action items.

It was the pleasure of the Commission to hear the PRWA Presentation following item 11.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION:

12. PRWA Presentation – Pequabuck River Watershed Based Plan (WBP)

The Commission received the following item in their electronic packets: a copy of the Pequabuck River Watershed Based Plan (WBP) PowerPoint presentation, undated, from Mary Rydingsward.

Mary Rydingsward, representing the Pequabuck River Watershed Association, presented the Pequabuck River Watershed Based Plan which aims to seek funding to implement structural and non-structural best management practices to restore and improve the water quality of the Pequabuck River Watershed through a focus on non-point source pollution.

Discussion followed.

Informational only, there were no action items.

13. Lower Farmington River & Salmon Brook Wild & Scenic Committee
Grant information

The Commission received the following item in their electronic packets: a letter dated February 18, 2021, from Mary Moulton, member of the Lower Farmington River & Salmon Brook Wild & Scenic Committee, regarding grant information.

Informational only, there were no action items.

14. Application #1891 – Barnum Road – Willow Industries Maintenance Reports

The Commission received the following item in their electronic packets: Maintenance Reports, Willow Industries Barnum Road, Earth Removal Operation, dated February 22, 2021, Inspected By: Schultz Corporation.

MOTION Move to file the report Application #1891 – Barnum Road –Willow Industries Maintenance Reports.

By: Reed

Seconded: Robinson

For: Panioto, Robinson, Carros, Reed, Rooks and Fisk.
Against: None.
Abstained: None.

The report was filed.

- 15. Application #1593 – Cedar Hill Subdivision – Bristol Crossings
 - a. February 2021 Inspection Report

The Commission received the following items in their electronic packets: Maintenance Reports, J. Edwards & Associates, LLC, Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan, Inspection and Maintenance Report, dated February 21, 2021, Inspected By: Ian Eller.

MOTION Move to file the report Application #1593 – Cedar Hill Subdivision – Bristol Crossings – February 21, 2021 Inspection Report.

By: Reed

Seconded: Robinson

For: Panioto, Robinson, Carros, Reed, Rooks and Fisk.
Against: None.
Abstained: None.

The report was filed.

MATTERS OF UNANIMOUS CONSENT:

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Move to adjourn at 9:29 P.M.

By: Reed

Seconded: Robinson

For: Panioto, Robinson, Carros, Reed, Rooks and Fisk.
Against: None.
Abstained: None.

This meeting was taped.

Respectfully submitted,
Robin Klug

Zachary Fisk, Chairman
Inland Wetlands Commission

Sebastian Panioto, Secretary