

**BRISTOL INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF WEDNESDAY JUNE 3, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER:

By: Chairman Fisk

Time: 7:04 pm

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	

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**INTRODUCTIONS AND SEATING OF ALTERNATES**

Carolyn Checovetes Alternate will be voting.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (NON-PENDING APPLICATIONS)

There was no public participation.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

1. Approval of Minutes – IWWC – May 6, 2020

MOTION: Move to approve the minutes of the May 6, 2020, regular meeting, as written.

By: Robinson

Seconded: Panioto

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

Against: None.

Abstained: None.

PENDING APPLICATIONS:

2. Application #1897 – Wetlands Application to construct a 16 ft. by 24 ft. shed, basketball half court and above ground pool; 7 Royal Drive; Assessor's Map 64, Lot 6; Casey and Danielle Tabacco., applicants.

The Commission acknowledged receipt of the following items in their electronic packets: an Assessor's Map with Inland Wetlands Watercourse Layers, undated; a GIS Map, undated; a map of the rear yard and shed plan, entitled "*Royal Drive, Corner Lt, 7 Royal Drive, from Casey Tabacco, dated April 1, 2020*"; a letter dated April 9, 2020 from Carol Noble, regarding the request for new shed and drainage concerns with two attached maps entitled "*View of 7 Royal Drive, Bristol, CT (Aerial and Topography, date: 2016)*" and "*View of 7 Royal Drive, Bristol, CT (Aerial and Topography, date: 2019)*"; an e-mail dated April 21, 2020, Carol Noble, P.E., Environmental Engineer, to the Royal Street neighbors, regarding extending the drainage (attached GIS Map, entitled "7 Royal, dated, November 23, 2019 to November 23, 2019"); photographs for 7 Royal Drive, entitled "*Photo 1: Looking north at new shed and yard trench along east property line; Photo 2: Looking southwest from shed toward house and pool and Photo 3: looking east from north side of Chippanee Drive cul-de-sac.*"

Casey and Danielle Tabacco
7 Royal Drive
Bristol, CT 06010

Chairman Fisk reminded the commission that the Application was opened in May and postponed until this meeting.

Danielle Tabacco, the applicant addressed the Commission regarding wetlands application to construct shed and half basketball court. She described the property as a corner lot on Chippanee Drive and Royal Drive.

Casey Tabacco stated the work was already done, he did not realize the entire property was wetlands just thought the rear property line was wetlands. Described the location of the shed, the half basketball court and the pool.

Chairman Fisk addressed the proposed pipeline to be installed on the rear of their lot.

Casey Tabacco stated the pipe is proposed by the City to help correct the drainage issues for his and his neighbor's property.

Chairman Fisk reminded the commission that the work was done without a permit. Hard to determine the previous conditions of the property since more impervious surfaces now exist and a larger shed which could be causing more drainage issues.

Danielle Tabacco stated she has videos and pictures of the property prior to the changes, which she supplied to the City Engineer.

Chairman Fisk invited Caller 2 to introduce himself and share his concern.

Mel Maffei, 31 Royal Drive, stated that if the commission visited Royal Drive and started from the cul-de-sac and visited the backyards of each property you would encounter water, in some cases up to your knees. There is water flow and wetlands here. What is odd about this year is that by the end of May I usually can walk to the back of my yard. I cannot do that this year. I feel something is obstructing the flow causing water issues. He feels the historic drainage has been impeded as stated in Carol Nobel's letter dated April 9, 2020. Feels the City is generous to offer to install a pipe and another storm drain.

Allan Cahill, 21 Royal Drive, the issue of privacy is a plus for both of us. The plans were laid out today and are vague. We just want better communication and resolve the water issues. There's been a disruption of the water flow over the past few years. We believe the storm drain will help resolve the water issue.

Casey Tabacco stated that The City Engineer, Nancy Levesque has been working with the Environmental Engineer Carol Noble with a drainage plan.

Ms. Noble reviewed the plan with the Commission, starting with the City’s interest on Chipannee drive, explained the pipe would be extended Northeast into the City Right of Way near the Tabacco Property along with 2 catch basins on Chipannee Drive. That work would be done with the City’s existing Storm drain account, the rest would be the resident’s responsibility. On the Cahill property they would be responsible for their own grading or potentially extending that for another yard drain. What needs to be worked out is if the Tabaco’s will be doing the work and will be paying for it.

Commissioner Panioto asked if the Tabacco’s would be responsible for the installation and upkeep of the yard drain.

Ms. Noble stated that is one of the key points that needs to be decided.

Commissioner Reed, feels there should be an onsite visit as historically this property has had drainage and water issues, to get a better idea of what is happening.

MOTION: Move to declare Application #1897 a significant activity and set a public hearing for July 1st meeting and schedule an onsite inspection for Wednesday June 24th at 6:00 pm.

By: Robinson

Seconded: Checovetes

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

Against: None.

Abstained: None.

The application was declared a significant activity.

No one else spoke in favor of the application.

No one else spoke against the application.

NEW APPLICATIONS

- 3. Application #1899 – Wetlands Application to install an in-ground swimming pool; 99 Redwood Drive; Assessor’s Map 31, Lot 5-3; Rebecca and Keith Hogan, applicants.

The Commission acknowledged receipt of the following items in their electronic packets: an Assessor’s Map with Inland Wetlands Watercourse Layers, entitled “Wetlands Application 1899 Source: Bristol GIS Assessor Map 51, Lot 5-3, undated; a GIS Map, undated; a summary of the plan, undated; a copy of the plan (1 Page); a Template for Recording of Management Guidelines, entitled “Declaration of Conservation Restrictive Covenant’s undated (3 Pages) and six photographs of 99 Redwood Drive, entitled “*Photo 1: Location of proposed pool (looking south); Photo 2: Location of Proposed Pool (looking south); Photo 3: Location of Proposed Pool (looking northeast); Photo 4: Looking west along south side of fence; Photo 5: Looking east along north side of fence and Photo 6: Looking northwest toward wetland area (Three Pages.)*”

Rebecca and Keith Hogan
99 Redwood Drive
Bristol, CT 06010

MOTION: Move to receive Application #1899.

By: Robinson

Seconded: Panioto

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

Rebecca Hogan, 99 Redwood Drive, addressed the commission regarding their application. Flat parcel on the Northeast side of town. Would like to place the pool 20 feet from the house. There will be planting beds around the pool. Currently the yard has a concrete patio that will be remove from the property.

Keith Hogan, stated the chicken waste and compost is used in all their garden beds. Will be planting wetland plants to stabilize the slope. The chicken coop is covered, nothing is leaching into the wetlands.

Commissioner Robinson how far away from the wetlands will the pool be.

Mr. Hogan stated that the entire property is in the wetlands. The property is very dry. Have already gone through the Wetlands process for an addition that was done 10 years prior.

Commissioner Reed, is this a case where the City's wetlands maps are outdated?

Chairman Fisk stated that it looks like there is wetlands near the chicken coop, but that the entire property seems to fall in wetlands due to outdated maps.

Ms. Noble stated that there is an 8 foot mark from the coop to the wetlands, pool seems to be about 30-35 feet to the backend of the coop. There is about a 3 foot vegetation strip between the coop and the watercourse.

Commissioner Panioto will there be an increase in impervious area.

Mr. Hogan, 12x24 pool and the 4 foot patio around it, surrounded by planters.

MOTION: Move to declare Application #1899 a non-significant activity.

By: Reed

Seconded: Robinson

For: Panioto, Robinson, Checovetes, 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 #1899 –to install an in-ground swimming pool; 99 Redwood Drive; Assessor's Map 31, Lot 5-3; Rebecca and Keith Hogan, applicants, in accordance with the plot plan and information submitted with standard stipulations as well as conservation plantings and removal of invasive species next to the wetlands.

By: Panioto

Seconded: Robinson

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

The application is approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Chairman Fisk invited the applicant for the Memorial Boulevard Intra-District Magnet School to speak before moving on. Moved Item 7 from Old Business up the agenda.

- 4. 7. Memorial Boulevard Intra-District Arts Magnet School – (Floodplain Application #19-262-F-242, Wetlands Application #1871) - Modification Package

The Commission acknowledged receipt of the following items in their electronic packets: a copy of the plan, entitled "Bristol Memorial Magnet School Renovations and Additions, 70 Memorial Boulevard, Bristol, CT, dated May 28, 2019, Revised date June 5, 2019, Revised date May 27, 2020, Issued for Wetlands and Flood Plain Approval (21 Pages); a Water Quality Volume Report and Water Quality Volume/Flow Report, from Benesch, dated May 26, 2020 (4 Pages); a CutFill Volumes-Plan (C-CFV), Prepared by QA+M Architecture and also Alfred Benesch & Company (1 Page), Revised date of July 2, 2019 and Revised date August 12, 2019; a CutFill Report, Generated on May 22, 2020 (1 Page) and a Water Quality Volume Map, Revised date of July 2, 2019 and Revised date August 12, 2019 (1 Page.)

Nancy Levesque, P.E., City Engineer
 City of Bristol
 Public Works Department
 111 North Main Street
 Bristol, CT 06010

Ryan Scrittorale, P.E.
 Alfred Benesch & Company
 120 Hebron Avenue
 Glastonbury, Connecticut 06033

Quisenberry, Arcari and Malik Architecture
 195 Scott Swamp Road
 Farmington, CT 06032

Ryan Scrittorlae, P.E. spoke on behalf the applicant, the City of Bristol. During the design process, it was determined the project was a little over budget. Reduction of scope, led to the reduction of the addition on the backside of the school of 5,000 sf. Also the Barnes property will no longer be purchased but be leased over a long period of time. Due to the lease verse purchase option the Barnes Company requested we not over excavate. The Bio retention area can no longer be placed in that area. We still meet the water quality volume for the entire site and water quality flow for Northeast side of the sight. Revised cutfil was presented to the City Engineer and Environmental Engineer.

Commissioner Panioto is there a decrease in flood water storage?

Mr. Scrittorlae, no there will be an increase in flood water storage.

MOTION: Move to approve Modification plan for Wetlands Application #1871 and Floodplain Application #19-262-F-242.

By: Robinson

Seconded: Panioto

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

Against: None.

Abstained: None.

The modified application is approved.

STAFF-APPROVED APPLICATIONS/UNPUBLISHED

5. Administrative Applications Approved

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APP# Approved Administrative	Street No.	Address	Purpose of App.
101800	121	Milton Rd.	Build 2 decks
101801	62	Goshen Crt.	Build 190 SF shed on side of house
101802	304	Old Wolcott Rd.	Back and side yard fence
101803	28	Hiltbrand Rd.	18' x 14' rear addition on pre-engineered foundation (no fill) with access stairs
101804	56	Seneca Rd.	96 SF shed on foundation deck blocks with minimal digging
101805	66	Vermont Dr.	New storage shed with crushed stone pad
101806	214	West Woods Terr.	Construct a deck to replace existing deck in like size
101807	84	John Ave.	Put a six-foot fence in backyard
101808	130	Sims Rd.	Repair ex. Foundation drain (same location, approx. 200' of perf 6" pipe) with 4' x 4' stone pad at pipe end, approx. 10' from property line, seed disturbed areas
101809	47	Sheffield Ln.	Install fence
101810	55	Swanson Dr.	Above-ground pool
101811	128	Jewel St.	Fence
Floodplain (Approved)	Street No.	Address	Purpose of App.
None			

MOTION: Move to place on file.

By: Reed

Seconded: Robinson

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

Against: None.

Abstained: None.

The applications are filed.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

None

STAFF REPORTS

5. IWEO May 2020 Monthly Report (Attached Inspection Report dated (DATE), 2020.)

Jason Gagnon, Environmental Protection Technician

The Commission acknowledged receipt of the following items in their electronic packets: a copy of the May Inland Wetlands Zoning Enforcement Officers Report, dated May 27, 2020; a copy of a Wetlands/Floodplain Inspection Notice, dated May 12, 2020, regarding 46 Arlington Street; an Inspection Page, untitled and undated, a letter dated May 11, 2020, from Carol Noble, P.E., Environmental Engineer, regarding Notice of Wetland Permit #1878 and six photographs entitled "Photo 1: South side of regulated wetland, looking northwest (Lot 67-3PT5); Photo 2: East side of regulated wetland, looking northwest (Lot 67-3PT5); Photo 3: Approximate location for Infiltration System (Lot 67-6C, aka Parcel "B"); Photo 4: Lot 67-3A, Looking northeast; Photo 5: 2019 Bristol GIS aerial map and Photo 6: 2016 Bristol GIS aerial map.

Commissioner Robinson stated his concern regarding 226 Terryville Road.

Ms. Noble stated that the May 22, 2020 meeting has yet to occur. We have been in contact with the Engineer and the owner. Ownership of portions of the property have been conveyed to another owner without written consent from the Commission. Due to Covid the enforcement process has been a little bit difficult.

MOTION: Move to cease and correct at 226 Terryville Road.

By: Robinson

Seconded: Rooks

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

Against: None.

Abstained: None.

The report is filed.

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

By: Robinson

Seconded: Panioto

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

Against: None.

Abstained: None.

The report is filed.

OLD BUSINESS

6. Superior Electric - Permit Application #1876 - Modification Package No.1 for the Superior Electric Site Wetland and Stream Restoration Project

The Commission acknowledged receipt of the following item in their electronic packets: a report for Superior Electric Site Wetland and Stream Restoration Project Permit Application #1876 - Modification Package No.1, dated May 20, 2020 (44 Pages.)

Almudena Villanueva, P.E., Partner in Charge
ERM
95 Glastonbury Boulevard, Suite 101
Glastonbury, Connecticut 06033

Mac Bonner, P.E.
ERM
95 Glastonbury Boulevard, Suite 101
Glastonbury, Connecticut 06033

Ms. Noble provided an update to the Commission regarding the project start and end date due to COVID-19. Expect to get started within a few weeks and extend to November.

MOTION: Move to accept the modification package for Wetlands permit #1876.

By: Robinson

Seconded: Panioto

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

Against: None.

Abstained: None.

The modification is approved.

NEW BUSINESS

COMMUNICATIONS

- 8. DEEP Online Training for Municipal Inland Wetlands Agencies: The program is now available online at no cost to participants. Interested individuals can complete the course request form to gain access: <https://charteroak.wufoo.com/forms/q1s1eauh1l90sua/>

The Commission acknowledged receipt of the following item in their electronic packets: an e-mail dated May 21, 2020, regarding DEEP Online Training for Municipal Inland Wetlands Agencies.

- 9. Application #1593 – Cedar Hill Subdivision– Monthly Reports
 - a. Monthly Report (1 p)

The Commission acknowledged receipt of the following item in their electronic packets: the monthly report dated May 14, 2020, for Cedar Hill Subdivision, from J. Edwards & Associates, LLC.

Larry Edwards
J. Edwards & Associates, LLC
227 Stepney Road
Easton, CT 06612

MOTION: Move to place communications on file.

By: Reed

Seconded: Robinson

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

The report is filed.

MATTERS OF UNANIMOUS CONSENT

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Move to adjourn at 8:54 P.M.

By: Reed

Seconded: Robinson

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

This meeting was taped.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Letourneau

Zachary Fisk, Chairman
Inland Wetlands Commission

Sebastian Panioto, Secretary