

**TOWN OF BOZRAH
INLAND WETLANDS AND CONSERVATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
Town Hall, 1 River Rd. BOZRAH, CT 06334**

April 7, 2022

The April regular meeting of the Bozrah Inland Wetlands and Conservation Commission was called to order by Chairperson Charlene Lathrop at 7:01 pm.

Members present: Chuck Mandel, Jessica Carson, Scott Taylor, Evelyn Brown, James Sipperly, Charlene Lathrop. Quorum was established.

Others present: Sam Alexander (AICP- SCCOG/Town Planner), Bob Russo (WEO), Glenn Pianka (Board of Selectmen), Seth Coty & Yvonne Yang, Carolyn Dziengiel.

1. Minutes: Review & Approve Minutes of 3/3/22 **Motion to approve (Sipperly/Mandel) Unanimous.**

Report from Wetlands Enforcement Officer (WEO): See written report submitted. a) Stoney Hill Farm 211 Bashon Hill Rd, E&S controls all fine. However, an existing wetland crossing upstream of the house was replaced without permitting or review (see photos). Same site, stable, reasonably constructed, should function much as the old one did, no vegetation damage, no sediment in stream. Discussion: "may be as-of-right" BUT they MUST submit an application for review, even if it's retroactive. Bob will contact them and reinforce that they MUST -IN ADVANCE- call IWCC or the WEO for ANY future wetlands impact work. b) Revelation Church on Bishop Rd. Pastor denied WEO's request to visit. Our active permit & cease & correct gives us the right to inspect monthly. There's been no activity on the permitted area, they haven't complied with pre-work conditions of the permit so they can't proceed yet. The WEO was instructed to write a letter giving them a 6 week timeline to delineate the wetlands and allow inspection for IWCC. c) No visit to the Rt 82 silt fence removal.

1. Correspondence related to agenda- none.
2. New Business:

a) Seth Coty 350 Fitchville Rd for future plans discussion. Mr. Coty was very concerned about his activities as compared with neighbors & state activities also along the river and the time and costs incurred for his property. Sam read the past letter that the WEO had sent to define the requests from IWCC- which had been complied with. Future homeowner plans include an upland dirt track out of our area of concern. The walkway to the river will not be constructed due to the steepness in that area. No earth berm is planned.

b) no new applications but as upcoming possibilities: Main's store will be renovating so there could possibly be a drainage review and Jurczyk's (west side of road)are planning a 2 lot subdivision.

c) Mineral Spring update- Charlene described the site to several tribal representatives and the feeling was that the state archeologist should take a look. Charlene will coordinate & post the walk and let the commission and the homeowner (Mr. Marek) know the details.

d) Standard Approval Conditions discussion- Middletown & Guilford conditions were available to review. We would likely pick & choose from conditions like these. Prior to the next meeting, committee members should read & mark the ones they would be interested in considering for use in Bozrah.

3. General Correspondence: none.
4. Such other Business: a) Glenn reported that the cemetery commission discussed a future walkway on the 20 acres around the Johnson Cemetery, some of which is riverfront
b) timber harvest discussion – Justin Collins is now the tree warden for Bozrah, Sam will send a memo to Tom that any timber harvest inquiries potentially involving wetlands should be sent to the WEO, definitions, agriculture as of right and best practices were also discussed. c) list of on-going projects work is underway. Sam is working on a spreadsheet for WEO information and tracking, it is an evolving system with the building official, the new ZEO, the Bozrah access database and PDF materials all needing to be aligned.
5. Public Comment: Ms. Dziengiel has interest in the Mineral Spring walk.
6. **Motion to adjourn (Sipperly/Taylor) Unanimous.**

Respectfully Submitted, Evelyn Brown, Commission member.