

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

May 4, 2023

The May regular meeting of the Bozrah Inland Wetlands and Conservation Commission was called to order by Chairperson Charlene Lathrop at 7:00 pm.

Members present: Scott Taylor, Chuck Mandel, Charlene Lathrop, Evelyn Brown, Steve Brunetti. Quorum was established.

Others present: Steve Coit, Peter Parent, Barbara Speerli, WEO Bob Russo, Glenn Pianka (1st Selectman), Sam Alexander (Town Planner/SCCOG).

1. Minutes: Review & Approve Minutes of 3/2/23. **Motion to approve (Mandel/Brunetti) Unanimous.**
2. Report from Wetlands Enforcement Officer (WEO): Visits were made to the following sites since the last meeting: A) South Rd subdivision- previous requests were all completed, however, the heavy rainfall events recently compromised some of the E&S controls. Repairs and extensions of coverage are needed in 3 areas as noted on the CLA letter dated 5/4/23 and discussed and agreed to by the developer. B) MidCity Steel site- rock removal and building construction activities are active. Inspection report on letter dated 5/4/03 noted a silty discharge at the outflow of the retention pond. Addition of an elbow and 2' riser was requested as revisions to the E&S controls to promote settling and owner reports it was corrected immediately. There was discussion of the capacity available in the pond and the 2' riser was deemed appropriate for expected discharge. C) Coit site on Stockhouse & Brush Hill- No runoff or road wash issues noted along Stockhouse side of the site. Three requests for additional E&S control berms were noted for the Brush Hill area on the parcel as detailed in the letter dated 5/4/23. Owner is here tonight to present updated E&S Control Plan related to this area of the parcel. WEO recommends wood chip E&S berms rather than the silt fence/wattles shown on the plan due to the difficulty anchoring on rock ledge substrate. D) Revelation Church continues to be inactive. E) permit site on Bashon Hill inspection is scheduled for 5/5/23.
IWCC members asked the WEO to check on several additional sites noted or already under permit: Bozrah Home & Hardware has some clearing along the wetlands, new retaining wall at Camp Odetah, the newly cleared lot area at the corner of Brush Hill & Fitchville Rd. and open permits on Fitchville Rd (Coty) and Bishop Rd (Goulart).
3. Correspondence related to agenda- none.
4. New Business: Steve Coit (M/L: 03/44) Stockhouse- Material stockpile area off Brush Hill Rd- Peter Parent (representing the owner) presented the new E&S control plans and a small color-coded map showing the sand, topsoil & stump stockpiles, intermittent water course and site contours. Agreed that the WEO recommendation in the letter dated 5/4/23 to substitute wood chip berms in place of silt fence/wattles was preferable. During the discussion IWCC members asked for several additions to the maps: field topography spot shots, wetlands delineations, differences in area of work from initial application, revised

drainage report data, and a PDF of the sand testing reports. A site walk was requested and Sam will send out an email with some suggested date/time options.

5. General Correspondence: none
6. Such other Business: A) town culvert work involving watercourses on Gager was discussed. Glenn asked what the IWCC wanted for E&S. Suggestion was probable downstream protection measures but the WEO will look at the sites and make recommendations. B) 31 Scott Hill Rd driveway flooding situation- Glenn put several options forward, IWCC will walk and look at the situation. C) expiring commission terms include Steve, Charlene, Chuck, Scott & Tom Main. All will continue except Tom Main who is stepping down. The alternate will be seated if she is willing to accept. If she does, 2 alternates should be solicited. D) vandalism as it potentially relates to volunteer service was mentioned. E) Enforcement concerns and public information/education discussion. Use of TWIB and website could be taken advantage of more. F) Glenn explained the Zoning enforcement officer's (Jen Lindo) shared use within Bozrah, Franklin, Ledyard and Preston and the SCCOG role in grant funding.
7. Public Comment: Glenn- Record retention, space needs and review of filing/storage practices was discussed. The building inspector (Doug Coulter) & Jen Lindo are working on improving the system. Microfilm recording & storage project would be helpful. Some ARPA monies may be available. Commission members complimented Glenn, Bob & Sam for their efforts on the town's behalf. Barbara Speerli expressed concerns about the continued number of trucks from 11 Bashon Hill project and asked about the additional access entrance on the wetlands. Bob will check on his visit tomorrow. There was a discussion of "conditions" imposed vs. followed such as directed truck traffic from Liquid Carbonic/AirGas, what happens with transfer of ownership, need for documentation, enforceability concerns etc.
8. **Motion for adjournment at 8:24 (Brunetti/Taylor). Unanimous.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Evelyn Brown, Commission member.