

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

June 1, 2023

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

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

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

1. Minutes: Review & approve minutes of 5/4/23. **Motion to approve (Brunetti/Taylor) Passed 4-0-1.** Review & approve minutes of 5/11/23 site walk. **Motion to approve (Brunetti/Taylor) Passed 4-0-1.**
2. Report from Wetlands Enforcement Officer (WEO): Visits were made jointly by WEO & ZEO to the following sites since the last meeting: Letter A) 102 Hough Rd- site was active, E&S repairs required include seeding around the pond & extending a woodchip berm/silt fence to address driveway runoff and siltation associated with the foundation work. WEO will meet with owner to discuss. Letter B) 366 Salem Tnpke- clearing was due to removal of a large downed tree. No wetlands impact, no E&S issues. Letter C) 38 Bozrah St Ext- the pool replacement project at the camp had a zoning permit issued. No wetlands impacted, silt fence is installed and site is stable. Letter D) 135 Lake Rd, Acorn Acres had selectively logged area with no wetlands impact and no E&S issues so deemed not regulated forestry activity. Letter E) 54 Scott Hill Rd- construction of metal storage shed with no wetlands impact and no E&S issues so WEO signed off on the certificate of occupancy. Letter F) Rt 163/South Rd subdivision- last month's requests had been completed however, due to recent heavy rainfall, additional repairs to the woodchip berms were requested in two areas. Letter G) Mid-City Steel building site E&S is in place and working, stormwater basin modifications were completed and the downstream outflow is running clear. Letter H) Coit Brush Hill site- water retention in road ruts and low areas was resolved, sand pile has a stone berm & topsoil has silt fence. No additional E&S requests. Site I) Bashon Hill Farms- letter sent to Sam electronically- WEO reported that the repairs to the farm road culvert were executed properly but addressed 4 other requirements with the owner: Repair the woodchip berm south of Phase, repair the water bar on the farm road and use it to direct water to the meadow south of the farm road, install an additional woodchip berm north of the area where Christmas trees are currently being planted and apply a seed mix to the disturbed brush removal areas. Four other sites were discussed: Goulart site on Bishop Road is well contained and stable, tree removal on the Adelman site at bottom of Brush Hill has no wetlands and is nonregulated. For the town culverts on Caroline. Gager and flooding driveway area at 31 Scott, the WEO will visit the sites with the first selectman to make recommendations. Finally, still no reply from the Coty property inquiries. WEO will visit.

3. Correspondence related to agenda- new Coit plan sets were received, new drainage report from Coit sent to town engineer, Sam has photos from the Brush Hill site walk available if needed.
4. Old Business: Steve Coit (M/L: 03/44) Stockhouse- Material stockpile area off Brush Hill Rd- Peter Parent (representing the owner) presented the new plan set with new impact areas marked and the drainage areas marked. The WEO requests for E&S were all installed as requested. The intermittent waterway measures 80' from the stockpile area. During the discussion IWCC members asked about impact on drainage from the road leading up top, the drainage cascading from the top of the older Coit site and the blasting/rock removal impact on the storm water basin next to the piles. **Motion was made to designate the plan as a regulated but not significant activity (Taylor/Brunetti) 4/0/1. Passed.** Site walk observations indicated no negative impacts observed in the intermittent waterway. **Motion was made to approve the plan as submitted with three conditions: town engineer review and approval of drainage calculations, receipt of the summary of the stockpile contamination report and calculation of the drainage impact from this new site area to the original detention pond capacity. (Taylor/Brunetti) 5-0. Unanimous.**
5. General Correspondence: none
6. Such other Business: A) Glenn informed the members that CLA was hired for the mineral Spring engineering work and the wetlands flagging is complete. The WEO requested some historical background information on the site. B) Sam put the UConn Conservation Commission handout on the public display screen for members to view. It was requested that the town website be corrected to show the commission as IWCC and not IWWC. C) Enforcement concerns and public information/education discussion. After the fact inspections etc. Use of TWIB and website could be taken advantage of more. Maybe a table at the Market with information during community day. Enforcement difficulties. Improved coordination will help. WEO/ZEO teaming will help. D) No indication of any new training requirements for IWCC. E) knotweed discussion F) Charlene asked commission members to email WEO if issues are noticed so he can address them promptly and they don't pile up all on meeting night. G) Supreme Court Idaho ruling & implications for CT were briefly discussed.
7. Public Comment: merged with # 6 above.
8. **Motion for adjournment at 8:20 (Brunetti/Taylor). Unanimous.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Evelyn Brown, Commission member.