

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

July 7, 2022

The July regular meeting of the Bozrah Inland Wetlands and Conservation Commission was called to order by Chairperson Charlene Lathrop at 7:03 pm.

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

Others present: Sam Alexander (AICP- SECCOG/Town Planner), Bob Russo (WEO), Carolyn Dziengiel. Glenn Pianka (BOS)

1. Minutes: Review & Approve Minutes of 5/5/22 **Motion to approve (Taylor/ Sipperly) 5 Yes, 1 abstain) Passed.**
2. Report from Wetlands Enforcement Officer (WEO): 2 letters dated 6/29/22 were distributed with the IWCC meeting packet. Inspection dates and details are listed in the letters. Letter a) Revelation Church, Bishop Rd: Three deficiencies regarding the silt fencing were noted, described to the owner & his engineer and addressed. Upon reinspection by the WEO, all three issues were corrected so the IWCC conditions and EMS for phase 1 are all good to go. Jessica asked if the empress/princess tree identified on a previous walk had been identified and removed. WEO will check. Letter b) Stoney Hill Farm - 211 Bashon Hill Rd: WEO conducted an inspection on 6/17/22 in response to a report of possible unpermitted activity. All E&S controls are in order, BMP (Best Management Practices are evident and no wetlands violations were present associated with this activity. The culvert crossing discussed at past meetings had additional stone added as part of E&S control. c) There was additional discussion with the WEO about the State pamphlet "Agriculture, Forestry & Connecticut's Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Act" brought to the committee's attention from several sources and commission members agreed it would be a good resource to make available to applicants & the public. Glenn brought up a concern about subdivisions and the problems that can result when buildings are not built on the specified locations. A discussion of as-builts and checking foundation placements occurred. d) Rt 163 & Scott Hill subdivision has clearcut activity, some stump removal activity, Lot 2 dropped off bond payment today. The WEO will check the area since there was no evidence of E&S controls as of yet.
3. Correspondence related to agenda- map dated 6/29/22 is part of the IWCC packet.
4. Old Business: a) Stoney Hill Farm - 211 Bashon Hill Rd Application # IWCC 05-01-22: As-of-right determination for forest thinning to expand livestock area was reviewed. See map referenced above. Extent of work area was discussed. The labeling and placement of existing electric fence on the town right of way was mentioned. Glenn indicated that that situation was being addressed. **Motion was made that the proposed application #IWCC 05-01-22 to clear vegetation for livestock area is determined by the commission to be an as-of-right/ agriculture use. Activity will be in the specific areas on the map submitted dated 6/29/22 and any future work outside the area shown on**

**the map will need to come back for subsequent review and application. Conditions include following BMP for agriculture and forestry activity as described in “Agriculture, Forestry & Connecticut’s Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Act” (Sipperly/Taylor) Unanimous.** The WEO will coordinate checks on this activity with his regular monthly inspections for the other applications on this property.

b. Glemboski/Ous property: Sam & Glenn outlined the grant award and financing to be brought to a town meeting in the near future. Several other finance questions were answered. Helpful role of Dennis Main & Avalonia to this acquisition was noted. This is an exciting conservation opportunity and a beautiful property. A field trip should be scheduled in the future to investigate potential. Sam will send a link to the application materials for members that want to look at specifics.

c. Standard Approval Conditions were discussed. Sam outlined the process currently used to notify applicants of commission decisions and the conditions that apply and he will send Charlene a sample of the type of mailing he sends out. Jim said he could also send what his town uses for notification. Members should review the samples received from Middletown & Guilford and consider them a resource as we move forward with improving our procedures. Sam will consult with Bob & Jim and develop a potential Bozrah version of the standard conditions. There was also a discussion of the tracking system software in use and hopefully it becomes more effective as the new system is rolled out and training finished.

5. General Correspondence: none.
6. Such other Business: a) Mineral/Indian Spring- They were contacted again about a walk but haven’t gotten back to us. Charlene will call again in the fall.
7. Public Comment: Glenn noted the passing of Richard Serra, our long time and well respected SECCOG representative prior to Sam. Glenn also referenced an email he just sent out about a regional meeting with SECCOG about shared resources for WEO, ZEO and other enforcement officials. The upcoming retirements of several of our enforcement officers, the state requirement for certification and retraining for these positions and the difficulty in filling these positions was discussed. He mentioned the possibility of using ARP money for site development plans at Mineral Spring and an invasive Hogweed eradication activity near the Yantic River park site. Ms. Dziengiel had a data center question and expressed concern with minutes not being posted, and mylars not available from the clerk. Ev will be sure to forward minutes copies to the clerk in the future.
8. **Motion for adjournment at 8:18 (Sipperly/Brunetti). Unanimous.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Evelyn Brown, Commission member.