

TOWN OF BOZRAH
INLAND WETLANDS AND CONSERVATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
Town Hall, 1 River Rd. BOZRAH, CT 06334 September 7, 2023

The September regular meeting of the Bozrah Inland Wetlands and Conservation Commission was called to order by Chairperson Charlene Lathrop at 7:02 pm.

Members present: Jessica Carson, Scott Taylor, Chuck Mandel, Charlene Lathrop, Evelyn Brown, Jim Sipperly. Quorum was established. Others present: WEO Bob Russo, Glenn Pianka (1st Selectman), Ray Barber, Sue Ververis, Pastor Matt Grohocki (Rev. Church) & Daniel Blanchette (J&D Civil Eng.)

1. Minutes: Review & approve minutes of 8/3/23. Change CIA to CLA on item 7, Jen Lindo transcribed and submitted minutes, not Ev Brown. **Motion to approve with corrections noted (Sipperly/Mandel) Passed 5-0-1.**
2. Report from Wetlands Enforcement Officer (WEO): Visits made since last meeting:
Letter A) Gesiak LLC Rt 163/South Rd subdivision Site has two E&S repair & maintenance issues needing attention: sedimentation clearing from the rip rap leak off area on South Rd and repair and re-installation of the wood chip berm along the back of all South Rd lots. Letter B) Coit Brush Hill and Stockhouse Rd sites- WEO reports no outstanding requests on the Brush Hill areas, photo shows functioning E&S and good growth of vegetation. Photo incorrectly attached to Letter C shows a recently disturbed area on the bank adjacent to Stockhouse Rd on the Coit site that needs E&S controls. WEO informed Coit staff and will check in with owner next week. Letter C) Mid-City Steel /Coit site has on-going rock removal and building construction. Water outflow from the downstream outlet on the retaining pond is clear, cattails and other vegetation becoming established in the retention area. No problems on this site. Letter D) Bashon Hill Farms The water bar corrections previously requested are in place and functioning well. The brook crossing is holding up nicely. The WEO requested that the berm below the Christmas tree plantings area be extended 200 feet to the north and the owner agreed to fix that item.(photo provided) Letter E) 102 Hough Rd Photo attached to letter shows an area of erosion downslope of the house. WEO sent copy of the letter to owner with requirement that a haybale or woodchip barrier at the limit of the disturbed soil be provided to extend the protection provided by the existing silt fence towards the right. Additional visits to sites where owners requested termination of permits (Jurczyk/Quigley -farm pond and Coty -Yantic riverbank work) indicate that work on both is completed or will no longer be active and sites are stable and doing well. Neither site is bonded. Request letters from both owners were attached to the Sept. IWCC meeting packet.
3. Correspondence related to agenda- none
4. New Business: A. Revelation Church: IWCC member Scott Taylor recused himself from this agenda item. Pastor Matt Grohocki introduced Daniel Blanchette from J&D Civil Engineers LLC who gave a presentation on proposed stone removal from 166 Bishop Road permit application 1WA23-0831-1 plan set dated 8/3/2023 showing maximum limit to work area and phasing details. Rock size and extraction process were described. Application and letter from the soil scientist were included in the IWCC meeting packet. Their plan is to pursue permitting next month with any additional information the IWCC

needs to see. Questions were answered regarding the formation of the 2 wetland areas indicated between the pond and the base of the slope, and access to the phased areas. The WEO and members of the IWCC both want to walk the site. A site walk meeting date and time of Sept. 14, 2023 at 5PM will be posted. It was also requested that the next set of plans be signed by the soil scientist, show the entire trail/path to be used by the equipment, and that the trail be accessible and flagged for the site walk. It was recommended that wood chip berms be used in place of silt fence to decrease cost, effort and soil disruption. **Motion was made to accept application 1WA23-0831-1 with the expectation of plan modifications mentioned previously. (Sipperly/ Mandel) Passed 5-0 with Taylor recused.** Scott Taylor returned to the table at the close of this topic.

4B. 102 Hough Rd. Jurczyk/Quigley Based on information reported by WEO in his earlier report, **motion was made to release E&S conditions for the farm pond work under the permit Map 6, Lot 008b permit approval date 9/1/22 (Mandel/Sipperly) Passed 6-0-0.**

4C.350 Fitchville Rd. Coty- Based on information reported by WEO in his earlier report, **motion was made to terminate the permit without activity for Map 3 Lot 75 permit approval date 10/7/21 (Sipperly/Taylor) Passed 5-1-0.** Discussion occurred regarding the language in application forms regarding the commissions right to inspect properties.

5. Bond Release: Based on the WEO report citing several outstanding issues, requests for bond release for 33 South Rd (Gesiak App.IW#01-00-21) and 384 Bozrah St (Gesiak App.IW#01—00-21) were tabled.
6. General Correspondence: None
7. Such other Business: A) Jim will share a webinar link available regarding the recent Supreme Court decision regarding wetlands jurisdiction. B) Area marsh studies work was discussed. C) CACIWC conference info will be upcoming for Nov. conference
8. Public Comment: A. Sue Ververis expressed numerous concerns regarding the rock removal plans for Bishop Road and asked if the site walk planned was open to the public. (yes). B. Glenn spoke about and complimented the work being done by our new Enforcement Officers and Sue Ververis regarding purging, space reallocation, digitizing, access, tracking, grants and evolving modernized procedures going forward. C. Glenn described the new OWLS technology and plan to offer more municipal meetings in hybrid format. D. Placement of Public Comment on agenda was discussed. **Motion was made to add Public Comment as the first order of business at future IWCC meetings (Sipperly/Carson) Passed 6-0-0.**
9. **Motion for adjournment at 7:59 (Sipperly/Taylor). Unanimous.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Evelyn Brown, Commission member.