

TOWN OF BOZRAH
INLAND WETLANDS AND CONSERVATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
Town Hall, 1 River Rd. BOZRAH, CT 06334 October 5, 2023

The October regular meeting of the Bozrah Inland Wetlands and Conservation Commission was called to order by acting chair Chuck Mandel at 7:00 pm.

Members present: Scott Taylor, Chuck Mandel, Evelyn Brown. Quorum was not established. We will receive applications, hear reports and answer questions but no motions will be filed.

Others present: WEO Bob Russo, Glenn Pianka (1st Selectman), Sue Ververis, Steve Coit, Pastor Matt Grohocki (Rev. Church) & Daniel Blanchette (J&D Civil Eng.)

2. No public comment. Public comment will be added to the end of the agenda as well.

3. Minutes: Review and table minutes from 9/7/23 meeting and site walk on 9/14/23.

4. Report from Wetlands Enforcement Officer (WEO): Visits made since last meeting: Letter A) Bashon Hill Farms : Notice of Violations will be issued on 10/6. Owner agreed to stop activity and repair items listed. Phase 1 excavation limits exceeded, dewatering activities damaged an E&S berm and discharged sediments into wetland area, newly disturbed Christmas tree area has no E&S. Letter B) Mid-City Steel /Coit : Outflows are clear, disturbed area at roadside properly repaired. Letter C) 163/South Rd Gesiak: Although there is no silt entering the wetland area yet, three areas were targeted for repair to E&S. Owner also agreed to remove accumulated sediment on the eastern-most lot. There were some questions related to P&Z, easement areas & warranty deeds. Letter D) 102 Hough Rd : an area of erosion downslope of the house needs E&S controls installed. No sediment impact to wetland yet. WEO will contact owner. Letter E) Coit Brush Hill site: WEO requested 2 E&S housekeeping items to control flow rate & material accumulation. No sediment impact to the wetland area. Letter F) Revelation Church Bishop Rd: will be discussed under old business. Other issues to be aware of: 43 Blue Hill Rd purchase possibility, has an OLD application and water crossing that will require wetland work so will need to come to IWCC. Also, lots on the bottom of Bashon need to adhere to their E&S on plans so WEO will check on that.

5. Correspondence related to agenda- Selectman had 3 items: a) USDA Farmland criteria update with 2 parcels in town noted. b) drainage easement request from town denied by Helm's, c) warranty deed received from Gesiak

6. New Business: Two new applications were received: a) IWA23-1005-1, Steve Coit fee paid and DEEP form attached. b) IWA23-1005-2, Rachelanne Stanley, fee paid, DEEP form needed, requested to send plan PDF's to commission

7. Old Business: A. Revelation Church 166 Bishop Rd: 1WA23-0831-1 plan set dated 8/3/2023. IWCC member Scott Taylor recused himself from this agenda item. Site walk minutes and WEO letter F were reviewed. WEO letter lists 18 items as comments. Daniel Blanchette from J&D Civil Engineers LLC responded with letter in IWCC packet addressing each item. #2,7,9,10 were points of disagreement and discussion. 3 revised sets of plans & PDF's were delivered. Discussion/questions included description of work to be conducted, slope angles, access route

and distances, road setbacks, flagging locations and phasing. Bob thanked J&D for their prompt responses. Scott Taylor returned to the table at the close of this topic.

8.Bond Release: Tabled due to lack of quorum AND several outstanding E&S issues (33 South Rd (Gesiak App.IW#01-00-21) and 384 Bozrah St (Gesiak App.IW#01—00-21)).

9.General Correspondence: None

10.Such other Business: a) we need to have access to/ review the application spreadsheet Sam had set up. Would like it available for the Nov. meeting. b) we need to consider adding performance and maintenance bonding as part of the E&S bonds c)ongoing inspections need discussion. Monthly inspections for lengthy projects use many WEO hours. Consider adding to the conditions list that we pay for initial inspections and applications pay for later visits.

11.Public Comment: A. Glenn spoke about the ongoing reorganization with our planner, EO and building inspector positions.

12. Meeting was closed by acting chair Chuck Mandel at 7:51PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Evelyn Brown, Commission member