

TOWN OF BOZRAH
INLAND WETLANDS AND CONSERVATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
Town Hall, 1 River Rd. BOZRAH, CT 06334 November 2, 2023 **Minutes**

The November 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, Chuck Mandel, Charlene Lathrop, Evelyn Brown, Steve Brunetti, James Sipperly. Quorum was established.

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

2. No public comment.

3. Minutes: Review: 9/7/23 meeting: **Motion to accept. Sipperly/Mandel Passed 7/0**
site walk on 9/14/23: **Motion to accept as presented. Mandel/Taylor Passed 5/0/2abstain.**
Notes from 10/5/23 will be placed in the record. Agenda from 11/2/23 will be amended to reflect information recorded on 10/5/23 will be notes and not minutes.

4. Report from Wetlands Enforcement Officer (WEO): Apologies for no photos tonight due to phone download issues. Visits made since last meeting: Letter A) Mid-City Steel /Coit : Paved, basins in place, outflows are clear, site is in good shape, no E & S issues. Letter B) Bashon Hill Farms: 2 visits. Violations noted at 10/5 meeting were promptly corrected so no notice was filed. Two maintenance items were noted at today's walk regarding addition to chips at berm and removal of sediments from water diversion bar. Letter C) Coit Brush Hill site: WEO requests for 2 E&S housekeeping items to control flow rate & material accumulation were properly addressed. Good E&S maintenance. Letter D) 163/South Rd Gesiak: The 3 areas targeted for repairs to E&S were properly addressed. Grass is well established. WEO recommends the bonds for 33 South and 384 Rt 163 be released. Visit E-no letter) 102 Hough Rd : the area of erosion downslope of the house has silt fence staked but not trenched. No sediment impact to wetland yet. WEO will contact owner. Letter F) Revelation Church Bishop Rd: Materials review found new documents properly address our comments and will be discussed under old business. Letter G) Coit Brush Hill site-New Application: Materials review found revision documents received to be in order with no on-site wetlands issues and will be discussed under old business. In response to a question about his inspection protocols, WEO cited monthly maintenance visits for most active sites, every other month for well established, contained sites and typically visits after heavy rain events. Total time spent for visit and report preparation is typically a couple hours per visit per site.

5. Correspondence related to agenda- none

6. New Business: A. Revelation Church 166 Bishop Rd: Addition to children's building: Map 13-16 Lot 5 -1WA23-0831-1 plan set dated 8/3/2023. IWCC member Scott Taylor recused himself from this agenda item and following agenda item 7A on same site. Pastor Grohocki described the project marked in red on previous 2015 site plan. Septic work with Uncas Health is underway. **Motion made that activity is not regulated and that recommendations and conditions**

include placement of silt fence in place as E&S control and that the plans submitted to P&Z show storm water tie-ins to the existing drainage system. Mandel/Sipperly 6-0. Passed

7.Old Business: A. Revelation Church 166 Bishop Rd: Stone excavation project: Daniel Blanchette provided a revised plan presentation of the proposed phased work. They will be applying for a special permit for the excavation with a P&Z hearing. **Motion made that activity IS regulated. Mandel/Sipperly 6-0. Passed.** Discussion. **Motion to approve the revised plans for excavation of stones and small boulders from the surface of a 30-acre portion of the site on property at 166 Bishop Rd Map 13-16 Lot 5 on revised plans dated Oct 25, 2023 and that conditions include 1)wood chip berms in place , 2)removal work consists of entirely hand plucked extraction of stones and 3) spot treatment(hay,seeded etc) of pockets of loose soil from extraction areas. Sipperly/Mandel 6-0 Passed.** Scott Taylor returned to the table at the close of this topic.

7B. 43 Brush Hill/28 Stockhouse Rd Entrance Coit site: Pete Parent presented site plan modifications for removal of an additional 200,000 yards of material to add expanded stockpile & staging areas and a maintenance building. E&S bond estimate breakdown was provided in the packet materials. Discussion included discharge paths, species establishment in retaining ponds, maintenance schedules, the 2 temporary sediment traps proposed on sheet 6, septic area soils, water quality basin function and catch basin questions. **Motion made that activity IS regulated due to proximity and discharge to Yantic River. Sipperly/Mandel 7-0. Passed. Motion to approve the site plan modification for expansion of material and equipment storage and staging areas associated with current business at 28 Stockhouse Rd (Map 03 Lot 044) with the stipulation that forthcoming town engineer review comments be adhered to and the proposed S&E bond requirements are met. Sipperly/Mandel 7-0. Passed.**

7C. 23 Bozrah St Extension: Construction of single family dwelling Map 13-07, Lot 035. Owner Rachalann Stanley provided some additional plans however, site plan was not adequate. **Motion to table this application until detailed site plan materials are available. Sipperly/ Brunetti 7-0 Passed.** WEO will meet with landowner and go over specifics of needed materials.

8.Bond Release: 33 South Rd (Gesiak App.IW#01-00-21 and 384 Bozrah St (Gesiak App.IW#01—00-21). Based on inspection recommendations of WEO, **motion was made to release the E&S control bonds totaling \$3,000 on these 2 properties: 33 South Rd & 384 Bozrah St. (Mandel/Taylor 6-0-1) Passed.**

9.General Correspondence: Discussion of recent email to IWWC members regarding attendance procedures and general SECCOG planner/ EO staff crunch in region as well as our inability to seat an alternate for IWCC.

10.Such other Business: A) updated application spreadsheet for open IWCC permits was reviewed. Would like it available for the each meeting. We need to check on some of the ??? entries. B) we need to consider adding performance and maintenance bonding as part of the E&S bonds. Also, applicant payments for ongoing inspections. Consider adding to the conditions list that we pay for initial inspections and applications pay for later visits like with the town engineer reviews. Will require fee schedule & ordinance revisions. C) Our checklist sheet needs to be added to each new application. Charlene will check with Jen.

Jim Sipperly left at 8:35. D) CACIWC conference coming up, Jim, Chuck & Charlene are confirmed. Jessica is also intending to go and will alert Jen. E) Glenn discussed the 10 year state plan of Conservation & Dev that we should begin to review.

11.Public Comment: none

12. Motion to adjourn at 8:53 Carson/Brunetti 6-0-0 Passed

Respectfully Submitted,

Evelyn Brown, Commission member