

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

November 3, 2022

The November 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, Charlene Lathrop, James Sipperly. Quorum was established.

Others present: Sam Alexander (Town Planner), Jack Santo Jr, Carolyn Dziengiel, Barbara Speerli, David Medieros (Mid City Steel), Pete Parent (CHA, representing Mid City Steel), Dennis Main, Roland Desnoyers, Glenn Pianka (Selectman).

1. Minutes: Review & Approve Minutes of 10/6/22 **Motion to approve (Taylor/Brunetti) Unanimous.**
2. Report from Wetlands Enforcement Officer (WEO): WEO is on vacation this week so written reports previously submitted were read. Letter A) Subdivision lots on Rt 163 & South Rd subdivision were inspected. Improved anti-tracking pads and stump/brush removal off-site were agreed to. Discussion and review of photos seemed to indicate that there are no cleared wetlands and that the lot surveyed is within the buildable area on the plans. Letter B Bashon Hill Farms was read: Site was active. E & S controls were functioning properly. Portable sawmill activity was noted with no sawdust or fuel entering the wetlands. A cobblestone driveway & chip berm are between the sawmill & wetlands. New woodchip berm and stone water bar were requested and agreed to in the permitted tree removal area. The WEO will be asked to follow up as soon as possible this month on the 2 sites referenced in these report letters
3. Correspondence related to agenda- Received engineers application review report and photos from site walk for Mid-City Steel, in meeting packets tonight.
4. Old Business: a) application renewal from Mid-City Steel on 48/40 Stockhouse Rd (Map/Lot 04/19-A) Status report presentation was given by Pete Parent representing Mid-City Steel. The clearance revisions in the back and along the left side of the drawing were marked in orange since clearing was unfortunately slightly more extensive than on the original plan. Most of the intermittent watercourse within the property on the north boundary was excavated away. Revised drainage calculations were submitted to the town engineer but need to be verified for the updated plans. The storm water retention basin on the right side of the plan is the remaining primary work area. Discussion about this area and the loss of the intermittent watercourse area resulted in agreement to modify the underdrain and utilize a N.E. wet seed mix to attempt to offset the disturbance. In addition, wetland delineation flags will be placed in the area impacted on the western boundary. Sam reviewed the engineer requests on the application review. The December meeting is the mandatory action date on this project.

5. Old Business: A. Standard Approval Conditions were discussed again. Sam made the modifications suggested last meeting. It was the consensus of the commission members that we will use these going forward and that the Planner and WEO could also use these to advise the commission on specific projects. B. Glemboski/Ous property: Commission members had questions about the MOU and what transfer of property entailed. Sam outlined what has been happening with the upcoming purchase. A copy of the MOU was in the meeting packet. Dennis Main, representing Avalonia, discussed surveys and the bid process, their mission and work in other nearby areas and the desire to have interested townspeople join their Northern Regional Land Trust Committee or possibly a specific Bozrah group. A management plan would be developed. Any work involving wetlands would come before the commission. Natural Resource Inventories were discussed. Information on the North Wawecus Open House will be sent out.
6. General Correspondence: none
7. Such other Business: a) CACIWIC conference -Chuck & Jessica attended. Jessica attended sessions on vernal pools & invasives, among others. b) Glenn asked if the Natural Resource Inventories referenced earlier would provide information on invasives in town since that would be helpful. Jessica will place an invasives brochure in the downstairs information shelf.
8. Public Comment: A) Carolyn Dziengiel of Bashon Hill reiterated her concerns from last month and asked that the “as of right” activities be reviewed in regards to removal & sale of products, live tree removals, sawmill activity, burning. She urged the commission to review the maps & photos from prior applications and compare to the current conditions, to determine if the wetland areas were still flagged, asked several utility pole questions and shared state contact names she has been in touch with. Sam quickly reviewed the P & Z involvement and cease & desist actions related to this project. B) Mr. Desnoyers 394 Bozrah St. updated us on his concerns regarding the subdivision activities happening next to his property regarding the limits of clearing, change of plans under our conditions of approval, the negative impact that delays on inspections caused and the DEEP decision not to take any action on buried stumps. He also shared state contact information and expressed concern for the well veins in and adjacent to the project that might be contaminated by rotting stumps in the future. A contentious discussion of wetland soils flagging and surveying ensued and several calls to order were needed. C) Jack Santo Jr, South Rd expressed additional concerns regarding the buried stumps and support for Mr. Desnoyers positions. Commission discussion at the close of public comment included having the WEO listen to these concerns on the meeting recording prior to his next inspections, reinforcing the need to come back to the commission if there are changes in the development areas on site plans and commission review of the plans for these 2 projects would be helpful.
9. **Motion for adjournment at 8:47 (Brunetti/Sipperly). Unanimous.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Evelyn Brown, Commission member.