

**MINUTES**  
ENFIELD INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES AGENCY  
**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2022 – 7:00PM**  
REGULAR MEETING  
Enfield Town Hall – Council Chambers  
820 Enfield Street, Enfield, CT 06082

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**Call to Order**

Chairman Corbin-Sobinski called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

**Roll Call**

Commissioner Higley took the roll and present were Chairman Donna Corbin-Sobinski, Commissioners Kevin Zorda, Virginia Higley, Carrie Howe, Nancy Martin, Robert Hendrickson, and Alternate Commissioner Sean Deane. Absent was Commissioner Anne Collins.

Also present was Georgienna Driver, Assistant Town Planner.

Chairman Corbin-Sobinski stated that the three new Commissioners were appointed on February 7, 2022.

Chairman Corbin-Sobinski seated Alternate Commissioner Deane

**Public Participation**

Chairman Corbin-Sobinski asked three times if anyone in the public would like to speak; no one came forward.

**Correspondence**

Chairman Corbin-Sobinski stated that they have a cheat sheet, a Commissioner's List, and updated Contact Information. She stated that they have the final application revised and approved.

Chairman Corbin-Sobinski stated that they received an email from Cheryl Eckenroth regarding the Enfield Route 190 and 220 survey.

**Approval of Minutes: February 1, 2022**

**Motion:** Commissioner Zorda made motion, seconded by Commissioner Higley, to approve the minutes from the February 1, 2022 meeting.

The motion passed with a 4-0-3 vote with Commissioners Howe, Martin and Deane abstaining.

**Votes: 4-0-3**

**Town Attorney Report**

Chairman Corbin-Sobinski stated that they received an email on February 7 regarding pending land use cases and documentations. She stated that she will send it to the new members.

## **Old Business**

- a. **IW# 636- 59 Cottage Road-** Application for a Wetlands Permit to replace the sea wall; David Vesce, Owner/Applicant; Map 80, Lot 180; R-33 Zone. (DoR: 9/21/21) *Continued to March 1, 2022.*

Chairman Corbin-Sobinski stated that this has been continued until March 1, 2022.

- b. **POCD:** Implementation Strategies Review

Chairman Corbin-Sobinski stated that this is tabled and will stay on the table.

## **New Business**

- a. **XIW# 648- 558 Enfield Street-** Wetlands Application for site upgrades at the Grape Brook Pump Station; Town of Enfield, Applicant/Owner; Map 33/Lot1; R-33 Zone.

Donald Nunes, Director of Public Works, addressed the Commission along with Jeremy Bourque of DPC Engineering, LLC in Longmeadow, Massachusetts. Mr. Nunes stated that they are going to be re-doing a much needed enhancement to the Grape Brook Pump Station. He utilized an aerial view of the property to point out the subject building. Mr. Nunes showed a cross section of the old building, stating that it goes 25 feet below ground.

Mr. Bourque utilized a site plan to illustrate the existing conditions onsite. He pointed out the delineated wetlands onsite and went on to describe the proposed site upgrades, which he stated include demolition of an existing chain link fence, demolition of paving, and clearing/grubbing up to the erosion control site. Mr. Bourque stated that there will be numerous upgrades inside the building as well.

Mr. Bourque stated that the building itself is not going to change and the architectural features will be upgraded. He stated that they are proposing upgrades to access on the site including a new chain link fence, new paving for ease of vehicle access, and new electrical features such as a new transformer and emergency generator. Mr. Bourque stated that these are all necessary upgrades in order to keep the pump station operating.

Mr. Bourque went over the erosion and sediment control plan, stating that all disturbed areas outside of the paving limit will be loamed and seeded at the completion of construction.

Commissioner Zorda asked if the backup generator will be gas, to which Mr. Bourque replied that it will be diesel. Mr. Bourque stated that there is an existing underground fuel storage tank which will be demolished as part of this project. He stated that the proposed generator will have a diesel tank at the base so it is all within one unit on a concrete pad within the fenced area.

Commissioner Hendrickson asked if the pre and post development drainage documentation was provided, to which Mr. Bourque replied that they did not prepare this. Mr. Bourque stated that there is

an increase in impervious area associated with the project, and they did not anticipate there being a large increase in storm water. He stated that if they were to do some kind of retention on the site, encountering ground water would be a very big problem.

**Motion:** Commissioner Zorda made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hendrickson, to approve XIW #648.

The motion passed with a 7-0-0 vote.

**Votes: 7-0-0**

- b. **XIW# 649- Orlando Drive over Beeman's Brook-** Wetlands application for a culvert restoration project; Town of Enfield, Applicant/Owner; R-33 Zone

Mr. Nunes addressed the Commission along with Paul Brand of GM2 Associates, Inc. in Glastonbury (virtually).

Mr. Brand provided a slideshow presentation about the proposed project, describing the history, funding details, existing conditions, and proposed replacement project. He stated that there will be 272 square feet (SF) of temporary wetland impact, but they are proposing a brand new natural streambed. Mr. Brand stated that the entire project is within the upland review area.

Mr. Brand utilized an overhead map to illustrate the project location and provided photographs of the existing area. Mr. Brand went over the proposed plan, stating that the only wetland flagged in the area is a small wetland on the upstream side of the northeast corner of the pipe. He stated that it is a state wetland and not a federal wetland, and will only be temporarily impacted prior to being rehabbed and put back the way it was previously.

Mr. Brand stated that the proposed culvert is wider than the existing culvert, which will allow water to get through the passage more easily. He stated that the natural stream bed bottom being used instead of the metal bottom will solve the issues of the drop at the downstream end and provide a nice clean flow.

Mr. Brand went over the water handling plan, stating that the culvert replacement is feasible from a construction standpoint. He stated that the site itself is outside of any Natural Diversity Data Base areas. Mr. Brand went over the environmental permitting that they have already gone through, stating that there is no FMC required and DEEP has conducted a regulatory hydraulic review. He stated that Fisheries signed off on the design in December 2020 and the project was approved at the Army Corps of Engineers Inter-Agency Coordination Meeting.

Mr. Brand stated that they will be going before the Planning & Zoning Commission (PZC) for a Special Permit for flood hazard area. He stated that the design includes soil erosion and sediment control throughout construction.

**Motion:** Commissioner Zorda made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hendrickson, to approve XIW #649.

The motion passed with a 7-0-0 vote.

**Votes: 7-0-0**

Chairman Corbin-Sobinski asked how many culverts there are in town, to which Mr. Nunes replied that there are hundreds.

### **Report of Planning Staff**

- a. Appointment of new wetlands agent

Ms. Driver stated that she has her certificate so the Commission can officially appoint her as their Wetlands Agent. She described the activities she will be able to do now that she has her certificate, including signing off on permits and site plans.

**Motion:** Commissioner Zorda made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Higley, to appoint Ms. Driver as their new wetlands agent.

The motion passed with a 7-0-0 vote.

**Votes: 7-0-0**

Ms. Driver stated that she has the first paragraph of the educational pamphlet completed and hopes to finish it soon.

### **Adjournment**

**Motion:** Commissioner Howe made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Higley, to adjourn.

The motion passed with a 7-0-0 vote.

**Votes: 7-0-0**

Prepared by: Elizabeth Bouley

Respectfully Submitted,

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Virginia Higley, Secretary