

**BRISTOL CONSERVATION/INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
MINUTES
MEETING OF MONDAY JUNE 6, 2022**

REGULAR MEETING OF MONDAY, JUNE 6, 2022
MEETING ONLINE VIA ZOOM AND
BOARD OF EDUCATION AUDITORIUM, 129 CHURCH STREET
6:30 P.M.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING CALL TO ORDER:

By: Commissioner Rooks Time: 6:33 P.M. Place: BOARD OF EDUCATION AUDITORIUM,
129 CHURCH STREET

ROLL CALL:

MEMBERS	NAME:	PRESENT	ABSENT
REGULAR MEMBERS	Zachary Fisk (Chairman)		X
	David Rooks (Secretary)	X	
	Michael Robinson	X	
	James Carros	X	
	David Scarritt	X	
	Daniel Massaro, Jr.	X	
ALTERNATE MEMBERS	Richard Ministro		X
	James Ritchie	X	
STAFF	Carol Noble, P.E., Environmental Engineer	X	
	Nancy Levesque, P.E., City Engineer		X
	Andrew Armstrong, Assistant City Planner		X

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

INTRODUCTIONS AND SEATING OF ALTERNATE COMMISSIONERS:

Members and staff were introduced.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (NON-PENDING APPLICATIONS):

There was no public participation.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION:

The Commission received the following items in their electronic packets:

- a. Information links for Conservation Commission

Carol Noble, reviewed the informational links that were provided to the Commission.

IZAAK Walton League of America has a Winter Salt Watch program that raises the level of awareness on salt usage in communities. Salt usage was addressed at the last meeting and Farmington River Watershed area volunteers perform salt water testing each year. The Commission expressed interest in getting involved in the program before the winter months. The Commission discussed target salt levels and Carol explained the typical testing procedures.

UCONN offers an Ornamentals and Turf course to provide education on pesticide usage. Pesticides typically have restricted usage or have buffer requirements. The City's regulations were updated last year. Farmington River Watershed Association (FRWA) has programs that highlight pesticide problems and natural solutions. The Commission could request that FRWA come in to do a workshop.

UCONN also provides resources on Green Stormwater Infrastructure and Low Impact Development.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Move to adjourn at 6:52 P.M.

By: Robinson

Seconded: Scarritt.

For: Scarritt, Robinson, Carros, Massaro, Ritchie, and Rooks.

Against: None.

Abstained: None.

**BRISTOL INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF MONDAY JUNE 6, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER:

By: Commissioner Rooks Time: 7:00 P.M. Place: BOARD OF EDUCATION AUDITORIUM,
129 CHURCH STREET

ROLL CALL:

**Introductions and Seating of Alternate Commissioners
Public Participation (Non-Pending Applications)**

MEMBERS	NAME:	PRESENT	ABSENT
REGULAR MEMBERS	Zachary Fisk (Chairman)		X
	David Rooks (Secretary)	X	
	Michael Robinson	X	
	James Carros	X	
	David Scarritt	X	
	Daniel Massaro, Jr.	X	
ALTERNATE MEMBERS	Richard Ministro		X
	James Ritchie	X	
STAFF	Carol Noble, P.E., Environmental Engineer	X	
	Nancy Levesque, P.E., City Engineer		X
	Andrew Armstrong, Assistant City Planner		X

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

INTRODUCTIONS AND SEATING OF ALTERNATE COMMISSIONERS:

Members and staff were introduced.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (NON-PENDING APPLICATIONS):

Michael Dudko, 116 Lewis Street, addressed the Commission and submitted a letter requesting intervenor status for applications at Southeast Business Park; Lot 3, 2, 1, 8, 9, and 10.

No action was taken by the Commission.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

1. IWWC – April 6, 2022
2. IWWC – May 2, 2022
3. Special Meeting - May 9, 2022
4. On-Site Meeting - May 16, 2022

MOTION: Move to approve the minutes of the April 6, 2022, regular meeting, as written.

By: Commissioner Robinson Seconded: Commissioner Carros

For: Scarritt, Robinson, Carros, Massaro, Ritchie, and Rooks.

Against: None.

Abstained: None.

MOTION: Move to approve the minutes of the May 2, 2022, regular meeting, as written.

By: Commissioner Robinson

Seconded: Commissioner Carros

For: Scarritt, Robinson, Carros, Massaro, Ritchie, and Rooks.

Against: None.

Abstained: None.

MOTION: Move to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2022, special meeting, as written.

By: Commissioner Robinson

Seconded: Commissioner Carros

For: Scarritt, Robinson, Carros, Massaro, Ritchie, and Rooks.

Against: None.

Abstained: None.

MOTION: Move to approve the minutes of the May 16, 2022, on-site meeting, as written.

By: Commissioner Robinson

Seconded: Commissioner Carros

For: Scarritt, Robinson, Carros, Massaro, Ritchie, and Rooks.

Against: None.

Abstained: None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

5. Application 1975 – Wetlands application for housing for the elderly (85 units) at 560, Lot 9B-1, 594 & 644 Redstone Hill Road; Assessor's Map 1, Lots 9B-1, 9B-2, 11+11-2+11-3, & 10-B-1; Laurel Meadows, LLC, applicant – Public Hearing continued from May 9, 2022.
6. Application 1976 – Wetlands boundary change based on soil scientist survey for housing for the elderly (85 units) at 594 & 644 Redstone Hill Road; Assessor's Map 1, Lots 11+11-2+11-3, & 10-B-1; Laurel Meadows, LLC, applicant – Public Hearing continued from May 9, 2022.

Commissioner Rooks explained that Applications #1975 and #1976 would be heard concurrently, but voted on separately.

The Commission received the following items in their electronic packets:

- a. Assessor's Map with Inland Wetlands Watercourse Layers
- b. Applications
- c. Plan (Electronic Copy Only)
- d. five photographs of the public hearing changes, undated (NEW ITEM)
- e. four E-mails: dated May 16, 2022, from Leigh FitzGerald; an e-mail dated June 2, 2022, from Denise Cockayne; and two E-Mails dated May 16, 2022, from Thomas Lepito;
- f. a letter dated May 19, 2022, from Thomas Lepito

The Commission received the following items in their electronic packets PREVIOUSLY:

The Commission received the following items in their electronic packets: a storm water management report -dated October 12, 2021, entitled "*Stormwater Management Report, 560-644 Redstone Hill Road, Bristol, Connecticut, Prepared for Laurel Crest, LLC, HEC Project #2120, dated October 12, 2021, By Harry E. Cole & Son, 876 South Main Street, Plantsville, CT 06479.*"

Five photographs, undated, of the public hearing signage on the property.

Five Photographs entitled "*Application 1975 – Wetlands application for housing for the elderly (84 units) and Application 1976 – Wetlands boundary change based on soil scientist survey at 560, Lot 9B-1, 594 & 644 Redstone Hill Road; Assessor's Map 1, Lots 9B-1, 9B-2, 11+11-2+11-3, & 10-B-1; Laurel Meadows, LLC, applicant. And*

Application 1976 – Wetlands boundary change based on soil scientist survey for housing for the elderly (84 units) at 594 & 644 Redstone Hill Road; Assessor's Map 1, Lots 11+11-2+11-3, & 10-B-1; Laurel Meadows, LLC, applicant: Photo 1: 03-31-2022, Photo 2: 3-31-2022, Photo 3: 3-31-2022, Photo 4: 3-31-2022, and Photo 5: 3-31-2022"

A sign posting location map for Applications #1975 & 1976 Sign Postings, entitled "Application #1975 560, Lot 9B-1, 594 & 644 Redstone Hill Road - Location Map Source: Bristol GIS Assessor Map 1, Lots 9B-1, 9B-2, 11+11-2+11-3, & 10-B-1."

A property wetlands location map entitled "Application #1975 560, Lot 9B-1, 594 & 644 Redstone Hill Road - Wetlands Map Source: Bristol GIS Assessor Map 1, Lots 9B-1, 9B-2, 11+11-2+11-3, & 10-B-1."

A sign posting location map for Applications #1975 & 1976 Combined entitled "Application #1975 & 1976 Sign Postings - Location Map Source: Bristol GIS 5 Total Sign Postings Required: 4 on all parcels on Redstone Hill Road & 1 on Silo Road cul-de-sac frontage 1975 & 1976: Post both applications 1975: Post only 1975 application."

A letter dated March 30, 2022 (attached map entitled "506-644 Redstone Hill Road Bristol, CT"), from David Lord, C.S.S., E.C. of Soil Resource Consultants, Meriden, to Steve Guidice of Harry E. Cole & Son, Plantsville, regarding Wetland Delineation, 560-644 Redstone Hill Rd.

MOTION: Move to open Public Hearing for Application #1975.

By: Commissioner Massaro

Seconded: Commissioner Robinson

For: Scarritt, Robinson, Carros, Massaro, Ritchie, and Rooks.

Against: None.

Abstained: None.

The Public Hearing is opened.

MOTION: Move to open Public Hearing for Application #1976.

By: Commissioner Massaro

Seconded: Commissioner Robinson

For: Scarritt, Robinson, Carros, Massaro, Ritchie, and Rooks.

Against: None.

Abstained: None.

The Public Hearing was opened.

Attorney Timothy Furey, 43 Bellevue Avenue, representing the applicant, stated that staff comments were addressed and a sitewalk was completed with all the necessary professionals. The North Central Conservation District found David Lord's report to be accurate and the delineation was accurately identified. Attorney Furey asked that the Commission vote to accept the Application #1976 boundary change and continue Application #1975 to July 11, 2022.

Janice Labbe, 465 Redstone Hill Road, addressed the Commission and expressed concerns about existing drainage issues in the area.

Natallia Majancik, 635 Redstone Hill Road, addressed the Commission and expressed concerns about disturbing the environment and natural wildlife in the area.

Ed Peterson, 104 Poitras Road, addressed the Commission and expressed concerns about existing drainage issues in the area. Mr. Peterson stated that if this development goes up, there will likely be drastic changes to the water systems and wetlands.

Donna Difrancesco, 20 Dipietro Lane, addressed the Commission and expressed concerns regarding the use of the development (elderly housing vs another type of housing).

Thomas Bentivengo, 5 Village Street, addressed the Commission and state that the area is very fragile and additional housing is not needed. Mr. Bentivengo also asked where excess water will be dumped in emergency circumstances.

Dawn Leger, 18 Chimney Crest Lane, addressed the Commission and expressed concerns regarding the wildlife in the area and stated that it should be preserved.

Attorney Furey, again addressed that Commission and several of the concerns that were raised by the public. Attorney Furey also stated that the developers are working with City staff to alleviate the concerns that have been brought forward by the public.

MOTION: Move to continue the Public Hearing for Application #1975 until July 11, 2022 (additional 35 days) per attorney request.

By: Commissioner Robinson

Seconded: Commissioner Massaro.

For: Scarritt, Robinson, Carros, Massaro, Ritchie, and Rooks.

Against: None.

Abstained: None.

The Public Hearing was continued.

MOTION: Move to close the Public Hearing for Application #1976.

By: Commissioner Robinson

Seconded: Commissioner Massaro.

For: Scarritt, Robinson, Carros, Massaro, Ritchie, and Rooks.

Against: None.

Abstained: None.

The Public Hearing was closed.

MOTION: Move to approve Application 1976 – Wetlands boundary change based on soil scientist survey for housing for the elderly (85 units) at 594 & 644 Redstone Hill Road; Assessor's Map 1, Lots 11+11-2+11-3, & 10-B-1; Laurel Meadows, LLC, applicant, in accordance with the plot plan and information submitted with standard stipulations effective July 1, 2022.

By: Commissioner Robinson

Seconded: Commissioner Scarrit.

For: Scarritt, Robinson, Carros, Massaro, Ritchie, and Rooks.

Against: None.

Abstained: None.

The application was approved.

NEW APPLICATIONS:

7. Application 1981 - Wetlands boundary change application at Lot 13 Village Street; Assessor's Map 1, Lot 13; Industrial Builders & Realty, LLC, applicant.
8. Application 1982 – Wetlands application for a single-family home at Lot 13 Village Street; Assessor's Map 1, Lot 13; Industrial Builders & Realty, LLC, applicant.

Commissioner Rooks explained that Applications #1981 and #1982 would be heard concurrently, but voted on separately.

The Commission received the following items in their electronic packets:

- a. Assessor's Map with Inland Wetlands Watercourse Layers
- b. Applications
- c. Plan (Electronic Copy Only)
- d. Site photos (five photos)

MOTION: Move to receive Application #1981.

By: Commissioner Robinson

Seconded: Commissioner Scarrit.

For: Scarritt, Robinson, Carros, Massaro, Ritchie, and Rooks.
Against: None.
Abstained: None.

The application is received.

MOTION: Move to receive Application #1982.

By: Commissioner Robinson

Seconded: Commissioner Scarrit.

For: Scarritt, Robinson, Carros, Massaro, Ritchie, and Rooks.
Against: None.
Abstained: None.

The application is received.

Attorney James Ziogas, 104 Bellevue Avenue, representing the applicant, stated that the wetlands permits expired and the applicant is looking to extend them and change the boundaries. Application #1982 is to address the regulated activity and Attorney Ziogas asked the Commission to consider this application non-significant.

City staff agreed that this application is non-significant and this would be a good opportunity to update the City maps to reflect the work that was done in the area.

MOTION: Move to set a public hearing for Application #1981 for the July 11, 2022 meeting. No onsite inspection is necessary for this application.

By: Commissioner Robinson

Seconded: Commissioner Massaro.

For: Scarritt, Robinson, Carros, Massaro, Ritchie, and Rooks.
Against: None.
Abstained: None.

The Public Hearing was scheduled.

MOTION: Move to declare Application #1982 a non-significant activity.

By: Commissioner Robinson

Seconded: Commissioner Carros.

For: Scarritt, Robinson, Carros, Massaro, Ritchie, and Rooks.
Against: None.
Abstained: None.

The application was declared a non-significant activity.

MOTION: Move to table Application #1982 – Wetlands application for a single-family home at Lot 13 Village Street; Assessor's Map 1, Lot 13; Industrial Builders & Realty, LLC, applicant, until the July 11, 2022 meeting to coincide with the boundary change decision.

By: Commissioner Robinson

Seconded: Commissioner Carros.

For: Scarritt, Robinson, Carros, Massaro, Ritchie, and Rooks.
Against: None.
Abstained: None.

The application was tabled.

9. Application 1983 – Wetlands application for regrading of river and repair of stone retaining wall at Rockwell Park, 243 Jacobs Street; Assessor's Map 11, Lot 208; City of Bristol Public Works Department, applicant.
10. Application 22-462F-281 – Floodplain application for floodplain mitigation including regrading of river and repair of stone retaining wall at Rockwell Park, 243 Jacobs Street; Assessor's Map 11, Lot 208; City of Bristol Public Works Department, applicant.

Commissioner Rooks explained that Applications #1983 and #22-462F-281 would be heard concurrently, but voted on separately.

The Commission received the following items in their electronic packets:

- a. Assessor's Map with Inland Wetlands Watercourse Layers
- b. Applications
- c. Plan (Electronic Copy Only)
- d. Site photos (eight photographs)

MOTION: Move to receive Application #1983.

By: Commissioner Robinson

Seconded: Commissioner Carros.

For: Scarritt, Robinson, Carros, Massaro, Ritchie, and Rooks.
Against: None.
Abstained: None.

The application was received.

MOTION: Move to receive Application #22-462F-281.

By: Commissioner Robinson

Seconded: Commissioner Carros.

For: Scarritt, Robinson, Carros, Massaro, Ritchie, and Rooks.
Against: None.
Abstained: None.

The application was received.

Raymond Rogozinski, Director of Public Works for Bristol, CT, addressed the Commission and gave a brief overview of Application #1983 and Application #22-462F-281. Due to the nature of the project, Mr. Rogozinski asked that the Commission vote to declare both applications a significant activity and request a public hearing.

MOTION: Move to declare Application #1983 a significant activity and set a public hearing for the July 11, 2022 meeting and schedule an onsite inspection for June 13, 2022.

By: Commissioner Robinson

Seconded: Commissioner Carros.

For: Scarritt, Robinson, Carros, Massaro, Ritchie, and Rooks.

Against: None.

Abstained: None.

The application was declared a significant activity and a public hearing was scheduled for the July 11, 2022 meeting and an onsite inspection was scheduled for June 13, 2022.

MOTION: Move to declare Application #22-462F-281 a significant activity and set a public hearing for the July 11, 2022 meeting and schedule an onsite inspection for June 13, 2022.

By: Commissioner Robinson

Seconded: Commissioner Carros.

For: Scarritt, Robinson, Carros, Massaro, Ritchie, and Rooks.

Against: None.

Abstained: None.

The application was declared a significant activity and a public hearing was scheduled for the July 11, 2022 meeting and an onsite inspection was scheduled for June 13, 2022.

11. Application 1984 – Wetlands application for the replacement of bridge No. 04901 including removal of existing pedestrian bridge, excavation and construction of abutment footings, and grading of low-flow channel at Jerome Avenue over Freeman Hill Brook; City of Bristol right-of-way; City of Bristol Public Works Department, applicant.
12. Application 22-458F-282 – Floodplain application for the replacement of bridge No. 04901 including removal of existing pedestrian bridge, excavation and construction of abutment footings, and grading of low-flow channel at Jerome Avenue over Freeman Hill Brook; City of Bristol right-of-way; City of Bristol Public Works Department, applicant.

Commissioner Rooks explained that Applications #1984 and #22-458F-282 would be heard concurrently, but voted on separately.

The Commission received the following items in their electronic packets:

- a. Assessor's Map with Inland Wetlands Watercourse Layers
- b. Applications
- c. Plan (Electronic Copy Only)
- d. Hydraulic Design report, dated October 2021, prepared by Wengell, McDonnell & Costello, Inc. Consulting Engineers, Newington, CT
- e. Site photos (7 photographs)

MOTION: Move to receive Application #1984.

By: Commissioner Massaro

Seconded: Commissioner Robinson.

For: Scarritt, Robinson, Carros, Massaro, Ritchie, and Rooks.

Against: None.

Abstained: None.

The application was received.

MOTION: Move to receive Application #22-458F-282.

By: Commissioner Massaro

Seconded: Commissioner Robinson.

For: Scarritt, Robinson, Carros, Massaro, Ritchie, and Rooks.

Against: None.

Abstained: None.

The application was received.

Raymond Rogozinski, Director of Public Works for Bristol, CT, addressed the Commission and gave a brief overview of Application #1984 and Application #22-458F-282. Due to the nature of the project, Mr. Rogozinski asked that the Commission vote to declare both applications a significant activity and request a public hearing.

MOTION: Move to declare Application #1984 a significant activity and set a public hearing for the July 11, 2022 meeting and schedule an onsite inspection for June 13, 2022.

By: Commissioner Robinson

Seconded: Commissioner Carros.

For: Scarritt, Robinson, Carros, Massaro, Ritchie, and Rooks.

Against: None.

Abstained: None.

The application was declared a significant activity and a public hearing was set for the July 11, 2022 meeting and an onsite inspection was scheduled for June 13, 2022.

MOTION: Move to declare Application #22-458F-282 a significant activity and set a public hearing for the July 11, 2022 meeting and schedule an onsite inspection for June 13, 2022.

By: Commissioner Robinson

Seconded: Commissioner Carros.

For: Scarritt, Robinson, Carros, Massaro, Ritchie, and Rooks.

Against: None.

Abstained: None.

The application was declared a significant activity and a public hearing was set for the July 11, 2022 meeting and an onsite inspection was scheduled for June 13, 2022.

OLD BUSINESS:

13. Chippanee Enforcement Order

The Commission received the following items in their electronic packets: Minutes of 5-16-2022 on-site meeting of the Bristol Inland Wetland Commission; Chippanee Enforcement Order of 9-21-2022 (9 attached photographs.)

Carol Noble provided a brief overview of the enforcement order and stated that City staff recommends the enforcement order be continued.

Attorney James Ziogas, 104 Bellevue Avenue, representing Chippanee, stated that Chippanee disagrees with the City's recommendation and does not feel that a permit is required. They have worked with City staff to try to minimize the activity and feel that they have complied with the City's requests. Attorney Ziogas also stated that some of the issue was caused by extreme weather and they should not be responsible for forces out of their control.

Commissioners discussed the enforcement order and stated that they would like to see a preventative maintenance plan and want to make sure that the area is inspected regularly.

Attorney Ziogas stated that Chippanée can put together a maintenance plan and it can be discussed at the next meeting.

MOTION: Move to continue the enforcement order and modify it to require stormwater system maintenance plan.

By: Commissioner Robinson

Seconded: Commissioner Scarritt.

For: Scarritt, Robinson, Carros, Massaro, Ritchie, and Rooks.

Against: None.

Abstained: None.

The enforcement order was continued.

14. Willow Industries Reports

The Commission received the following items in their electronic packets: two Maintenance Reports, respectively, dated May 23, 2022 and May 31, 2022.

MOTION: Move to place the report on file.

By: Commissioner Robinson

Seconded: Commissioner Carros.

For: Scarritt, Robinson, Carros, Massaro, Ritchie, and Rooks.

Against: None.

Abstained: None.

The report was placed on file.

STAFF-APPROVED APPLICATIONS/PUBLISHED:

Administrative Applications Approved

App.# Approved Administrative	Street No.	Address	Purpose of App.
102014	12	Old Cider Mill Road	Fence
102015	8	Summerberry Circle	Fence
102016	15	Rosewood Drive	Fence
102017	76	Jacqueline Drive	Fence

MOTION Move to place the report on file.

By: Commissioner Robinson

Seconded: Commissioner Carros.

For: Scarritt, Robinson, Carros, Massaro, Ritchie, and Rooks.

Against: None.

Abstained: None.

The report was placed on file.

SITE WALK SCHEDULING:

15. Superior Electric Scheduling: June 13, 2022 at 5:30 PM

The Commission received the following items in their electronic packets: a report entitled "*Superior Electric Site Wetland and Stream Restoration Project 2021 Wetland Monitoring Report On behalf of: Superior Electric Holding Group, LLC Bristol, Connecticut 29 November 2021 Project No.: 0601508.*"

MOTION Move to schedule an onsite inspection for June 13, 2022 at 5:30 P.M.

By: Commissioner Robinson

Seconded: Commissioner Carros.

For: Scarritt, Robinson, Carros, Massaro, Ritchie, and Rooks.

Against: None.

Abstained: None.

The onsite inspection was scheduled.

COMMUNICATIONS:

16. 50 Terryville Avenue – Report

MOTION Move to place the report on file.

By: Commissioner Robinson

Seconded: Commissioner Carros.

For: Scarritt, Robinson, Carros, Massaro, Ritchie, and Rooks.

Against: None.

Abstained: None.

The report was placed on file.

17. IWEO Monthly Inspection Report – May 2022.

MOTION Move to place the report on file.

By: Commissioner Robinson

Seconded: Commissioner Carros.

For: Scarritt, Robinson, Carros, Massaro, Ritchie, and Rooks.

Against: None.

Abstained: None.

The report was placed on file.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Move to adjourn at 8:21 P.M.

By: Commissioner Robinson

Seconded: Commissioner Carros.

For: Scarritt, Robinson, Carros, Massaro, Ritchie, and Rooks.

Against: None.

Abstained: None.

The meeting was adjourned.

This meeting was taped.

Respectfully submitted,
Lindsey Schaffrick

Zachary Fisk, Chairman
Inland Wetlands Commission

David Rooks, Secretary