

**BRISTOL AQUIFER PROTECTION AGENCY
MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF MONDAY SEPTEMBER 15, 2025**

ROLL CALL:

By: Chairman White

Time: 8:04 P.M.

Place: City Hall
111 North Main St.
Council Chambers
First Floor

MEMBERS	NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT
REGULAR AGENCY MEMBERS:	David White (Chairman)	X	
	Thomas Marra (Vice Chairman)		X
	Richard Harlow	X	
	Richard Goodwin (Secretary)	X	
	John LaFreniere	X	
ALTERNATE AGENCY MEMBERS:	Michael DeRoehn	X	
	Sara Mangiafico	X	
	Peter Caruso	X	
STAFF:	Robert M. Flanagan, AICP, City Planner	X	

1. Call to Order

Chairman White called the meeting to order at 8:04 P.M.

2. Approval of Minutes

a. Special Meeting — June 9, 2025

Chairman White designated himself, regular Agency Members Goodwin and LaFreniere with alternate Agency Member Caruso to vote on the June 9, 2025, special minutes.

MOTION: Move to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2025, special meeting.

By: Goodwin

Seconded: Caruso.

For: LaFreniere, Caruso, Goodwin and White.

Against: None.

Abstained: None.

3. Staff Reports

There were no staff reports.

4. New Business

- a. Application #APA-2025-04 – Determination of regulatory status for Revisions to an Approved Site Plan for a public school (Northeast Middle School - NEMS) at 530 Stevens Street; Assessor's Map 50, Lot A+A1; R-15 (Single-Family Residential) zone; City of Bristol Board of Education, applicant.

The Agency acknowledged receipt of the following items in their electronic packets: a determination application form for Determination of Regulatory Status, UWB/LWB/MS, dated September 10, 2025, (3 Pgs.); Applicant Narrative, dated August 5, 2025, from Alfred Benesch & Co. (2 Pgs.); Aerial Map dated April 9, 2025; Location Map Prepared by the Bristol Land Use Office, 530 Stevens St., dated November 27, 2023 (Apps. #2485 & 2486); Zoning Map Prepared by the Bristol Land Use Office, 530 Stevens St., dated November 27, 2023 (Apps. #2485 & 2486); Inland Wetlands Map Prepared by the Bristol Land Use Office, 530 Stevens St., dated November 27, 2023 (Apps. #2485 & 2486); Aerial Map Prepared by the Bristol Land Use Office, 530 Stevens St., dated November 27, 2023 (Apps. #2485 & 2486); Aquifer Protection Map Prepared by the Bristol Land Use Office, 530 Stevens St., dated December 13, 2023 (Apps. #2485 & 2486); Aerial Map, undated; Hyperlink for Original Site Plan, dated July 8, 2024, North East Middle School; Revised Site Plan Sheets 2025, dated April 1, 2024, prepared by QA+M Architecture (4 Pgs.); Revised Site Plan Sheets 2024, dated April 1, 2024, prepared by QA+M Architecture (4 Pgs.); Application #2023-02, Determination of Regulatory Status, UWB/LWB/MS, dated January 22, 2024 (3 Pgs.); Copy of Aquifer Protection Agency Special Minutes dated January 22, 2024 (2 Pgs.); Application #2016-002, Determination of Regulatory Status, UWB/LWB/MS, dated January 4, 2012 (4 Pgs.); Copy of Aquifer Protection Agency Special Minutes dated February 15, 2015 (2 Pgs.); a copy Aquifer Protection Agency Special Minutes dated February 15, 2012 and an email dated February 5, 2012, from Christopher Beauchemin to Peter Fusco, regarding APA Determination of underground storage of oil.

Chairman White designated himself, regular Agency Members Goodwin, Harlow and LaFreniere with alternate Agency Member Caruso to vote on the June 9, 2025, special minutes.

Nancy Levesque, P.E., of Alfred Benesch & Co., 200 Glastonbury Blvd., Glastonbury, representing the applicant, explained the applicant was before the Agency a few months ago for Site Plan revisions for the Northeast Middle School rebuild.

Ms. Levesque said the applicant was informed that the northwest corner of the site was in the Aquifer Protection Area, so the applicant applied for determination to make sure the activity proposed was in compliance. The engineer indicated the use has not changed, but there was a question about the fill and replacing some of the existing drainage for the property.

Mr. Flanagan inquiries: Ms. Levesque indicated as asked by Agency Member Caruso at the Zoning meeting last month, to clarify that the fill in question is not contaminated but was unsuitable for foundation work for the building. The engineer verified the fill would not have any negative effect on the Aquifer Protection Area in her professional view.

The City Planner pointed out the discussion was the reason he requested the applicant to attend the meeting this evening. Mr. Flanagan noted the property was in the Aquifer Protection Areas and the property was bisected by the Aquifer Protection Area. The City Planner confirmed the activity on this determination would be in the Aquifer Protection Area.

The Agency generally had no concerns about the plans.

MOTION: Move that based on information received at this meeting, the Bristol Aquifer Protection Agency accepts the determination that there are no regulated activities proposed with additional grading and placement of fill proposed on-site.

The activity listed on Determination Application 2025-04 is in support of the proposed 130,000 sq. ft. rebuild of the Northeast Middle School. The proposed temporary construction activity is within the "Upper White's Bridge/Lower White's Bridge/Mix Street" located within the Aquifer Protection Area for the property located at 530 Stevens Street; Assessor's Map 50, Lot A+A1.

1. City of Bristol Board of Education – 530 Stevens Street; Assessor's Map 50, Lot A+A1.

By: Goodwin

Seconded: Harlow.

For: Caruso, LaFreniere, Harlow, Goodwin and White.

Against: None.

Abstained: None.

5. Communications

There were no communications.

6. Adjournment

Chairman White designated himself, regular Agency Members Goodwin, Harlow and LaFreniere with alternate Agency Member Caruso to vote on the adjournment.

MOTION: Move to adjourn at 8:12 P.M.

By: Caruso

Seconded: Harlow.

For: Caruso, LaFreniere, Harlow, Goodwin and White.

Against: None.

Abstained: None.

This meeting was recorded.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy King
Recording Secretary

David White, Chairman

Richard Goodwin, Secretary