



# WESTPORT, CONNECTICUT

## FLOOD AND EROSION CONTROL BOARD

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### MINUTES

Flood & Erosion Control Board Meeting of March 4, 2015

Present for the Board: Thomas Hood (Chair)  
Edward Picard  
Preston Koster  
Arthur Greenberg

Present for the Department of Public Works: Keith Wilberg, PE, LS

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Thomas Hood (Chair) opened the meeting at 7:30 pm.

1. **79 Newtown Turnpike/Application IWW/WPL/E #9964-15.** *Application of Barr Associates for the expansion of an existing place-of-worship, the demolition of an existing residence, and associated site improvements. Work is within the WPLO setback of unnamed wetlands.*

The proposed project was presented by Melvin Barr, Jr., of Barr Associates LLC, and Manual Silva, PE, of Rose-Tiso & Co., LLC.

There were questions from the Board regarding the following issues: the raising of the parking area and the installation of grass pavers; the existing berm near the wetlands; the number of catch basins; the number of parking spaces; the grass pavers as previously approved; the roof leader drains; the maintenance of the drainage system; the construction sequencing; the milling of the existing asphalt and the nature of the proposed parking surfaces; the depth of the building foundation; the soil testing of the site; and the location of the bio-swale.

Per the Chair's request, Keith Wilberg summarized the Engineering Department's review of the project, stating that it was substantially in compliance with Town of Westport requirements. It was stated that additional soil testing would be required in the area of the grass pavers, in the area of the bio-swale, and where the proposed drainage pipe would cross the Town of Westport drainage line.

Peter Greenberg of Able Construction, Inc., introduced himself as part of the project team, and stated that the project as previously approved specified that the asphalt under the proposed grass pavers was to remain in place. He also stated that while the wetlands water levels had been appearing to increase, a clogged pipe downstream that runs underneath the Merritt Parkway had been recently cleaned and debris removed, and he believed this might help alleviate flooding on the project site.

The Chair asked if there were any comments or questions from the Public. There were none.

The Board went into Work Session. There were questions from the Board regarding the asphalt that is to remain, and Mr. Wilberg stated that this condition was stipulated when the project had been previously approved. The Board asked if the project had received approval from the Westport Weston Health Department; to date, it had not. The following standard Conditions of Approval were deemed appropriate: Nos. 1, 2, 8, 10, 12, and 13.

DECISION: Proposed Project Approved, 4(Y)-0(N), with the above referenced Conditions of Approval.

2. **18 Great Marsh Road /Application WPL #9965-15.** *Application of Andy Frank for the replacement of an existing retaining wall surrounding an existing in-ground swimming pool with a new retaining wall. Work is within the WPLO setback and 25 year flood line of the Saugatuck River.*

The proposed project was presented by Scott Kilcoyne representing Saugatuck Harbor Yacht Club.

There were questions from the Board regarding the following: the area of disturbance; the footings for the retaining walls; the construction sequencing; the storm water runoff and need for any detention system; the location of the WPL; and the nature of the plants to be installed.

Per the Chair's request, Keith Wilberg summarized the Engineering Department's review of the project, stating that it was substantially in compliance with Town of Westport requirements.

The Chair asked if there were any comments or questions from the Public. There were none.

The Board went into Work Session. The Board asked about the amount of material to be excavated, the proposed stockpiling of material, and how to manage any potential excess of material. The following special Condition of Approval was stipulated: "Per the Flood & Erosion Control Board and the Town of Westport Engineering Department requirements, a designated stockpile area shall be established, and shall be protected by adequate Sedimentation & Erosion Controls, and those controls shall be installed and functional prior to the commencement of excavation." The following standard Conditions of Approval were deemed appropriate: Nos. 8, 10, and 11.

DECISION: Proposed Project Approved, 4(Y)-0(N), with the above referenced Conditions of Approval.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas B. Hood, Acting Chairman  
Flood and Erosion Control Board

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Cc: First Selectman, Town Attorney, Director of Public Works, Director of Planning and Zoning, Zoning Enforcement Officer, Conservation Director, Building Official, RTM Environmental Committee, Chairman Public Works Committee, Applicants, League of Women Voters