



WESTPORT, CONNECTICUT

FLOOD AND EROSION CONTROL BOARD

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MINUTES

Flood & Erosion Control Board Meeting of December 2, 2015

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

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

Frank Donaldson (Chair) opened the meeting at 7:30 pm.

1. **7 Owenoque Park / Application WPL #10132-15; Application of Barr Associates for the elevation of a house, additions, and associated site improvements. Work is within the 25 year flood line of the Saugatuck River.**

The project was presented by Mel Barr for the owners, Robert and Bonnie Adler.

There were questions from the Board regarding how “fully utilized,” or developed, the lot is; the sizing of the storm drainage; the amount of proposed grading proposed; how much storm water is to be captured; the area of disturbance with respect to the construction of the structure and its additions; will there be a stockpile area; is there a Conservation buffer and/or rain garden proposed; are there any elevated decks associated with the proposed activity; the nature of the rear steps and landing; the nature of the S&E controls; and the extent of the driveway grading and slope.

Per the Chair’s request, Keith Wilberg summarized the Engineering Department’s review of the project, stating that it was substantially in compliance with the Town of Westport requirements, with two outstanding issues. First, an anti-tracking pad construction entrance and stockpile area needs to be added to the site plan. Second, the architectural plans shall be revised to mirror the site plan with respect to the rear steps and landing, which shall be open and not attached to the main dwelling. Mel Barr had submitted revised architectural plans at the beginning of this meeting.

The Chair asked if there were any comments or questions from the Public. There was one individual present. He identified himself as Paul Winn from 5 Owenoque Park, the adjoining neighbor to the east. While he did not object to the Adler’s proposal, he wanted to know where the storm water runoff was proposed to flow, and would his property be adversely affected by the proposed work. Will the proposed grading affect the flow of flood waters, and will his property be affected? Where will the property go? The Engineering Department stated that the design as proposed complies with Town requirements in that storm water

detention is to be provided. As such, this activity should create no adverse impact on Mr. Winn's property. It was also stated that since this is essential a FEMA "lift" of the house, only the additions were required to address increased storm water runoff. Towards this end, the design meets the required criteria, and the site should prove adequate for the proposed activity.

The Board went into Work Session. It was agreed that the following Standard Conditions of Approval were deemed necessary: 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11.

DECISION: Proposed Project Approved, 5(Y)-0(N), with the above referenced Standard Conditions of Approval.

The Board remained to review and discuss the member's term limits. It was agreed upon that the term limits expired at this meeting for Frank Donaldson and Edward Picard. They agreed that they would be available to be considered as alternates should their services be needed for future FECB meetings. Thomas Hood, Preston Koster, and Arthur Greenberg are still in the middle of their terms, and Keith Wilberg agreed to check with the First Selectman's Office as to their terms' expiration dates. The question arose as to how can the Selectman's Office recruit members for the FECB that have technical expertise? Frank Donaldson stated that technical expertise, while a plus, is not necessarily a requirement for membership, and he agreed to speak with the Selectman's Office regarding this matter.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Donaldson, Chairman
Flood & 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