



WESTPORT, CONNECTICUT

FLOOD AND EROSION CONTROL BOARD

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MINUTES

Flood & Erosion Control Board Meeting of May 2, 2018.

Present for the Board: Preston H. Koster (Acting Chair)
William S. Mazo
Edward C. Picard
John Toi

Present for Department of Public Works: Amrik S. Matharu, Engineer II

Preston H. Koster opened the meeting at 7:30 pm.

1. **286 Compo Road South/ Application WPL #10567-18; CONTINUED;**
Application of William Green and Linda Durakis for driveway improvements and parking area expansion within the WPLO. The proposed activity is within the WPL area for the Saugatuck River.

This project was presented by William Green and Linda Durakis, owners of 286 Compo Road South, and Bryan Nesteriak PE, LS, of B&B Engineering.

Per the Chair's request, Amrik S. Matharu summarized the Engineering Department's review of the project, stating that the proposed activity substantially complies with Town of Westport requirements. He would recommend approval.

The Chair asked if there were any comments or questions from the Public.

Vanessa Wilson, of 284 Compo Road South, spoke. Mrs. Wilson described the brief history of 286 Compo Road South, the site runoff issues due to the construction at 282 Compo Road South, and spoke in favor of the development at 284 Compo Road South.

Rob Haroun, of SIR Development and owner 282 Compo Road South, spoke. Mr. Haroun described his concerns regarding the existing pond, the driveway's behavior during storm events, the proposed depression's behavior during storm events, and spoke against the development.

Bruce Becker, of 3 Quentin Road, spoke. Mr. Becker stated that his site does not drain towards 286 Compo Road South, questioned whether the development at 282 Compo Road

South complied with the Waterway Protection Line Ordinance, and spoke in favor of the development at 286 Compo Road South.

Bryan Nesteriak PE, LS, spoke in rebuttal. Mr. Nesteriak spoke to the partial detention and reconfiguration of the depression, the behavior of the proposed depression during a storm event, the driveway concerns, and the swale mentioned by Mr. Haroun.

Per the Chair's request, Amrik S. Matharu summarized the Engineering Department's review of the project, stating that the proposed activity substantially complies with Town of Westport requirements. He would recommend approval.

The hearing was closed, and the Board went into Work Session. It was agreed that the following Standard Conditions of Approval were deemed necessary: 2, 8, and 9.

DECISION: Proposed Project Approved, 3(Y)-0(N).

2. **7 Belaire Drive / Application WPL #10586-18;** Application of Chris O'Dell, on behalf of the owner, 7 Belaire Dr. LLC, for the construction of a new dwelling and associated site appurtenances within the WPLO. The proposed activity is within the WPL area for the Saugatuck River.

This project was presented by Jim Kousidis, PE, of Kousidis Engineering, LLC, on behalf of the owner 7 Belaire Dr LLC.

There were questions from the Board regarding whether the footprint of the house is finalized, whether the pool designed is finalized, and the boulder demarcation.

Per the Chair's request, Amrik S. Matharu summarized the Engineering Department's review of the project, stating that the proposed activity substantially complies with Town of Westport requirements. He would recommend approval.

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

The hearing was closed, and the Board went into Work Session. It was agreed that the following Standard Conditions of Approval were deemed necessary: 2, 5, 8, and 9.

DECISION: Proposed Project Approved, 3(Y)-0(N), with the above referenced Standard Conditions of Approval.

3. **9 Beachside Common/ Application WPL #10591-18;** Application of Artemis Landscape Architects, on behalf of the owners Margaret & Michael Shwabe, to rebuild an existing stone wall and replace a fence within the WPLO. The proposed activity is within the WPL area for both New Creek and Mill Creek.

This project was presented by Tara Vincent of Artemis Landscape Architects, on behalf of the owners Margaret & Michael Shwabe.

There were questions from the Board regarding whether the chain link fence will be repaired, plantings, excavation quantity, and whether there are any drainage requirements.

Per the Chair's request, Amrik S. Matharu summarized the Engineering Department's review of the project, stating that the proposed activity substantially complies with Town of Westport requirements. He would recommend approval.

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

The hearing was closed, and the Board went into Work Session. It was agreed that the following Standard Conditions of Approval were deemed necessary: 1 and 10.

DECISION: Proposed Project Approved, 3(Y)-0(N), with the above referenced Standard Conditions of Approval.

4. **28 Owenoke Park/ Application WPL #10593-18;** Application of the owners, Julian Robins, for the installation of a fixed pier, ramp, and floating dock within the WPLO. The proposed activity is within the WPL area for the Gray's Creek.

This project was presented by Zach Ostermeier, PE, of Coastline Consulting and Development, on behalf of the owner Julian Robbins.

There were questions from the Board regarding the drain at the cul-de-sac, the age of the existing bulkhead, whether there are any concerns with the condition of the bulkhead, whether the project will be constructed by land or water, whether the ramp will be disconnected during a super high tide, whether the pile driving will be done by land, and whether any sediment & erosion controls are required.

Per the Chair's request, Amrik S. Matharu summarized the Engineering Department's review of the project, stating that the proposed activity substantially complies with Town of Westport requirements. He also asked questions regarding the prior Certificate of Approval for the bulkhead, and a potential boat cradle. He would recommend approval.

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

The hearing was closed, and the Board went into Work Session. It was agreed that the following Standard Conditions of Approval were deemed necessary: 8 and 9.

DECISION: Proposed Project Approved, 3(Y)-0(N), with the above referenced Standard Conditions of Approval.

5. **3 Lakeview Drive/ Application WPL #10569-18;** Application of Peter Romano of LANDTECH, on behalf of the owner James Franco, for the construction of a new house and associated site appurtenances within the WPLO. The proposed activity is within the WPL area for Pussy Willow Brook.

This project was withdrawn and not presented.

6. **Dead Man's Brook Drainage Study;** BL Companies has been contracted by the Town of Westport to analyze the hydrology and hydraulic nature of Dead Man's Brook as part of the Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Relief Program awarded in March of 2016. An overview of the project will be presented by both BL Companies and the Town of Westport with a follow up presentation at next month's meeting.

This project was presented by Peter Ratkiewich PE, Director of Public Works, and David Cicia, Michael Fisher PE, and Chad Perkoski PE, of BL Companies.

There were questions from the Board regarding where they are in the process with respect to permitting, what permits are associated with the Myrtle Avenue culvert project, the location of the Myrtle Avenue culvert, whether the town owns property where some of the projects are proposed, whether eminent domain would be required for the proposed projects, whether an environmental assessment was performed, whether the projects would be done in phases, whether the proposed projects would alleviate tidal flooding, .

The Chair asked if there were any comments or questions from the Public.

Kathleen Clair of 46 Evergreen Avenue spoke. Mrs. Clair asked whether a combination of projects is proposed, whether the projects would be working simultaneously, and the Myrtle Avenue Culvert replacement.

Morley Boyd of 6 Violet Lane spoke. He expressed concern with one of the proposed alternatives, and asked about the sea level rise.

Pamela Boyd of 6 Violet Lane spoke. She expressed concern with one of the proposed alternatives.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Preston H. Koster, Acting Chair
Flood & Erosion Control Board

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Cc: First Selectman, Town Attorney, Public Works Director, Planning & Zoning Director, Conservation Director, Chair of RTM Environmental Committee, Chair of RTM Public Works Committee, Applicants, minutes@westportct.gov

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