



# WESTPORT, CONNECTICUT

## FLOOD AND EROSION CONTROL BOARD

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### MINUTES

Flood & Erosion Control Board Meeting of October 3, 2018.

Present for the Board: Preston H. Koster (Acting Chair)  
Aimee Monroy Smith  
Phillip Schemel

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

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Preston H. Koster opened the meeting at 7:34 pm.

1. **16 Fresenius Road / Application WPL/E #10637-18;** Application of Barr Associates, LLC, on behalf of the owner, Patricia C. Davis, to subdivide a 5.5466-acre property into three residential building lots and an open space parcel. All proposed work is to be outside of the WPL. This application is a referral from the Conservation Department per Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations Section 6.5(e).

This project was presented by Mel Barr of Barr Associates, LLC, and Richard Bennett, PE, on behalf of the owner, Patricia, C. Davis.

There were questions from the Board regarding the relative elevations of the subdivided lots, whether the wetlands can handle stormwater runoff, at what point during construction are the stormwater facilities installed,

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. Mr. Matharu recommended that the following be adopted as Special Conditions:

1. *The areas of the roof draining to the detention system shall be clarified as part of obtaining a Planning & Zoning Permit.*
2. *Deep test pits have not been performed in the area of the stormwater drainage systems for Lots A & B. The soil testing shall be performed and elevations adjusted accordingly as part of obtaining a Planning & Zoning Permit.*
3. *Spot grades shall be added where the driveways meet Fresenius Road, and at the driveways' intersection of the property line as part of obtaining a Planning & Zoning Permit.*

4. *A spot grade indicating the highpoint between the 112-foot contours in the driveway of Lot B shall be added as part of obtaining a Planning & Zoning Permit.*

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

Thomas Schmidt of 19 Long Lots Road spoke. Mr. Schmidt expressed concern regarding the function of the stormwater management system, existing hydrologic behavior of the area, and the size of the catch basin.

John Fable of 3 Fresenius Road spoke. Mr. Fable expressed concern regarding the existing hydrologic behavior of the area and its impact on his dwelling, and the impact of the proposal on the hydrologic behavior of the site.

Fran O’Gorman of 5 Fresenius Road spoke. Mrs. O’Gorman expressed concern regarding the impact of the proposal on the hydrologic behavior of the site, and a possible change in the hydrologic behavior of the area.

Ann Fable of 3 Fresenius Road spoke. Mrs. Fable expressed concern regarding the cleaning of catch basins in the road, and whether the brook crossing the properties is monitored

Richard Bennet then responded to the concerns voiced by the public and explained how the designed stormwater management system functions.

The hearing was closed, and the Board went into Work Session. It was agreed that the aforementioned Special Conditions of Approval as well as the following Standard Condition of Approval were deemed necessary: 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, and 11.

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

1. **259 Saugatuck Avenue & 1 Charmers Landing / Application WPL 10663-18;** Application of Pete Romano of LANDTECH, Inc., on behalf of the owner, Charmers Landing Property LLC, for the construction of a single family residence, in-ground swimming pool, and associated site improvements. A portion of the proposed activity is within the WPL area for the Saugatuck River.

This project was presented by Thomas Ryder of LANDTECH, Inc..

There were questions from the Board regarding stockpile areas, construction sequencing, whether the adjacent properties have drainage issues, the proximity to adjacent properties, the plantings,

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 Condition of Approval were deemed necessary: 2, 8, 9, and 11.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 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  
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