



WESTPORT, CONNECTICUT

FLOOD & EROSION CONTROL BOARD

TOWN HALL, 110 MYRTLE AVENUE
WESTPORT, CONNECTICUT 06880
(203) 341 1120 www.westportct.gov

MINUTES

Flood & Erosion Control Board Meeting of June 1, 2022

Present for the Board: William S. Mazo (Chair)
Aimee Monroy-Smith
Phillip Schemel
Robert Aldrich

Present for Department of Public Works: Edward Gill, Engineer II

William S. Mazo, Chair, opened the meeting at 8:00 pm.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. **29 Valley Road / WPL-11539-22**; *Application of Lauren and Neil MacNeill to construct a new above-ground pool, deck, and driveway expansion. The proposed activity is within the WPL area of Pussy Willow Brook.*

The application was presented by the owner, Lauren MacNeill.

Per the Chair's request, Edward Gill summarized the Engineering Department's review. He stated that the review notes a requested change to the proposed compensatory storage area, and that the applicant had already sent in plans that addressed the comment, and that while they had not been submitted in time for the Board to review, the change was relatively minor. As such, he was in favor of approval.

The chair asked if there was any public comment. There was none.

The Board went into Work Session. It was agreed that the following Standard Conditions of Approval were deemed necessary: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12.

DECISION: Proposed Project Approved, 4(Y)-0(N).

2. **17 Meadow Lane / WPL-11541-22**; *Application of Richard Benson on behalf of the owner, Richard Benson II, to lift and renovate a home to be FEMA compliant, construct additions, entry stairs, utilities, and a driveway. The proposed activity is within the WPL area of the Sherwood Mill Pond.*

The application was presented by Richard Benson on behalf of the applicant, Richard Benson II.

Per the Chair's request, Edward Gill summarized the Engineering Department's review. He noted that the flooding on this property is tidal from the Sherwood Mill Pond,

There were questions from the Board regarding the proposed deck.

The Board went into Work Session. It was agreed that the following Standard Conditions of Approval were deemed necessary: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12.

DECISION: Proposed Project Approved, 4(Y)-0(N).

DISCUSSION

The Chair opened a discussion about the adoption of By-Laws for the Flood & Erosion Control Board. Mr. Gill confirmed that the latest set of revised By-Laws he had sent to the Board were reviewed and revised by the Assistant Town Attorney, and they should comply with the applicable laws and statutes.

Phillip Schemel made a motion to adopt the new By-Laws, seconded by Aimee Monroy-Smith. The motion was approved unanimously, 4-0. (See appended By-Laws dated 06/01/2022)

The Gill gave a presentation of some portions of the Town commissioned flood study conducted by GZA to highlight some of the most flood prone areas of Westport. The Board discussed appropriate next steps, including seeking further information from the Engineering Department about a timeline for when they should have a prioritization list ready, rough cost estimates of the types of projects being discussed, coming up with criteria that can be used to compare different flood related projects, and a way to publicize their discussions and seek further input from people in Westport about their flooding concerns.

The Chair stated he would also like to find a time to discuss these issues in more detail with the Engineering Department, and report the findings back to the Board next month.

Robert Aldrich made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Aimee Monroy-Smith, and was approved 4-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

William S. Mazo, Chair
Flood & Erosion Control Board

WSM/eamg

Cc: First Selectwoman, 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

U:\Engineering\TOWN\FECB\Minutes\FECB Minutes 2022-06-01.docx