



WESTPORT, CONNECTICUT

FLOOD & EROSION CONTROL BOARD

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MINUTES

Flood & Erosion Control Board Meeting of September 7, 2022

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

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

William S. Mazo, Chair, opened the meeting at 7:30 pm.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. **174 Hillspoint Road / WPL-11591-21; Application of B&B Engineering on behalf of the owners, David & Gwen Baker, to construct a new single-family dwelling, driveway, pool, terrace, walkways, steps, retaining walls, and utility pad. The proposed activity is partially within the WPL area of the Sherwood Mill Pond.**

The application was presented by Bryan Nesteriak of B&B Engineering on behalf of the owners, David & Gwen Baker.

There were questions from the Board regarding the history of flooding on the property and the walls in the Town Right-of-Way.

Per the Chair's request, Edward Gill summarized the Engineering Department's review. He noted that the application complies with Town requirements, and that the walls in the Town Right-of-Way were called out as a Public Works issue that will need to be addressed, either by the removal of the walls or by seeking formal approval for maintaining the encroachment from the Board of Selectwomen, but that would not have an impact on flooding concerns. As such, he is in favor of approval.

The chair asked if there were any questions from the Public. There were none.

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, 11, and 12.

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

2. **51 Compo Beach Road / WPL-11596-22;** *Application of Peter Cadoux Architects on behalf of the owners, Peter and Sally Cadoux, to construct a new single-family dwelling, pool, and driveway. The proposed activity is within the WPL area of the Saugatuck River.*

The application was presented by Bryan Nesteriak of B&B Engineering on behalf of the owners, Peter and Sally Cadoux.

There were questions from the Board about the history of flooding, conformance to setbacks, proposed plantings, and the proposed pool.

Per the Chair's request, Edward Gill summarized the Engineering Department's review. He stated that the pool fence detail would need to be provided prior to issuance of a Zoning Permit and a pool dewatering plan may be necessary at that time, but that he is in favor of approval.

The chair asked if there were any questions from the Public. There were none.

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, 11, and 12.

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

3. **398 Greens Farms Road / WPL-11601-22;** *Application of Ahneman Kirby LLC, on behalf of the owners, Gary and Ashley Eng, to construct a new single-family dwelling, attached garage, patio, and driveway. The proposed activity is partially within the WPL area of Sasco Brook.*

The application was presented by Ida Gheibi of Ahneman Kirby LLC, on behalf of the owners, Gary and Ashley Eng.

There were questions from the Board about the history of flooding, and questions from Maureen Clark of 6 Tomahawk Lane about the possibility of a pool and from Kurt Eichhorn of 402 Greens Farms Road about the potential impacts to his property.

Per the Chair's request, Edward Gill summarized the Engineering Department's review. He stated that the plans should clarify the discharge point of any proposed footing drains if they are required, and that any impact to trees in the Town Right-of-Way would need to obtain approval from the Tree Warden, both of which are required prior to obtaining a Zoning Permit. He added that adverse impacts to the neighboring properties due to the proposed activity would be mitigated due to the fact that the plans met all Town standards for drainage, grading, FEMA, and sedimentation and erosion controls.

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, 11, and 12.

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

DISCUSSION

The Chair opened a discussion about the prioritization of stream improvements. Mr. Gill pointed out that there were two prospective members of the Board in attendance, and the Board welcomed them.

Mr. Gill also noted that there were several other members of the Public in attendance, and asked if they would like to discuss anything with the Board.

Jennifer Johnson and Kristin Schneeman both spoke on behalf of the ninth RTM district in Westport and their concerns about flooding along Dead Man's Brook. They also wanted to bring to the Board's attention a meeting that will occur on Monday, September 12th with the Western Connecticut Council of Governments (WestCOG) about their efforts regarding flood mitigation projects they are working with participating municipalities on.

Mr. Gill said he had not been aware of that meeting but he would be interested in taking part along with some of the Board members, or he could summarize the contents of the meeting for the Board at the meeting next month.

Mr. Gill also noted that the recent presentations about stream improvement prioritization had included some cursory information about the nature of Dead Man's Brook, but that he could prepare a more detailed report to summarize the recent study commissioned by the Town for Dead Man's Brook and the possible flood mitigation projects that could be undertaken.

Mr. Aldrich moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Schemel. The motion was approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

William S. Mazo, Chair
Flood & Erosion Control Board

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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

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