



# WESTPORT, CONNECTICUT

## FLOOD & EROSION CONTROL BOARD

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### MINUTES

Flood & Erosion Control Board Meeting of December 7, 2022

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

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

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

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

1. **34 Owenoke Park / WPL-11653-22;** *Application of William Kenny Associates LLC on behalf of the owners, Adam & Melanie Smith, to construct a new two-story elevated residence with an attached garage, new driveway, and in-ground swimming pool and spa, elevated accessory dwelling unit, and other site improvements. The proposed activity is within the WPL area of Gray's Creek.*

The application was presented by Carolyn Matthews of William Kenny Associates, LLC, Kurt Wayne of Mark P Finlay Architects, AIA, and Jason Spath of The Huntington Company, LLC, on behalf of the owners, Adam & Melanie Smith.

There were questions from the Board regarding the footprint of the new house, the nature of the flood zone, the sewer connection, and the pool.

Per the Chair's request, Edward Gill summarized the Engineering Department's review. He said that the only notes in his review were that the interior pass-through flood vents may require minor revisions prior to obtaining a Zoning Permit. He also noted that the proposed parking areas along Stuart Lane were depicting radii that met off the edge of the road, effectively combining the two aprons, and that should be revised to meet the existing edge of pavement. He also said these two comments are minor and can be addressed prior to obtaining a Zoning Permit, and that he was in favor of approval.

The Board 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 (see appended sheet).

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

## **DISCUSSION**

The Board discussed the three recently held flooding meetings. Mr. Aldrich said that he was impressed with the presentations. Mr. Gill said that an important part of the meetings was that both the presentations and the recordings are going to be valuable resources to keep for future reference.

Mr. Gill also noted that after the meetings are held, he would work on compiling the raw data for each of the issues raised, categorizing them, and finding what patterns can be found. That information would then be put together in a formal report which would also be presented to the Board and made available for the Public. He said that report would help identify which of the several options available for addressing flooding in certain areas appear to have more vocal public support, as one more thing for the Board and the DPW to take into consideration when prioritizing flooding related projects.

Mr. Gill said that the next meeting would be held on Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, regarding Pussy Willow Brook. After that, there would be a three week break, and then the last three meetings would be held on January 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, and 26<sup>th</sup>. After those meetings, he said he will work to compile the report he described earlier, and hopefully have a final report in March, though it may take more time to put together.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 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](mailto:minutes@westportct.gov)

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