



WESTPORT, CONNECTICUT

FLOOD & EROSION CONTROL BOARD

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MINUTES

Flood & Erosion Control Board Meeting of March 1, 2023

Present for the Board: Phillip Schemel (Acting Chair)
Aimee Monroy-Smith
Robert Aldrich
Paul Lobdell

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

In the absence of a Chair, the Board chose Phillip Schemel as Acting Chair.

Phillip Schemel, Acting Chair, opened the meeting at 7:40 pm.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. **29 Owenoke Park / WPL-11677-23**; *Application of Bryan Nesteriak on behalf of the owners, David & Betsy Lebow, to demolish an existing single family dwelling and construct a new single-family dwelling, driveway, in-ground swimming pool, retaining walls, patios, and associated grading. The proposed activity is partially within the WPL area of the Saugatuck River.*

The application was presented by Bryan Nesteriak of B&B Engineering, on behalf of the owners, David and Betsy Lebow.

Per the Chair's request, Edward Gill summarized the Engineering Department's review. He said that the flood openings on the architectural plans would need to be revised prior to obtaining a Zoning permit, and that because this plan got denied a necessary variance by the Zoning Board of Appeals, any major changes resulting from that may need to be brought back to the Flood Board. He also said he would be in favor of its approval.

There were questions from the Board regarding the drainage and FEMA requirements.

The Board asked if there were any questions from the Public. Shelley Gray asked if there was any proposed work on the existing seawall. Mr. Nesteriak said that there was none proposed.

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, 4(Y)-0(N).

2. **215 Hillspoint Road / WPL-11683-23;** *Application of Force Engineering LLC, on behalf of the owner, Carole E. Alexander, to demolish an existing single-family dwelling and construct a new single-family dwelling, driveway, and rain garden. The proposed activity is within the WPL area of the Sherwood Mill Pond.*

The application was presented by Justin Giorlando of Force Engineering on behalf of the owner, Carol Alexander.

Per the Chair's request, Edward Gill summarized the Engineering Department's review. He said that the proposed architectural plans did not depict flood openings and that while the site plan did, the locations would need to be revised prior to obtaining a Zoning Permit. He also stated that he is in favor of approval.

There were questions from the Board regarding the use of the lower level and the rain garden.

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, 4(Y)-0(N).

Mr. Gill noted that the applicant for 3 Richmondville requested that they be moved to the April 12th meeting to allow time to address comments from the Engineering and Conservation Departments.

The Board discussed the open position of Chair. Paul Lobdell said that while he is new, if none of the more experienced members wished to fill the position he would be willing to serve as Chair.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Phillip J. Schemel, Acting 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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