



WESTPORT, CONNECTICUT

FLOOD & EROSION CONTROL BOARD

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MINUTES

Flood & Erosion Control Board Meeting of May 1, 2024

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

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

Paul Lobdell, Chair, opened the meeting at 7:30 pm.

WORK SESSION

1. **5 Sea Spray Road / WPL-11914-24**; Application of Bryan Nesteriak and Lucien Vita, on behalf of the owners, Heidi Rot & Joseph Sperl, to update the approval of application WPL-11846-23 (approved by the F&ECB at the 12/06/2023 meeting), to demolish an existing single-family dwelling, and construct a new single-family dwelling, driveway, walkways, and deck. The proposed activity is within the WPL area of the Saugatuck River.

Edward Gill summarized the changes to the plans that had been approved previously, said that the changes had addressed his previous comments, and that there were no additional comments from the Engineering Department, so he would recommend updating the approval with the new application number, applicant name, and site plan date.

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

DISCUSSION

Michelle Perillie, Deputy Director of Planning & Zoning, gave a presentation to the Board about the history of floodplain management in Westport, the Hazard Mitigation Plan, and the Community Rating System.

The Board asked questions about the Community Rating System, FEMA data for flood insurance, ways the Board may be able to get involved and help.

The Chair gave a summary of a recent meeting between himself, Edward Gill, and Jonathan Steinberg. They had discussed the F&ECB goals for addressing flooding in Westport, next steps, and who the Flood Board may be able to talk to or work with in order to take further

steps toward addressing flooding issues. Mr. Gill said that his takeaways from the conversation had been that there are many groups in Westport discussing flooding issues, and Flood Board could in the future become a sort of place to bring all of those groups together. Additionally, Mr. Steinberg had said he may be able to talk to some RTM members in support of the Board's goals of revising the WPLO.

The Chair said he would reach out to some more people to invite them to give presentations to the Board, including Jim O'Donnell of CIRCA and Colin Kelly, the Director of the Conservation Department in Westport.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul H. Lobdell, Chair
Flood & Erosion Control Board

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Cc: First Selectwoman, Town Attorney, Public Works Director, Planning & Zoning Director, Conservation Director, RTM Moderator, Chair of RTM Environment Committee, Chair of RTM Public Works Committee, Applicants, minutes@westportct.gov

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STANDARD CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL:

1. Applicant shall provide adequate sedimentation and erosion control devices for the proposed activity from the time that construction begins until such time that established ground cover has grown in. More specifically, the toe of filled slopes shall be protected by silt fencing and hay bales or other approved measures, and the face of all exposed slopes shall be protected with hay matting or other approved measures until such time that the slopes have stabilized. Tree protection and/or dewatering measures for the site shall be employed as specified on the approved plans OR as needed by specific field conditions.
2. Proposed site grading, as well as development in general, shall not alter drainage patterns to the detriment of adjoining or downstream properties.
3. All drainage facilities shall be designed to comply with the Town of Westport Engineering Department Storm Water Drainage Design Standards as amended to date (current revision date, 11/01/2015).
4. Applicants shall excavate test pits and conduct percolation tests at the proposed location of any storm water leaching facilities such as drywells, galleries, and stone pits. The test pits shall be witnessed and approved by the Engineering Department prior to installation of the proposed detention system.
5. The area under the proposed deck shall be excavated to a minimum depth of 6" and filled with ¾" crushed stone, or use an alternative drainage methodology as approved by the Town Engineer.
6. All construction shall conform to the requirements of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), as outlined in publication ASCE/SEI 24-14, "Flood Resistant Design and Construction," as amended to date.
7. All enclosed spaces below the Base Flood Elevation shall be constructed in conformance with FEMA Technical Bulletin 1-08, "Openings in Foundation Walls and Walls of Enclosures."
8. All final plans, details, and calculations shall be reviewed and approved by the Town Engineer.
9. All proposed work within the regulated area shall be subject to final approval by both the Town Engineer and the Conservation Director.
10. All plantings within the regulated area shall be as approved by the Westport Conservation Commission. No significant fill shall be placed within the WPLO setback other than that incidental to the plantings.
11. If the scope of this project increases or changes in any significant way, all additional or modified proposed work shall be approved by the Flood & Erosion Control Board and the Conservation Commission **prior to its commencement**, not after its completion.
12. It shall be the responsibility of the applicant to obtain and secure any additional necessary assent, permit, or license as required by law or regulation, including but not strictly limited to other Town of Westport, State of Connecticut, or United States Federal agencies.