



WESTPORT, CONNECTICUT

FLOOD & EROSION CONTROL BOARD

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MINUTES

Flood & Erosion Control Board Meeting of July 10, 2024

Present for the Board: Paul Lobdell (Chair)
Robert Aldrich
Ronald Clarke

Present for Department of Public Works: Keith Wilberg, Town Engineer
Edward Gill, Engineer I

Paul Lobdell, Chair, opened the meeting at 7:40 pm.

Public Hearing

1. **55 Greens Farms Road / WPL-11945-24;** Application of the Town of Westport on behalf of the owner, 1735 Ashley LLC, to conduct a cleaning of the portions of Pussy Willow Brook on the subject property. The proposed activity is within the WPL area of the Pussy Willow Brook.

The application was presented by Keith Wilberg, Town Engineer, on behalf of the owner, 1735 Ashley LLC.

Per the Chair's request, Edward Gill summarized the Engineering Department's review. Mr. Gill said that the proposed activity was meant to aid in addressing nuisance flooding, but would not impact the downstream restrictions that cause the significant flooding in models of larger storms. As such, the result of the project would not have any significant impact on flooding, though for some smaller storms, nuisance flooding upstream may be reduced.

There were questions from the Board regarding the expected project cost, whether anything had been done or could be done on the State property to the south around I-95, and the approval process for the project.

The Chair asked if there were any comments from the Public.

Andrew Colabella, RTM District 4, said that this project was in his district, and he had spoken to several residents in the area who were in favor of this project, and any attempts by the Town to address flooding.

Members of the Board expressed their support for the project, and their hopes that this would serve as an example of future projects that could be done on other watersheds as well.

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

2. **66 Harbor Road / WPL-11929-24;** Application of Kasey O'Brien, on behalf of the owners, Thomas & Pamela O'Brien, to raise and elevate the existing house out of the floodplain and into FEMA compliance, add a small addition to in part provide access to the elevated structure, as well as other associated site improvements. The proposed activity is within the WPL area of the Saugatuck River.

The application was presented by Curt Lowenstein of LANDTECH, on behalf of the owners, Thomas & Pamela O'Brien.

Per the Chair's request, Edward Gill summarized the Engineering Department's review. He said that the application complied with all Town standards, and he would recommend approval.

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

The following Standard Conditions of Approval were deemed necessary: 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, and 12.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul H. Lobdell, Chair
Flood & Erosion Control Board

PHL/eamg

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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