



**TOWN OF WESTBROOK
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

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**Westbrook Conservation Commission Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, August 20, 2019 7:00 p.m.
Mulvey Municipal Center - South Meeting Room
(Unapproved)**

Members Present

Marty Marx, Chairman; Chris Bazinet, Randy Bell, Mike Oryl and John Rie

Members Absent

Sheridan Bauman, Molly Bernstein, Morgan Allen, non-voting member

Staff Present

Heidi Wallace, Inland Wetlands Enforcement Officer
Kathy King, Recording Clerk

Call to Order

M. Marx called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes- July 16, 2019

MOTION: to approve the Conservation Commission’s Meeting Minutes of July 16, 2019 as presented. **MADE:** by J. Rie; **SECONDED:** by R. Bell; **VOTED IN FAVOR:** M. Oryl, R. Bell, C. Bazinet and J. Rie; **OPPOSED:** None; **ABSTAINED:** None; **APPROVED:** 4-0-0.

Bills:

MOTION: to approve the July time sheet from Recording Clerk Kathy King for \$131.40. **MADE:** by M. Oryl; **SECONDED:** by J. Rie; **VOTED IN FAVOR:** M. Oryl, R. Bell, C. Bazinet and J. Rie; **OPPOSED:** None; **ABSTAINED:** None; **APPROVED:** 4-0-0.

MOTION: to pay \$21.97 to Frank Marx for reimbursement for a broom and rake. **MADE:** by J. Rie; **SECONDED:** by R. Bell; **VOTED IN FAVOR:** M. Oryl, R. Bell, C. Bazinet and J. Rie; **OPPOSED:** None; **ABSTAINED:** None; **APPROVED:** 4-0-0.

Correspondence:

The following correspondence was received: from the CT DEEP, Notice of Tentative Determination for Intent to Renew a State Permit for the Following Discharge into the Waters of the State of CT for Westbrook Outlets

at 314 Flat Rock Place, Inland Wetland Agent Report for June 2019, 7/9/2019 Zoning Commission Special Meeting Minutes, 7/23/2019 Zoning Commission Regular Meeting Minutes, 8/6/2019 Regular Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission Meeting Minutes, request for CT Land Conservation Council membership renewal for \$100.00, request for CACIWC Membership Renewal \$75.00 and a letter from the CT Tree Protective Tree Association regarding the 100th anniversary of the Arborist Law.

MOTION: to pay \$100.00 to renew the Land Conservation Council membership. **MADE:** by J. Rie; **SECONDED:** by R. Bell; **VOTED IN FAVOR:** M. Oryl, R. Bell, C. Bazinet and J. Rie; **OPPOSED:** None; **ABSTAINED:** None; **APPROVED:** 4-0-0

MOTION: to pay \$75.00 to renew the CACIWC (CT Association of Conservation and Inland Wetland Commissions) membership. **MADE:** by R. Bell; **SECONDED:** by J. Rie; **VOTED IN FAVOR:** M. Oryl, R. Bell, C. Bazinet and J. Rie; **OPPOSED:** None; **ABSTAINED:** None; **APPROVED:** 4-0-0

MOTION: to pay \$21.97 to Frank Marx for reimbursement for a broom and rake. **MADE:** by J. Rie; **SECONDED:** by R. Bell; **VOTED IN FAVOR:** M. Oryl, R. Bell, C. Bazinet and J. Rie; **OPPOSED:** None; **ABSTAINED:** None; **APPROVED:** 4-0-0.

MOTION: to add under “New Business”, the application for 1660 Boston Post Road. **MADE:** by J. Rie; **SECONDED:** by R. Bell; **VOTED IN FAVOR:** M. Oryl, R. Bell, C. Bazinet and J. Rie; **OPPOSED:** None; **ABSTAINED:** None; **APPROVED:** 4-0-0.

J. Rie updated Commissioners on the proposed changes for the Town Zone Map. The three properties that John and Deb Rie expressed concern about when Deb Rie came before the Conservation Commission will retain their split zoning designation, so they will be zoned commercial in the front and residential in the back.

Chairman’s Report:

There is nothing new to report.

Open Space Projects:

Kirtland Landing – John: update and status

J. Rie said there is a Committee meeting scheduled for tomorrow in Town Hall at 9:00 a.m. They will discuss the “30% Plan” before it goes to Public Hearing. The 30% Plan means that 30% of the engineering for Kirtland Landing has been completed. It was agreed that when 30% was done, a Public Hearing would be held.

Sciongay Property – Heidi: update and status

The property is under State jurisdiction now.

Toby Hill Phase VIII grant application – Heidi: update and status

There will be no news on the grant application before December 2019.

New Signage for Horse Hill Woods – Randy: update and status

M. Marx said former Conservation Commission Chair Tom O’Dell had a sign for Horse Hill Woods made previously. M. Marx will get the sign for R. Bell to bring to the sign design shop. One of the signs can be labeled North or South.

Summer Internships – Marty: update and status

The interns have done everything that M. Marx asked them to do. They are all returning to college next week. M. Marx said the interns did a great job, and they worked very well independently.

Bicycle Policy: Sheridan: update and status

S. Bauman was not in attendance, so this item is being tabled.

Preserve Committee – Sheridan: update

S. Bauman was not in attendance, so this item is being tabled.

New Business:

Discussion: Renaming Salt Island Overlook in memory of Tom ODell.

M. Marx drafted a letter to the Board of Selectmen requesting that Salt Island Overlook be renamed in honor of Tom ODell. Commission members suggested naming the area “Tom ODell Open Space.”

Discussion: Purchase of tree and plaque in memory of Bob Peterson.

Regarding the letter mentioned in correspondence from the CT Tree Protective Tree Association regarding the 100th anniversary of the Arborist Law, M. Marx suggested that this would be a great opportunity to plant a young white oak tree in memory of former Conservation Commission member Bob Peterson. Commission members had planned to plant a tree in honor of Bob Peterson anyway, but with this opportunity, they could plant the tree at no expense to the Town. The Conservation Commission could then purchase a plaque in memory of Bob Peterson to place next to the tree.

M. Marx will follow up on this and talk with the Westbrook Garden Club about a potential tree location.

1660 Boston Post Road

H. Wallace showed Commissioners application plans for a structure with 5 truck garage bays and 2 one-bedroom apartments. The Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission’s Public Hearing will be on 10/1/2019. The applicant Ron Lyman is proposing to fill ¾ of an acre of wetland. Soil Scientist Rich Snarski flagged the wetlands, and he said the property is very wet.

Commissioners were concerned about drainage emptying into the Long Island Sound. There was discussion about runoff, septic, use of heavy equipment, plans for runoff and oil collection from the vehicles, etc. H. Wallace explained that this application will be undergoing reviews by many technical professionals.

MOTION: to recommend to the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission that a thorough review be done of the application for 1660 Boston Post Road for septic, impervious surface runoff, discharge from the trucks both washing of the trucks and fluids leaking from the trucks, the septic system and the impact that there will be on existing wetlands which empty into the Long Island Sound. **MADE:** by J. Rie; **SECONDED:** by R. Bell; **VOTED IN FAVOR:** M. Oryl, J. Rie, R. Bell and C. Bazinet; **OPPOSED:** None; **ABSTAINED:** None; **APPROVED:** 4-0-0.

Old Business:

There was no Old Business.

Reports: Planning, Zoning, Inland Wetlands, Town Center, Preserve Ad Hoc Committee, and Harbor Management Commission

Harbor Management Commission - Harry Plaut has been officially named as the Westbrook Harbormaster.

MOTION: to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. until the next Regularly Scheduled Meeting of the Westbrook Conservation Commission which will be on Tuesday, September 17, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. in the South Meeting Room of the Mulvey Municipal Center, 866 Boston Post. MADE: by R. Bell; SECONDED: by J. Rie; VOTED IN FAVOR: M. Oryl, J. Rie, R. Bell, C. Bazinet; OPPOSED: None; ABSTAINED: None; APPROVED: 4-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathleen King
Recording Clerk