



City of Stamford
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BOARD
INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

MEMO TO: EPB Members

FROM: Jaclyn Chapman, Environmental Analyst

SUBJECT: EPB Enforcement
136 Breezy Hill Road – James Banahan

DATE: December 13, 2023

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In late June 2023, EPB staff inspected 136 Breezy Hill Road and found that trees and shrubs had been removed from a wetland and watercourse area, and a portion of the wetland had been filled. A Cease-and-Desist Order was issued on July 11, 2023. At the conclusion of the Show Cause Hearing which took place during the July 20, 2023, meeting, the Board voted to maintain the Cease-and-Desist Order and require submission of a restoration plan by August 20, 2023. During the September 2023 meeting, Mr. Banahan's attorney stated his consultants needed more time to develop an appropriate plan. A Notice of Violation was filed on the Stamford Land Records on October 2, 2023, because the Board's original August 20th deadline for submission of the restoration plan was missed.

Neither Mr. Banahan nor his attorney have responded to recent staff requests that they provide an update on their progress developing the required restoration plan and to date no plan has been submitted. EPB staff would also like to know when the drainpipe along the northerly curb of the property was installed and what is draining through it because the discharge is flowing into the wetlands and watercourse on the neighboring property.

EPB staff now recommends the Cease-and-Desist Order remain in place and, if a restoration plan is not provided to the Board for review by January 18, 2024, the Board authorizes staff to forward this violation to the Law Department for legal intervention.

Thank you and please call me at 203-977-4065 if you have any questions.