

**DRAFT 1A**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BOARD**  
**CITY OF STAMFORD**  
**MINUTES OF THE JUNE 18, 2015**  
**REGULAR MEETING**

**Members Present:**

Gary H. Stone, Chairman  
Louis P. Levine, Member  
Stephen Wayne, Member  
Richard Rosenfeld, Esq., Member  
Bradford Spaulding, Alternate Member  
Ashley A. Ley, Alternate Member

**Members Not Present:**

Dr. Leigh Shemitz, Member  
Nathanial Bowler, Alternate Member

**Staff Present:**

Richard H. Talamelli, Environmental Planner  
Pam Fausty, Environmental Analyst

The Regular Meeting, which was called to order by the Chairman at 7:30 PM, was held in the Cafeteria, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Stamford, Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard, Stamford, Connecticut, 06904-2152. The meeting was both audio and video recorded.

**MINUTES**

**Revised minutes of the April 16, 2015 Regular Meeting of the Environmental Protection Board:**

The Board considered revised minutes of the EPB's April 16, 2015 Regular Meeting. Mr. Talamelli noted that the minutes had been revised to acknowledge the receipt of correspondence granting the Board an extension of the statutory deadline for decision on EPB Permit Application No. 1502. No other changes or alterations were recommended or discussed. Accordingly, upon a motion by Mr. Levine, the Board voted to **APPROVE** the revised minutes of the April 16, 2015 Regular Meeting as presented.

In Favor:	Stone, Levine, Wayne, Spaulding, and Ley
Opposed:	None
Abstaining:	None
Not Voting:	Rosenfeld

**Minutes of the May 20, 2015 Special Meeting of the Environmental Protection Board:**

The Board considered the minutes of the EPB's May 20, 2015 Special Meeting. No changes or alterations were recommended or discussed. Accordingly, upon a motion by Mr. Levine, the Board voted to **APPROVE** the Minutes of the May 20, 2015 Special Meeting as presented.

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In Favor: Stone, Levine, Rosenfeld, Spaulding, and Ley  
Opposed: None  
Abstaining: None  
Not Voting: Wayne

## **APPLICATIONS AND PERMITS**

**#1430 – Chestnut Hill Road – Lot 1 - City of Stamford, Engineering Bureau – Chestnut Hill Park Drainage Improvement:** To construct storm drainage in and proximate to wetlands and watercourses situated in the non-drinking water supply watershed of Haviland Brook. The property lies along the south side of Chestnut Hill Road, approximately 350 feet east of Webbs Hill Road, and is identified as Lot 1, List 002-5896, Card S-003, Map 50, Block 377, Zone P, and  $\pm 6.6$  Acres.

Reference is made to an EPB Staff Memo, dated June 11, 2015.

**In Attendance:** None

**Discussion:** Mr. Stone acknowledge the receipt of correspondence from Louis Casolo, City Engineer, City of Stamford, dated June 11, 2015 requesting that EPB Permit Application No. 1430 be withdrawn from further consideration at this time. The withdrawal was submitted to allow for the development of the information necessary to appropriately evaluate the application.

**Motion/Vote:** None

**#1510 - 17 River Ridge Court – Lot 10 – R. Butterfield:** To maintain a retaining wall and fill and restore the remaining portions of an Open Space Preserve/Conservation Easement Area on property situated in the non-drinking water supply watershed of the Rippowam River. The site lies along the north side of River Ridge Court, approximately 220 feet west of Long Ridge Road, and is identified as Lot 10, List 004-1950, Card N-003, Zone R-10, Block 247 and  $\pm 0.27$  Acres.

Reference is made to an EPB Agenda Summary Report, dated June 11, 2015.

**In Attendance:** Leonard C. D'Andrea, P.E., Rocco V. D'Andrea, Inc.  
Robert Keith Butterfield

**Discussion:** Staff Member Fausty summarized the application for the Board. Ms. Fausty noted that the applicant seeks the Board's permission to maintain a stone retaining wall and fill installed in a portion of the designated open space conservation easement at 17 River Ridge Court, Stamford, Connecticut. These activities, which enabled the owner to level and expand the manicured portions of his property, had been conducted without the prior written authorization of the Board in the Fall of 2013.

Ms. Fausty reported that there are no wetlands, watercourses or flood prone areas on the parcel. The conservation easement, which was established during the subdivision review process, was purposed, on this parcel, to expand the total area of open space, maintain native vegetation, and screen the commercial uses/activities found on properties to the north.

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Ms Fausty noted that the applicant seeks the Board's permission to maintain the wall and fill that affects approximately 1,534 square feet of the conservation easement. To mitigate the impact, the applicant proposes to utilize proper sediment and erosion controls, remove an existing drainage pipe, remove all manicured surface treatments, and implement a planting plan to restore the affected areas with a collection of native trees, shrubs and groundcovers. In addition, the limits of the conservation easement shall be reposted with standard conservation signage and redefined by a boulder demarcation feature. The project engineer has certified that the project will not adversely impact drainage or the adjoining properties. Ms. Fausty reported that Stamford Engineering Bureau Staff reviewed the submitted plans/reports, confirmed the project engineer's findings, and offered no objection to the project.

Mr. Rosenfeld sought clarification as to the extent of the removal of manicured surfaces from the easement. Ms. Fausty reported that all lawn shall be removed from the conservation areas. A single row of Arborvitae planted along the north property boundary to screen the abutters shall be allowed to remain.

In response to a question by Ms. Ley, Mr. D'Andrea, stated that in addition to the woody plantings proposed, the applicant intends to stabilize the soil with the wildlife seed mix recommended by the consulting landscape professional.

Mr. D'Andrea acknowledged the receipt of the agenda summary report, and offered no objection to the conclusions or recommended conditions of approval. He confirmed that the report had been shared with the applicant.

**Motion/Vote:** Upon a Motion by Mr. Levine, the Board voted to **APPROVE** EPB Permit Application No. 1510 with the conditions outlined in the Agenda Summary Report, dated June 11, 2015.

In Favor: Stone, Levine, Wayne, Rosenfeld, and Ley  
Opposed: None  
Abstaining: None  
Not Voting: Spaulding

**#1511 – Skymeadow Drive and Mary Joy Lane – City of Stamford - Engineering Bureau, Skymeadow Drive Roadway and Drainage Improvements:** To install drainage and implement certain roadway improvements in/proximate to wetlands and watercourses situated in the non-drinking water supply watershed of Poorhouse Brook. The project affects both public and private properties in an area generally bounded by Skymeadow Drive to the north, Alma Rock Road to south, High Ridge Road to the east and Larkspur Road to the west.

Reference is made to an EPB Staff Memo, dated June 17, 2015.

**In Attendance:** None

**Discussion:** Mr. Stone acknowledged the receipt of the minimum information necessary to initiate the permit application review process for EPB Permit Application No. 1511.

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**Motion/Vote:** Upon a Motion by Mr. Wayne, the Board voted to **ACCEPT** EPB Permit Application No. 1511.

In Favor: Stone, Levine, Wayne, Rosenfeld, and Ley  
Opposed: None  
Abstaining: None  
Not Voting: Spaulding

#### **SUBDIVISION REVIEWS:**

#### **ENFORCEMENT – STATUS REPORTS AND SHOW CAUSE HEARINGS:**

#### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

#### **Status of Proposed Fee Revisions:**

**Discussion:** Mr. Talamelli provided an update on the status of proposed revisions to the Board's fee schedule. He noted that a Summer intern, Devon Johnson, has been assembling historic data, establishing process, and assessing the fee requirements imposed by other communities in Fairfield County to help the Board in its efforts to update and revise the EPB fee schedule. Messrs. Stone and Rosenfeld stated that the revised fee schedule should remain relatively "uncomplicated" to promote compliance with the regulations and include fees that reasonably cover the agency's application review and inspection costs. Based upon the subsequent discussion, additional information may be required to address matters such as the potential for fees to conduct plan review and multiple compliance inspections.

#### **ADJOURN:**

#### **Adjourn the Regular Meeting of June 18, 2015.**

There being no further business, the Board, upon a motion by Mr. Levine, voted to **ADJOURN** the Regular Meeting of June 18, 2015.

In Favor: Stone, Levine, Wayne, Rosenfeld, and Ley  
Opposed: None  
Abstaining: None  
Not Voting: Spaulding

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 PM.

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Gary H. Stone, Chairman  
Environmental Protection Board

Meeting Minutes Assembled from Notes Prepared By Richard Talamelli, Environmental Planner