

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BOARD
CITY OF STAMFORD
MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 19, 2020
REGULAR MEETING
CONDUCTED VIA INTERNET AND CONFERENCE CALL**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Gary H. Stone, Chairman
Dr. Leigh Shemitz, Member
Laura Tessier, Member
Joseph Todd Gambino, Member (Joined Meeting at 7:32PM)
David J. Kozlowski, Alternate Member
Stephen J. Schneider, Alternate Member
Thomas C. Romas, Alternate Member (Joined Meeting at 7:32PM)

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Ashley A. Ley, Member

STAFF PRESENT:

Richard Talamelli, Executive Director/Environmental Planner
Lesley Capp, Office Support Specialist

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Stone at 7:30 PM.

MINUTES:

Minutes of the EPB Regular Meeting of September 17, 2020:

The Board considered the minutes of the September 17, 2020 Regular Meeting. Members present and eligible to vote were Mr. Stone, Dr. Shemitz, Ms. Tessier, and Mr. Kozlowski. There were no comments or modifications recommended.

Motion/Vote: Upon a motion by Mr. Kozlowski and seconded by Ms. Tessier, the Board voted to **APPROVE** the Minutes of the September 17, 2020 Regular Meeting as presented.

In Favor: Stone, Shemitz, Tessier and Kozlowski
Opposed: None
Abstaining: None
Not Voting: Schneider

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 15, 2020:

The Board considered the minutes of the October 15, 2020 Regular Meeting. Members present and eligible to vote were Mr. Stone, Dr. Shemitz, and Mr. Schneider. There were no comments or modifications recommended.

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Motion/Vote: Upon a motion by Mr. Schneider and seconded by Dr. Shemitz, the Board voted to **APPROVE** the Minutes of the October 15, 2020 Regular Meeting as presented.

In Favor: Stone, Shemitz, and Schneider
Opposed: None
Abstaining: None
Not Voting: Tessier and Kozlowski

Note that Board Members Gambino and Romas joined the meeting at approximately 7:32 PM following the vote on the minutes.

APPLICATIONS AND PERMITS:

Acceptances/Extensions/Withdrawals:

#2020-12 – 162 Thunder Hill Drive – Lot 13 - J. Welch and L. Welch: To construct a fence in or within close proximity to wetlands, watercourses, and special flood hazard areas in the drinking water supply watershed of the Mianus River. The subject property lies along the north side of Thunder Hill Drive, approximately 2,650 feet west of Riverbank Road, and is identified as Lot 13, Account 001-4841, Card N-009, Block 373, Map 80, Zone RA-1 and +1.02 Acres.

Reference is made to an EPB Staff Memo, dated November 10, 2020.

#2020-16 – 926 Rock Rimmon Road – Lot 4 – C. Garcia Diego for T. Hernandez: To restore a stone wall and implement certain wetland restoration/enhancement activities in and proximate to wetlands situated in both the drinking water supply watershed of the Mianus River (East Branch) and non-drinking water supply watershed of Haviland Brook. The property is situated along the west side of Rock Rimmon Road, approximately 800 feet north of Mayapple Road, and is identified as Lot 4, Account 002-2819, Card W-062, Map 8, Block 402, Zone RA-1 and +44,079 square feet.

Reference is made to an EPB Staff Memo, dated November 16, 2020.

In Attendance: None

Discussion: Mr. Stone acknowledge the receipt of correspondence from Jake Welch (November 10, 2020) and Cindy Garcia Diego (November 16, 2020) Withdrawing EPB Permit Applications No. 2020-12 and 2020-16 from further consideration.

Motion/Vote: None

#2020-20 - Cedar Heights Road – NA – City of Stamford – Replacement of Bridge 04067 Cedar Heights Road Over the Rippowam River: Construction of a replacement bridge, drainage, grading, and other related activities within the base floodplain and both in and proximate to wetlands and watercourses situated in the non-drinking water supply watershed of the Rippowam River. The project area lies along a reach of Cedar Heights Road, approximately 300 feet east of Wire Mill Road, and is located in the general vicinity of properties having addresses of 264 and 284 Cedar Heights Road.

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Reference is made to an EPB Staff Memo, dated November 10, 2020.

#2020-21- Riverbank Road - NA – City of Stamford – Replacement of Bridge 04071 Riverbank Road Over the East Branch of the Mianus River: Construction of a replacement bridge, grading, wetland creation, and other related activities within the base floodplain and both in and proximate to wetlands and watercourses situated in the drinking water supply watershed of the Mianus River (East Branch). The project area lies along a reach of Riverbank Road, approximately 2,400 feet north of June Road, and is located in the general vicinity of property having addresses of 356 and 373 Riverbank Road.

Reference is made to an EPB Staff Memo, dated November 13, 2020.

#2020-22 - 322 Wildwood Road – Lot 4 – Devore Associates for D. Goldstein: Construct a pedestrian walkway, steps and deck within close proximity of wetlands and watercourses situated in the drinking water supply watershed of the Mianus River (East Branch). The property is situated along the south side of Wildwood Road, approximately 770 feet west of High Rock Road, and is identified as Lot 4, Account 003-5482, Card S-023, Block 394, Map 40, Zone RA-1 and +2.4846 Acres.

Reference is made to an EPB Staff Memo, dated November 16, 2020.

In Attendance: None

Discussion: Mr. Stone acknowledged the receipt of correspondence from Zvonko Barisic (November 10, 2020 and November 12, 2020) and Diane Devore (November 16, 2020) granting the Board extensions of decision deadlines for EPB Applications No. 2020-20, 2020-21 and 2020-22 in order to develop necessary information.

Motion/Vote: None

#2020-24 - 81 Malvern Road – Lot 56 – J. F. Risoli, P.E., LLC. for D. Melchionne: Removal of an existing patio, relocate and/or maintain a fence, grade and landscape proximate to wetlands situated in the non-drinking water supply watershed of Toilsome Brook. The property lies along the east side of Malvern Road, approximately 250 feet south of Club Road, and is identified as Lot 56, Account 000-3619, Card E-010, Map 84, Block 379, Zone R-20, and +0.612 Acres

Reference is made to an EPB Staff Memo, dated November 13, 2020.

#2020-25 - 145 Jeanne Court – Lot 18 – M. Arango and F. Caro: Relocate a shed, relocate and/or maintain fences, maintain a play area, maintain lawn, and conduct other related activities in or within close proximity to wetlands and watercourses situated in the non-drinking water supply watershed of Springdale Brook. The property lies along the cul-de-sac of Jeanne Court, and is identified as Lot 18, List 000-0751, Card E-010Z, Block 382, Map 61, Zone RA-1, and +1.4107 Acres.

Reference is made to an EPB Staff Memo, dated November 18, 2020.

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#2020-26 - 746 Riverbank Road – Parcel A – G. Werlinich and K. Werlinich: To raze an existing in-ground pool and patio, construct a new in-ground pool and patio, construct a temporary haul road and implement other related activities proximate to a pond, wetlands, and watercourses situated in the drinking water supply watershed of the Mianus River. The property lies along the west side of Riverbank Road, approximately 600 feet north of Riverbank Drive, and is identified as Parcel A, List 001-0119, Card W-025, Block 395, Map 64, Zone RA-3, and +10.219 Acres.

Reference is made to an EPB Staff Memo, dated November 18, 2020.

#2020-27- 200 Southfield Avenue – Lot 7 – Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. for the City of Stamford, Phase I Final Design at John J. Boccuzzi Park: To construct vehicular accessways, parking, walkways, utilities, drainage, and a commercial building, grade, landscape, and implement other related activities in and within close proximity to wetlands and special flood hazard areas in the non-drinking water supply watershed of the Southwest Shoreline. The project includes both general improvements to John J. Boccuzzi Park and construction activities associated with the Soundwaters Education Center. The property lies along the east side of Southfield Avenue, approximately 170 feet south of Congress Street, and is identified as Lot 7, List 002-6091, Card E-250, Block 25, Map 137, Zone P, and +11.7 Acres.

Reference is made to an EPB Staff Memo, dated November 18, 2020.

In Attendance: None

Discussion: Mr. Talamelli acknowledged the receipt of the minimum information necessary to accept EPB Permit Applications No. 2020-24, 2020-25, 2020-26 and 2020-27.

Motion/Vote: Upon a motion by Mr. Kozlowski and seconded by Ms. Tessier, the Board voted to **ACCEPT** EPB Permit Applications No. 2020-24, 2020-25, 2020-26 and 2020-27.

In Favor: Stone, Tessier, Gambino, Kozlowski, and Schneider
Opposed: None
Abstaining: None
Not Voting: Shemitz and Romas

Action Items: None

Site Plan Review: None

Other Business: None

ADJOURN:

Adjourn the Regular Meeting of November 19, 2020:

Motion/Vote: There being no further business and upon a motion by Mr. Kozlowski and seconded by Ms. Tessier, the Board voted to **ADJOURN** the Regular Meeting of November 19, 2020.

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In Favor: Stone, Tessier, Gambino, Kozlowski, and Schneider
Opposed: None
Abstaining: None
Not Voting: Shemitz and Romas

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Gary H. Stone, Chairman
Environmental Protection Board

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V2 – 12/11/2020