



**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
INLAND WETLANDS AND
WATERCOURSES AGENCY
APRIL 24, 2023**

45 Lyon Terrace
Bridgeport, CT 06604
(203) 576-7217 Phone
(203) 576-7213 Fax

ATTENDANCE: Mel Riley, Chair; Robert Morton, Acting Secretary; Cesar Cordero, Johanna Dorgan, Robert Filotei, Kyle LaBuff, Jacqueline Martoral

STAFF: Paul Boucher, Zoning Official; Jackson Strong, Design Review Coordinator; Matthew Popp, consultant; Atty. Russ Liskov

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Riley called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. He introduced the Commissioners seated. A quorum was present.

A. Public Hearing:

- **Application (23-02) - by Bishop Allied Associates One LLC, for an Inland Wetlands permit to legalize the removal of trash and fill which has been re-graded with new fill at the address of 310 Bishop Avenue Rear.**

Mr. Popp came forward and said that this application came about due to a wetland violation in either September or October of last year. He indicated where the stream was on a map, along with the building and a parking area. Landscaping material was pushed into the wetland buffer. A wetland restoration plan was submitted, and executed. However, the applicant did not put in any plantings.

Mr. Popp then listed the various conditions that he was recommending.

Commissioner Riley asked if there was anyone present to speak about the item.

Mr. Rob Sarenson, a registered engineer with Baldwin and Baldwin Associates located at 89 State Street, Guilford, CT, came forward. He said that the area is now stable and there is no more erosion. He said that they were agreeable to the conditions being attached to the permit.

Commissioner Riley asked if there was anyone else present to speak in favor or opposition about the item. Hearing none, he closed the public hearing on Application (23-02) - by Bishop Allied Associates One LLC, for an Inland Wetlands permit to legalize the removal of trash and fill which has been re-graded with new fill at the address of 310 Bishop Avenue Rear.

• Application (23-03) – by Sporting Goods Properties, Inc, for an Inland Wetlands permit to excavate contaminated roads on site and backfill with clean material at the address of 615 Asylum Street.

Mr. Popp came forward and gave a brief overview of the application and noted that they had been working on this particular property for about 20 years. He indicated on a site map where the transfer station was and pointed out that the town line between Stratford and Bridgeport actually runs through the site.

He then indicated where the two areas that would be impacted were located and explained that those areas were about 11,500 square feet. He also indicated where there would be restoration work done to bring the area back to a wetland condition.

One of the consulting engineers came forward and said that the business has known about the roads for a number of years and they have been cleaning up the site. The roads were put in during the 1930's or 1940's and they are now working on removing the roads and remediating the area. Some of the property is expected to be used for walking trails in future and some of the road beds will be left for that purpose.

Mr. Popp asked about the timeline of the project. He was told that once a permit is issued, the project would be underway in a few weeks. The engineer said that he expected the project would be completed by the end of September of this year. He added that they also expected to have some construction work next year after the other portions of the project are completed.

Mr. Popp said that the company had done an excellent job with the plantings. He said that there were some conditions of approval that he suggested including shade trees being planted every 100 linear feet, observation of wildlife such as box turtles, and a \$30,000 surety bond to be redeemed upon completion of the project.

Commissioner Dorgan joined the meeting.

Mr. Popp was asked what type of contaminants were being removed. The engineer said that the bulk of the roads had arsenic in them in order to meet the regulations. The arsenic has not percolated into the ground road.

Commissioner Riley asked about the former power plant on the site. The engineer said that there was a power plant and a transfer station with a burn plant on the site. The remaining material was slag that contains arsenic. Remington would also spray the roads with herbicide that contained arsenic also.

Commissioner Riley asked if there was anyone else present to speak in favor or opposition about the item. Hearing none, he closed the public hearing on Application (23-03) – by Sporting Goods

Properties, Inc, for an Inland Wetlands permit to excavate contaminated roads on site and backfill with clean material at the address of 615 Asylum Street.

DECISION SESSION

Application (23-02) - by Bishop Allied Associates One LLC, for an Inland Wetlands permit to legalize the removal of trash and fill which has been re-graded with new fill at the address of 310 Bishop Avenue Rear.

****A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE APPLICATION (23-02) - BY BISHOP ALLIED ASSOCIATES ONE LLC, FOR AN INLAND WETLANDS PERMIT TO LEGALIZE THE REMOVAL OF TRASH AND FILL WHICH HAS BEEN RE-GRADED WITH NEW FILL AT THE ADDRESS OF 310 BISHOP AVENUE REAR WITH THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:**

PLANTING OF FIVE NATIVE TREES AND FIFTEEN SHRUBS WITHIN THE DISTURBED BUFFERED AREA.

BOULDERS SHALL BE PLACED AT THE TOP OF THE SLOPE TO DEMARCATATE THE EDGE OF THE LANDSCAPING CAN BE MAINTAINED.

A CERTIFIED, WRITTEN NOTIFICATION THAT IS THAT THE LANDSCAPING MATERIAL WAS REMOVED IN ACCORDANCE TO THE PLAN.

A \$25,000 BOND WILL BE SUBMITTED.

**** THERE WAS A SECOND.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Application (23-03) – by Sporting Goods Properties, Inc, for an Inland Wetlands permit to excavate contaminated roads on site and backfill with clean material at the address of 615 Asylum Street.

**** COMMISSIONER FILOTEI MOVED TO APPROVE APPLICATION (23-03) – BY SPORTING GOODS PROPERTIES, INC, FOR AN INLAND WETLANDS PERMIT TO EXCAVATE CONTAMINATED ROADS ON SITE AND BACKFILL WITH CLEAN MATERIAL AT THE ADDRESS OF 615 ASYLUM STREET WITH THE CONDITIONS AS DISCUSSED.**

*** THERE WAS A SECOND.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no additional business to consider at this time.

MINUTES

• **March 2023**

**** COMMISSIONER FILOTEI MOVED THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 27, 2023 MEETING.**

**** THERE WAS A SECOND.**

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 27, 2023 MEETING AS SUBMITTED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ADJOURNMENT

**** COMMISSIONER FILOTEI MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** COMMISSIONER MARTORAL SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Telesco Secretarial Services