

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BOARD
CITY OF STAMFORD
MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 17, 2020
REGULAR MEETING
CONDUCTED VIA INTERNET AND CONFERENCE CALL**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Gary H. Stone, Chairman
Dr. Leigh Shemitz, Member (Arrived 7:55 PM)
Ashley A. Ley, Member
Laura Tessier, Member
David J. Kozlowski, Alternate Member
Thomas C. Romas, Alternate Member

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Stephen J. Schneider, Alternate Member

STAFF PRESENT:

Richard Talamelli, Executive Director/Environmental Planner
Pam Fausty, Environmental Analyst
Lindsay Tomaszewski, Environmental Analyst
Lesley Capp, Office Support Specialist

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

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Minutes of the EPB Regular Meeting of July 23, 2020:

The Board considered the minutes of the July 23, 2020 Regular Meeting. Members present and eligible to vote were Mr. Stone, Ms. Tessier and Mr. Kozlowski. No comments or modification were recommended.

Motion/Vote: Upon a motion by Ms. Tessier and seconded by Mr. Kozlowski, the Board voted to **APPROVE** the Minutes of the July 23, 2020 Regular Meeting as presented.

In Favor: Stone, Tessier and Kozlowski
Opposed: None
Abstaining: None
Not Voting: Ley and Romas

APPLICATIONS AND PERMITS:

Acceptances/Extensions/Withdrawals:

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#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.

#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.

#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 September 15, 2020 as to all proposed acceptances.

In Attendance: None

Discussion: Mr. Stone acknowledged the receipt of the minimum information necessary to accept EPB Permit Application No. 2020-20, 2020-21 and 2020-22.

Motion/Vote: Upon a motion by Ms. Tessier and seconded by Ms. Ley, the Board voted to **ACCEPT** EPB Permit Applications No. 2020-20, 2020-21 and 2020-22.

In Favor: Stone, Ley, Tessier, Kozlowski and Romas
Opposed: None
Abstaining: None
Not Voting: None

Action Items:

#2020-06 – 136 Breezy Hill Road – Lot 19A – Fairfield County Engineering, LLC for S. and J. Katz: To construct drainage, grade and implement related activities in and proximate to wetlands and watercourses situated in the non-drinking water supply watershed of Haviland Brook. The property lies along the west side of Breezy Hill Road, approximately 200 feet north of Happy Hill Road, and is identified as Lot 19A, Account 002-2731, Card S-007, Map 15, Block 402, Zone RA-1, and +1.087 Acres.

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Reference is made to EPB Staff Agenda Summary Report, revised September 11, 2020.

In Attendance: Wayne D'Avanzo, P.E., Fairfield County Engineering, LLC.
Sheldon Katz
Judith Katz
Aleksandra Moch

Discussion: Ms. Fausty summarized the application for the Board. She noted that the applicant proposes to construct certain drainage features, grade and implement related activities in and proximate to wetlands and watercourses on property situated in the non-drinking water supply watershed of Haviland Brook. The property, which lies along the west side of Breezy Hill Road, currently supports a single family dwelling, drive, septic, well and other related features. Regulated areas include wetlands, watercourses, and "seasonal pond" primarily located in the eastern reaches of the parcel. It was noted that these areas drain to the north to a larger pond and wetland system situated on the abutting parcels.

Ms. Fausty stated that the applicant proposes to install certain drainage features to improve site aesthetics, treat runoff, and mitigate a long standing flood/drainage issue reportedly affecting portions of the driveway. The drainage response consists of two (2) elements. The first element consists of a storm water retention system proposed for areas east of the dwelling to capture and treat runoff from a portion of the dwelling's roof. Any overflow from the retention system shall be directed to the on-site wetlands and watercourses by a pipe and stabilized outlet. The second element consists of a "rain garden" proposed for the northeastern portion of the property to improve drainage function, assist in the capture and treatment of roadway runoff, and, after planting, help to screen the seasonal pond and property. No significant vegetation within the regulated areas will be disturbed. Three (3) dead trees located proximate to the residence will be removed. According to the applicant, approximately 385 square feet of wetlands and 2,650 square feet of wetland/pond setback are impacted by the proposed activities

Ms. Fausty noted that an erosion control plan was provided to address water quality concerns linked to the construction phase. The project engineer determined that the project, if properly implemented, will not result in any adverse impacts to drainage or the adjoining properties. The Stamford Engineering Bureau has reviewed the submitted engineering report/plans confirming the absence of impact and project design provided the applicant embraces certain minor modifications/revisions. Ms. Fausty stated that impacts to the wetlands, seasonal pond, and/or setbacks appear minimal and reasonable. She further noted that the proposed landscape improvements will assist in the uptake and treatment of stormwater, elevate the site's overall conservation value, and improve site aesthetics.

Motion/Vote: Upon a motion by Ms. Ley and seconded by Mr. Kozlowski, the Board voted to **APPROVE** EPB Permit Application No. 2020-06 with the conditions outlined in the EPB Agenda Summary Report, revised September 11, 2020.

In Favor: Stone, Ley, Tessier, Kozlowski and Romas
Opposed: None
Abstaining: None

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Not Voting: None

#2020-08 – West Hill Road - NA – City of Stamford - West Hill Road Roadway and Drainage

Improvements: To implement certain roadway, drainage and other related improvements in and within close proximity to wetlands and watercourses situated in the non-drinking water supply watershed of the Rippowam River. Areas subject to this application affect both public and private properties along a reach of West Hill Road, generally bordered by Roxbury Road to the north and McGregor Drive to the south, including 643 and 682 West Hill Road, Stamford, Connecticut 06902.

Reference is made to EPB Staff Agenda Summary Report, dated September 15, 2020.

In Attendance: Leonard C. D'Andrea, P.E., D'Andrea Surveying and Engineering

Discussion: Staff Member Tomaszewski summarized the application for the Board. She stated that the City of Stamford proposes to implement certain roadway, drainage and other related improvements in and within close proximity to wetlands and watercourses situated in the non-drinking water supply watershed of the Rippowam River. Areas subject to this application affect both public and private properties along a reach of West Hill Road, generally bordered by Roxbury Road to the north and McGregor Drive to the south.

Wetlands, watercourses, stone walls and significant tree resources were identified and mapped along the route of construction during the review process. The project, including new structural elements such as stone head and end walls, piping, collection structures, scour protection, grading and paved surface had been carefully sited to minimize grade change and impact upon both regulated areas and tree resources. The applicant reported that that the development affects approximately 198 square feet of wetlands, 22 linear feet of watercourse, and 7,371 square feet of the non-watershed upland review areas and will result in the loss of approximately 26 trees. Engineering Bureau Staff has reviewed the submitted drainage report and plans and has confirmed both the absence of impact on drainage/adjoining properties and the suitability of the design elements expressed on the plan. A detailed sediment and erosion control plan has been developed to protect water quality during both the terrestrial and in-water improvements, protective fences have been added at the base of trees expected to be maintained in the post construction landscape, and a basic landscape proposal has been developed to restore and enhance regulated areas, particularly in the vicinity of the proposed storm outlets. The plan generally consists of native seed mixes and ferns.

In response to questions posed by Mr. Tomas and Ms. Tessier concerning the duration of the project and value of the proposed landscape restoration plan, Mr. D'Andrea responded that when fully permitted and bid, the project would reasonably take 2-3 months to implement. Mr. D'Andrea went on to state that the project will benefit the community by serving to remedy long standing drainage deficiencies in and about the road, reduce a steeply sloping stretches of roadway, provide bike access, and reduce the need for winter applications of sands and salt to create ice-free driving conditions. He noted that the improvements were particularly important given the location of two (2) public schools in the area. Regarding the planting restoration, Mr. D'Andrea stated that although portions of the project area are restricted by narrow shoulders and the presence of overhead wires, the applicant will commit to have the landscaping/environmental professionals return to the site to identify suitable areas for the installation of additional trees.

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Mr. D'Andrea further acknowledged the receipt of the Agenda Summary Report and offered no objections to its findings or recommended conditions of approval.

Motion/Vote: Upon a motion by Ms. Ley and seconded by Mr. Romas, the Board voted to **APPROVE** EPB Permit Application No. 2020-08 with the conditions outlined in the EPB Agenda Summary Report, revised September 15, 2020.

In Favor: Stone, Ley, Tessier, Kozlowski and Romas

Opposed: None

Abstaining: None

Not Voting: None

#2020-10 – 45 Barn Hill Road – Lot 2B – W. Warner & C. Tso: To renovate an in-ground pool, patio, add a spa, shed, landscaping, expand driveway, relocate pool equipment and fencing proximate to wetlands and a watercourse on property situated within the drinking water supply watershed of the Mianus River. The property is situated along the south side of Barn Hill Road, approximately 155 feet east of the Barn Hill Road and East Middle Patent Road intersection, and is identified as Lot 2B, Account 000-9678, Card S-002, Map 30, Block 400, Zone RA-3, and is +2.98 Acres.

Reference is made to an EPB Staff Agenda Summary Report, dated September 11, 2020.

In Attendance: Jaclyn Tyler
James Scott
Liz Hand Frye

Discussion: Ms. Fausty summarized the application for the Board. She reported that the applicant is proposing to renovate an existing in-ground pool and related features in and/or proximate to wetlands, watercourses and large open water pond. The project includes specific provisions for the installation of a new pool coping, spa, patio, fences, equipment, drainage, grading and landscaping.

The property currently supports a single family residence, numerous accessory buildings, drive, septic, well, pool, fences, walkways, and other related features. The site is characterized by the presence of gently to moderately sloping landscaped space to the north and east, woodlands to the northwest, and wooded wetlands to the southwest. Just to the south of the site lies a large open body of water identified as Gray's Pond. The entire property lies within the drinking water supply watershed of the Mianus River in an area where the Board regulates wetlands, watercourses, and adjoining upland buffers of 50 feet to wetlands and 100 feet to watercourses/open water.

Ms. Fausty noted that pool-related improvements are generally confined to the south and west in space proximate to the designated wetlands and pond. Drainage improvements, including a fairly large number of infiltration units, pipes and overflow structures, shall be located to the south and east in space proximate to the pond. It was noted that the drainage system has been proposed to mitigate potential drainage and water quality impacts associated with residential additions and a

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driveway expansion proposed for non-regulated areas. The applicant reports that approximately 20 square feet of wetlands and 5,685 square feet of wetland/pond setback shall be temporarily/permanently affected by the proposed activities.

Ms. Fausty concluded that the project is not expected to result in significant impacts upon the regulated areas, noting that the affected areas have been historically altered and maintained and manicured space, an erosion control plan has been provided to protect water quality during and post construction, site development plans have been devised to mitigate potential drainage and water quality impacts, and a planting plan has been submitted to stabilize the soil, displace manicured space, filter runoff and/or enhance the overall conservation values of the regulated areas and property. Ms. Fausty went on to note that modifications to the pool fence location and planting plan have been recommended by Staff to lessen or eliminate a proposed wetlands encroachment, define and protect a natural buffer along the wetland, and fortify the buffer between the proposed drainage system and the pond.

In response to a question by Ms. Tessier, Liz Hand Frye responded that typically the pool would not be drained seasonally, and that any major maintenance activity necessitating the draining of the pool could be accomplished in accordance with current Health Department requirements/recommendations by discharging the untreated waters to one or more upland areas on the property that are distant to the wetlands and watercourses.

Extensive discussion ensued between Board Members and applicant concerning the location of the pool fence, the details of the demarcation feature, and the design of the revised planting plan.

Liz Hand Frye acknowledge the receipt of the Staff Agenda Summary Report and offered no objection to any the conclusions or recommendations.

Motion/Vote: Upon a motion by Ms. Ley, and seconded by Mr. Romas, the Board voted to **APPROVE** EPB Permit Application No. 2020-10 with the conditions outlined in the EPB Agenda Summary Report, dated September 11, 2020 modified to relocate the proposed fence outside of wetlands to the greatest extent feasible.

In Favor: Stone, Ley, Tessier, Kozlowski and Romas
Opposed: None
Abstaining: None
Not Voting: None

Dr. Shemitz arrived in advance of the presentation and discussion concerning EPB Permit Application No. 2020-15 at approximately 7:55PM.

#2020-15 – 50 Walter Lane - Lot 15 – J. Mallozzi, P.E. for M. Perez: To relocate and maintain sheds, construct a roofed structure, install a pool fence, and conduct related activities within close proximity to wetlands situated in the drinking water supply watershed of the Mianus River. The property is located along the south side of Walter Lane, approximately 600 feet west of Den Road, and is identified as Lot 15, Account 002-5712, Card S-004Z, Map 81, Block 374, Zone RA-1, and +43,560 square feet.

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Reference is made to EPB Staff Agenda Summary Report, dated September 13, 2020.

In Attendance: John Mallozzi, P.E.
Aleksandra Moch

Discussion: Staff Member Fausty summarized the application for the Board. She reported that the applicant is proposing to construct an in-ground pool, spa and fence, install drainage, relocate a shed, maintain a roofed structure, and conduct other related activities within close proximity to wetlands on the parcel.

The property, which is located along the south side of Walter Lane, approximately 600 feet west of Den Road, currently supports a single family dwelling, drive, septic, accessory buildings, and other related features. The parcel is characterized by the presence of gently sloping developed lands and a narrow extension of wetland that reaches into the property from the west. Ms. Fausty noted that the developed space, including substantial portion of the upland review area, have been historically maintained as manicured space.

Most of the proposed activities lie within the existing lawn areas with little or no grading or tree loss expected. Construction access and portions of the pool fence will be located within wetland setbacks. Two sheds will be removed from wetland setbacks and one shed will be relocated to the southeastern corner of the property outside of regulated areas. The applicant also requests permission to maintain a previously unpermitted encroachment associated with a roofed structure placed over a patio. According to the applicant, approximately 900 square feet of wetland setback is impacted by the proposed activities.

The applicant has sought to address identified concerns relating to water quality and drainage by providing detailed sediment and erosion control and drainage plans. The project engineer has certified the absence of impact on drainage or the adjoining properties, and Stamford Engineering Bureau Staff has confirmed the conclusions, study methods, and the design outlined in the submitted report/plans. Ms. Fausty noted that a planting plan submitted with this application provides enhancement of wetlands and setbacks by replacing a substantial portion of lawn with high value, native plantings.

Motion/Vote: Upon a motion by Ms. Ley and seconded Mr. by Romas, the Board voted to **APPROVE** EPB Permit Application No. 2020-15 with the conditions outlined in the EPB Agenda Summary Report, dated September 13, 2020.

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

Site Plan Review:

#3702-8 - Konandreas Drive – Lot 8 - Rocco V. D’Andrea, Inc. for C. Crocco: Environmental

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Protection Board Site Plan Review to allow the construction of a new single family dwelling, drive, drainage, utilities, and other related facilities pursuant to Planning Board (Subdivision Application) No. 3702. The subject property lies along the cul-de-sac of Konandreas Drive, approximately 855 feet east of Hunting Ridge Road, and is identified as Lot 8, List 004-2561, Card N-008Z, Block 392, Zone RA-1, Map 33, and +1.6152 Acres.

Reference is made to EPB Staff Agenda Summary Report, dated September 15, 2020.

In Attendance: Leonard D'Andrea, P.E., D'Andrea Surveying and Engineering, P.C.

Discussion: Ms. Tomaszewski summarized the application for the Board. She stated that the applicant proposes to construct a new single family dwelling, driveway, drainage, septic, and related facilities on the property. Development of the property is subject to and EPB Site Plan review pursuant to a condition of Planning Board (Subdivision) No. 3732.

The property, which lies along the cul-de-sac of Konandreas Drive, approximately 855 feet east of Hunting Ridge Road, is currently undeveloped and is characterized by the presence of gently to severely sloping uplands, designated wetlands, upland review areas of twenty-five (2) feet, and a conservation easement. The easement was established at the time of subdivision to protect wetlands, buffer, areas of slope and some woodland.

Ms. Tomaszewski reported that the development proposal, including in new single family dwelling, drive, drainage, subsurface sewage disposal system and other related features, generally mimics the development concept outlined at the time of subdivision, with all elements confined to uplands and outside of both regulated areas and the conservation easement. Setbacks of more than 100 feet to the easement boundary have been maintained. To mitigate for the anticipated increase in runoff resultant from the project, the applicant has designed a subsurface retention system. The project engineer has certified the absence of impact on drainage, soils and adjoining parcels, and the Stamford Engineering Bureau has verified both the conclusions of the drainage report and design. A detailed soil erosion and temporary and permanent sediment control plan has been provided to assist in the preservation of water quality and tree protection has been offered for the individual or groups of large trees of value adjoining the development. Perimeter stone walls have also been preserved per the terms of the subdivision approval to maintain the site's New England feel and provide cover for wildlife. Ms. Tomaszewski noted that the landscape architect has evaluated the conservation space and has determined that additional landscape enhancements were not warranted.

Leonard D'Andrea acknowledged the receipt of the Staff Agenda Summary Report and offered no objection to its conclusions or recommendations.

Motion/Vote: Upon a motion by Ms. Ley and seconded by Dr. Shemitz, the Board voted to **APPROVE** EPB Site Plan Review Application No. 3702-8 with the conditions outlined in the EPB Agenda Summary Report, revised September 15, 2020.

In Favor: Stone, Shemitz, Ley and Romas
Opposed: None
Abstaining: Tessier

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Not Voting: Kozlowski

Other Business:

#2020-01 – 212 Barclay Drive - Lot 20 – Anne G. Henderson: To construct a replacement septic system proximate to wetlands and watercourses situated in the non-drinking water supply watershed of the Rippowam River. The property lies along the west side of the cul-de-sac of Barclay Drive, and is identified as Lot 20, Account 001-1524, Card N-013, Map 74, Lock 375, Zone RA-1, and +1.00 Acre. The matter has been placed on the agenda to consider a proposed modification of permit to allow for an alternative watercourse crossing.

Reference is made to EPB Staff Agenda Summary Report, dated September 13, 2020.

In Attendance: R.J. Gallagher, P.E. R. J. Gallagher, Jr. and Associates
Anne Henderson
John Henderson

Discussion: Staff Member Fausty summarized the modification proposal for the Board. Ms. Fausty noted that the applicant requests consideration of a permit modification proposal to maintain a piped culvert crossing and relocate a force main in and proximate to a stream channel and wetlands. Under a permit issued in February 2020, a temporary stream crossing consisting of a pipe and wood planking was approved to allow for pertinent soil testing and the replacement of a failing septic system in the northern reaches of the property. The force main was expected to be attached to the underside of an existing wood, pedestrian bridge. Upon the completion of the project, the temporary crossing was expected to be removed. During the initial phase of implementation, and without a prior endorsement of the Board, the contractor altered the project by installing a pipe in the stream channel, constructing coarse head/end walls, and filling the contained space between the walls to create a more substantial crossing to support the excavator and other related machinery. It was further determined that the wood pedestrian bridge, upon its relocation, was unstable and would be unable to properly support the proposed force main. Modification of the permit is requested to maintain the “permanent” crossing and to allow for the burial of the sleeved force main within the filled crossing. The applicant claims that the alternative crossing provides necessary access to implement the septic replacement, serves as a permanent point of access should the system require replacement or repair, and affords better protection for the force main. A revised plan, culvert calculation, and planting/mitigation plan was submitted for consideration in July 2020. Ms. Fausty noted that the stream flows “seasonally” and was heavily impacted by sediments and overgrown vegetation. She recommended that any endorsement of the proposal be conditioned upon the removal of the remnant footbridge, hand removal of accumulated sediments, and submission of a revised planting plan to further mitigate impact and the disturbance associated with the culvert crossing.

Ms. Tessier voiced the opinion that the “after the fact” approval sets a bad precedent, that the proposed planting modifications were inadequate, and that the better alternative would be to remove the unpermitted culvert and restore the channel. Dr. Shemitz stated that she needed a better understanding of the impacts that would be caused if the culvert were removed and the original crossing concept re-employed. Ms. Ley expressed concern about the sizing of the culvert, the

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condition of head walls, end walls, and the potential for debris collection, clogging, and drainage impact if the structure were not regularly inspected and maintained.

Ms. Fausty stated that the Stamford Engineering Bureau Staff had reviewed the plans and reports, confirming the pipe's sizing and the absence of impact. In response, Ms. Tessier responded that the Engineer Bureau's endorsement was understandable, but the focus of her concerns were on the project's potential impact on the ecology of the wetlands and watercourses.

Mr. Gallagher noted that he was employed to develop the required septic replacement and crossing over the "man-made ditch." It was the original intent to create a temporary crossing consisting of a pipe and wood planking, and to hang the force main on the existing wood pedestrian bridge. But given the poor condition of the bridge and the limited stability of the temporary crossing during the test hole phase, it was determined that a more stable crossing would be necessary to implement the septic replacement, support the main, and provide a more permanent means of access for future maintenance and repair of both the system and property. He stated that the alternative crossing resulted in little or no "earthwork" in the channel. The pipe was limited by stone head and end walls and was "wrapped" in a construction fabric to both support the gravel travel way and prevent wash out.

Ms. Tessier questioned why these issues were not identified and evaluated during the prior permit discussions.

Mr. Henderson noted that the septic system remains in failure and that it is imperative that the construction move forward to beat the winter season and cure these important water quality/site livability concerns. He asserted that it seemed reasonable to maintain the alternative crossing as the means to remedy a tree fall or to allow for the future inspection and maintenance of the system.

Extensive discussion ensued between Board Members and the applicant on a variety of issues including the availability of alternative crossings, the character of the wetland, and the necessity of additional time to study the submitted modification documents and/or schedule site inspections.

Motion/Vote: Upon a motion by Ms. Ley and seconded by Ms. Tessier, the Board voted to **DEFER** Action on the proposed Modification EPB Permit Application No. 2020-01 to afford the EPB Members additional time to review project details and inspect as required.

In Favor: Stone, Shemitz, Ley, Tessier and Romas

Opposed: None

Abstaining: None

Not Voting: Kozlowski

#1120 – 371 Taconic Road – Lot 25 – T. Milone, P.E., Redniss and Mead, Inc. for V. and E.

Loganchuk: To install a new fence, stone wall and other related features in and/or proximate to wetlands situated in the drinking water supply watershed of the Mianus River. The subject property lies along the west side of Taconic Road, approximately 2300 feet north of Farms Road, and is identified as Lot 25, List 002-2397, Card W-3, Block 400, Zone RA-3, and +4.101 Acres (+0.487 Acres within the City of Stamford). The applicant seeks to extend the effective period for One (1)

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year.

Reference is made to EPB Staff Memo, dated September 15, 2020.

In Attendance: None

Discussion: Mr. Stone stated that, as reported in the EPB Staff Memo, that there were no reported violations on this property, that the permit was legally issued, and that conditions have not changed as to warrant a reevaluation. It was recommended that the Board approve the proposed extension request as proposed. The permit shall remain in full force and effect until September 23, 2021.

Motion/Vote: Upon a motion by Ms. Ley and seconded by Ms. Tessier, the Board voted to **APPROVE** the proposed extension of EPB Permit Application No. 1120 for a period of one (1) year. Accordingly, the permit remains in full force and effect until September 23, 2021.

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

Proposed Schedule for Regular EPB Meetings in 2021: Consideration of proposed dates for the Environmental Protection Board's 2021 Regular Meeting Schedule.

Reference is made to an EPB Staff Memo, undated.

In Attendance: None

Discussion: Mr. Talamelli presented the "Draft" Meeting Schedule for 2021. He stated that the document generally reflects a regular meeting schedule for the "Third Thursday" of each month. During its preparation, Staff sought to eliminate potential conflicts with school vacations, graduations, holidays and other important events. Mr. Talamelli reminded the members that the calendar includes an additional meeting during the month of January to consider budget matters, and no meeting during the month of August to consider traditional vacation schedules.

Members of the Board acknowledged the receipt of the schedule, and noted no exceptional conflicts that would preclude participation. The Board did recommend, however, that Staff's option for a meeting on September 23, 2021 be embraced to give consideration to those who may be celebrating the religious holidays.

Motion/Vote: Upon a motion by Dr. Shemitz and seconded by Ms. Tessier, the Board voted to **APPROVE** the proposed meeting schedule for 2021 as reported in the undated EPB Staff Memo, modified to hold the September meeting on September 23, 2021 in lieu of September 16, 2021 to consider the religious holidays.

In Favor: Stone, Shemitz, Ley, Tessier and Romas

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Opposed: None
Abstaining: None
Not Voting: Kozlowski

ADJOURN:

Adjourn the Regular Meeting of September 17, 2020:

Motion/Vote: There being no further business, and upon a motion by Ms. Tessier and seconded by Dr. Shemitz, the Board voted to **ADJOURN** the Regular Meeting of September 17, 2020.

In Favor: Stone, Shemitz, Tessier, Ley and Romas.
Opposed: None
Abstaining: None
Not Voting: Kozlowski

Meeting adjourned at 9:28 PM.

Gary H. Stone, Chairman
Environmental Protection Board

V1: November 4, 2020
V2: November 13, 2020