

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
INLAND WATERWAYS AND WETLANDS
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 26, 2015**

ATTENDANCE: Mel Riley, Acting Chair; Barbara Freddino, Acting Secretary; Tom Fedele, Carlos Moreno, Reggie Walker, Rosa J. Correa, Robert Morton

STAFF: Dennis Buckley, Zoning Official; Matthew Popp, Consultant; Atty. Ed Schmidt

CALL TO ORDER.

Commissioner Riley called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m. A quorum was present.

PUBLIC HEARING.

Applicant 2015-02 - by AECOM for an IWWA Permit to Undertake a Regulated Activity at 380 Horace Street.

Mr. Popp came forward and said that it was a 14 acre site and that fly ash fill from one area to another. He indicated where this was on an aerial photograph and site plan. The fly ash is in the wetlands and the area will be disturbed and restored to wetlands area.

Mr. Morton joined the meeting at 6:09 p.m.

The applicant's attorney came forward and submitted the green mailing cards. She said that the property owner and the senior environmentalist were present. The property was in the North End of Bridgeport and is bordered by the Bridgeport Transfer Station. The owner purchased the property in 2011 to serve as a headquarters for Columbia Elevator. The investigations confirmed that there were contaminants on the property from the 1950's through the 1970's due to an incinerator on the site.

The attorney said that the affected areas would have a modest excavation and removal of the contaminated material to the eastern portion of the site. She reviewed the DEEP standards involved.

Commissioner Freddino asked if the DEEP and the EPA had been contacted. The attorney stated that the DEEP and the EPA had been contacted about the issue but had not sent any documentation back as of yet. Mr. Popp confirmed the fact there was no documentation from the DEEP in the packet.

Commissioner Freddino asked what would be done with the fly ash. The attorney explained that it would be consolidated in one area. Mr. Malcolm Wheeler, an AECOM Engineer, came forward and said that the fly ash would be capped with soil.

A discussion followed regarding the details of the two locations.

Commissioner Morton asked if the fly ash would become airborne. He was told it would not.

Commissioner Freddino asked how far the new fly ash depository would be from the wetlands. She was told that it would be several hundred feet.

Mr. Wheeler then spoke about the status of the Federal and State applications and comments from those agencies.

Commissioner Correa asked if there were any comments in the Federal and State applications that were the same as the questions asked by the Commissioners. Mr. Wheeler said that the comments had to do with erosion control and other technical aspects. When the original purchase had been negotiated, many of the original details were settled. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Freddino asked about the proposed plan for the solar panels that will be installed in the future. Mr. Popp pointed out that this was not part of the application. Commissioner Freddino replied that she was concerned it would disturb the underlying area of fly ash. She was told that the panels would rest on top of the soil and not be deeply anchored in.

Mr. Popp said that he was recommending three conditions for the application.

Commissioner Riley asked if there was anyone present who wished to speak in favor of the application. No one came forward. Commissioner Riley asked if there was anyone present who wished to speak against the application. Hearing none, Commissioner Riley closed the hearing on 380 Horace Street.

OTHER BUSINESS.

IWWA Permit #2005-02 Greenwood and Hart Street - Renewal

Mr. Popp said that the group had submitted a renewal in a timely manner.

Commissioner Riley closed the Public Hearing portion of the meeting at 6:26 p.m.

- **Application #2015-02 - 3880 Horace Street.**

**** COMMISSIONER MORTON MOVED TO APPROVE APPLICANT 2015-02 - BY AECOM FOR AN INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERWAYS PERMIT TO UNDERTAKE A REGULATED ACTIVITY AT 380 HORACE STREET WITH THE THREE CONDITIONS AS INDICATED BY MR. POPP.
** COMMISSIONER WALKER SECONDED.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

• IWWA Permit #2005-02 Greenwood and Hart Street - Renewal

**** COMMISSIONER CORREA MOVED TO RENEW INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERWAYS PERMIT #2005-02 GREENWOOD AND HART STREET.
** COMMISSIONER WALKER SECONDED.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

MINUTES.

April 2015

**** COMMISSIONER FEDELE MOVED THE MINUTES OF APRIL 2015.
** COMMISSIONER MORENO SECONDED.
** THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF APRIL 2015 AS SUBMITTED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ADJOURNMENT.

**** COMMISSIONER FEDELE MOVED TO ADJOURN.
** COMMISSIONER MORENO SECONDED.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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