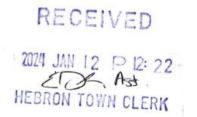
## CONSERVATION COMMISSION AGENDA SPECIAL MEETING (VIRTUAL) Thursday, January 18, 2024, 7:30 P.M.

Town Office Building, 15 Gilead Street, Hebron, CT



#### **SPECIAL MEETING (VIRTUAL)**

#### **Conservation Commission**

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- I. Call to Order/Roll Call
  - A. Seating of Alternate
- II. Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting – December 14, 2023 and Special Meeting – January 6, 2024
- III. Additions to the Agenda
- IV. Recognition of Guests: Opportunity for citizens to briefly address the Commission on non-agenda items.
- V. **Violations**
- VI. **Pending Applications** 
  - A. Petition 2023-04: Church Street, Map 12, Lot 18, Zone NC into 3 lots & Zone R-1 into 2 lots, Roderic A. McCorrison, 5-Lot Subdivision
- VII. **New Applications** 
  - A. Petition 2024-01: 30 Pendleton Drive, 42 Pendleton Drive, 22 Main Street, and 28 Main Street, Town of Hebron, Construction of a pedestrian bridge and trail and associated site improvements
- VIII. Wetlands Agent Approvals / Compliance Updates
- IX. <u>Pre-applications</u> – None

#### **CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

## AGENDA (cont.)

#### **SPECIAL MEETING (VIRTUAL)**

## Thursday, January 18, 2023, 7:30 P.M. Town Office Building, 15 Gilead Street, Hebron, CT

#### X. New Business

### XI. Other Pertinent Business

A. Schedule of Meetings for 2024, as amended

### XII. <u>Correspondence</u>

- 1. Notice of Cancellation of January 11, 2024 meeting
- 2. Notice of Public Hearing for January 18, 2024
- 3. Email from CAWS to J. Cordier, dated January 9, 2024, regarding the 2024 CT Association of Wetland Scientists Annual Meeting

## XIII. Liaison Reports

- A. Open Space Land Acquisition Committee
- B. Salmon River Watershed Partnership
- C. Hebron Trail Rangers

## XIV. Adjournment

Next Regular Meeting – February 8, 2024 (Virtual)

JC/dmg

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING HEBRON CONSERVATION COMMISSION HEBRON, CT



Pursuant to Section 9 of the Inland Wetlands and Watercourse Regulations of the Town of Hebron, the Conservation Commission has scheduled a Public Hearing on the following application:

<u>Petition 2023-04</u>, Roderic A. McCorrison, 5-Lot Subdivision, Church Street, Map 12, Lot 18, Zone NC into 3 lots and Zone R-1 into 2 lots

The hearing will be held Thursday, January 18, 2024 at 7:30 P.M., at a virtual meeting.

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Dated at Hebron, CT this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of January 2024.

James P. Cordier, Wetlands Agent for Tom Loto, Chairman, Hebron Conservation Commission

For publication in the Rivereast News Bulletin on Friday, January 5, 2024 and Friday, January 12, 2024.

/dmg

## TOWN OF HEBRON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Regular Meeting (Virtual) Thursday, December 14, 2023 - 7:30 PM RECSIVED

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#### **MINUTES**

#### I. Call to Order/Roll Call

Chair Tom Loto called the meeting to order at 7:39 p.m.

Members Present: Tom Loto (Chair), Dan Seremet, Joanna Chester

Members Absent: Christopher Frey, Jasmin Okugic

**Staff Present:** Matthew Bordeaux (Town Planner)

Guests: Mac McCorrison, Mark Reynolds

II. Approval of Minutes – November 16, 2023 (Special Meeting)

Motion by D. Seremet and seconded by J. Chester to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

III. Additions to the Agenda

None.

IV. Recognition of Guests

None.

#### V. Violations

None.

#### VI. New Applications

A. <u>Petition 23-04:</u> Church St, Map 12, Lot 18, Zone NC into 3 lots & Zone R-1 into 2 lots, Roderic A. McCorrison, 5-Lot Subdivision

M. McCorrison stated that he is representing the Ellenbergs, and introduced his engineer, M. Reynolds, who gave an overview of the parcel's location, composition, and current zoning. The proposed 5-lot subdivision would create two residential parcels and three commercial parcels. There are no specific site plans for the divided parcels at this time, and no anticipated wetland disturbance. M. Reynolds indicated a potential upland review area of about 1.2 acres that may be seen in future applications. M. Bordeaux reported the Planning and Zoning Commission received the application earlier in the week, and will await the Conservation Commission's review and recommendation before holding a public hearing on the application. There was discussion on potential conservation easements, and impacts to Open Space fees in lieu. There is a large area of wetlands in the parcel, with any future applications

# TOWN OF HEBRON CONSERVATION COMMISSION Regular Meeting (Virtual)

Regular Meeting (Virtual)
Thursday, December 14, 2023 - 7:30 PM



HEBRON TOWN CLERK

likely to require the Commission's review due to proximity to a regulated area. It was noted there are no DEEP-identified threatened species within the area. Subdivision regulations require Conservation Commission review whenever wetlands are included. M. Bordeaux hesitated to advise prior to town staff's review of the application. M. Reynolds stated the application is requesting a positive referral to Planning and Zoning, with the understanding that future development plans of the subdivided parcels would require permits and further Commission review. There was discussion on stormwater management and site topography. The Commission then debated holding their own public hearing prior to issuing a recommendation.

Motion by D. Seremet and seconded by J. Chester to recommend for Petition 23-04, Church St 5-lot subdivision, to recommend to hold a Public Hearing, per Section 9.1 of the Hebron Wetland Regulations, because the Commission deems it in the public interest. The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

It was agreed to reschedule January's meeting for the 18<sup>th</sup>, with the Public Hearing held immediately beforehand. The Commission will schedule a site visit prior.

## VII. Pending Applications

None.

## VIII. Wetlands Agent Approvals/Compliance Updates

None.

## IX. Pre-Applications

None.

#### X. New Business

None.

#### **XI. Other Pertinent Business**

#### A. Schedule of Meetings for 2024

Proposed meeting dates, included in the agenda:

January 11, 2024 February 8

March 14

April 11

May 9

June 13

July 11

August 8

September 12

October 10 - NOV 14

December 12

January 9, 2025

## TOWN OF HEBRON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Regular Meeting (Virtual) Thursday, December 14, 2023 - 7:30 PM RECEIVED

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Motion by J. Chester and seconded by D. Seremet to approve the Conservation Commission scheduled meetings as amended, with January 18<sup>th</sup> instead of the 11<sup>th</sup>. The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

B. Proposed Land Swap with Savy Bros LLC (594 Church St) and Town of Hebron (Parcel #10-10)

M. Bordeaux reviewed a proposal to exchange roughly 4 acres of Town-owned land with approximately 8 acres owned by Savy and Sons located at 594 Church St. The company indicated it intends to use the acquired land for covered-bay equipment storage, with commercial development along Church Street in unlikely. A Special Town Meeting is required to execute a land swap. Commission members generally supported the idea, noting the larger parcel potentially received by the Town would provide a buffer from development along the Air Line Trail.

## XII. Correspondence

None.

#### XIII. Liaison Reports

- A. Open Space Land Acquisition Committee no report.
- B. Salmon River Watershed Partnership no report.
- C. Hebron Trail Rangers
  - J. Chester reported a walk on the Air Line Trail along the Bernstein property was well-attended.

## XIV. Adjournment

Chair T. Loto adjourned the meeting at 9:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Hannah Walcott (Board Clerk)

#### **CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

#### **MINUTES**

#### **SPECIAL MEETING**

Saturday, January 6, 2024, 10:00 A.M.

Vicinity; Junction of Church Street and Old Colchester Road, Hebron, CT, aka Lot 18 Map 12, Zone NC, for proposed Ellenberg Residential and Commercial Subdivision

### **MINUTES**

Members present: Tom Loto, Chris Frey, Dan Seremet

Staff Present: Jim Cordier

Guests and Members of the Public: None

Call to Order/Roll Call- The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tom Loto at 10:05 a.m.

I. Site-Walk: At the invitation of the applicant for Petition 2023-04, a self-guided site-walk of a 26.9-acre parcel was conducted by members of the Conservation and Inland Wetlands Commission. There, the topographical, wetlands, upland review area and drainage characteristics of the property were observed.

#### П. Adjournment:

MOTION TO ADJOURN the January 6, 2024 Special Meeting at 11:15 a.m.

Motion by: Chris Frey

Seconded by: Dan Seremet

Result: 3-0

Next Public Hearing and Regular Meeting – January 18, 2024 (Virtual)

Respectfully Submitted,

Dan Seremet, Commission Secretary

DS/jc

#### **APPLICATION**

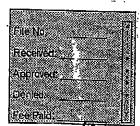
Inland Wetlands and

Watercourses Permit

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION** TOWN OF HEBRON 15 Gilead Street Hebron, CT 06248 (860) 228-5971

fax: (860)228-5980





S	ite Location <u>Church</u>	street	Assessors Map <u>/</u> 2	_ Lot <u>/8</u>	Zone Na R-		
S	treet Address	Total Parcel Acres	age 26.98 Total Area	of Wetlands Disturb	ance <u>-0</u> ~		
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A	oplicant RODERIC A.M	«Corrison»	Telephone (H)  Mailing Address	918-2622			
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Th	e undersigned hereby applies offirms that:	or an Inland Wetland and	Watercourses permit for t	he property describ	ed herein and		
	He is familiar with the current	ly effective Inland Wetlan	ds and Watercourses Reg	julations, Town of I	lebron.		
2)	The statements and representation contained herein and in all supporting documents are true to the best of his knowledge.						
3)	By making this application, he gives his permission to the Conservation Commission or its representative to enter the portions of the applicant's premises which are the subject of this application for the purpose of inspection and investigation and otherwise evaluating the merits of the application.						
Sign	nature of Owner (s)	Signature of A	gent/Lessee	Signature	of Applicant		
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NOTICE: This application shall be in compliance with Section 7 of the Hebron Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations and accompanied by the required fee, assessors field card, 12 copies of a certified plot plan bearing the raised seal of the Engineer and Surveyor licensed in the State of Connecticut, evidence of good standing with the Tax Collector's office and other materials as may be required by the Town of Hebron Zoning Regulations and or building code, names and addresses of all property owners within 200 feet of the boundaries of the subject parcel keyed to a map defineating a 200 foot radius around the subject site, the limits of clearing, location of adjacent wells, septic systems, ponds, wetlands, watercourses and/or other information as may be required by policies of the Conservation Commission.



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Please complete - <u>print clearly</u> - and mail this form in accordance with the instructions on pages 2 and 3 to: Wetlands Management Section, inland Water Resources Division, CT DEEP, 79 Elm Street - 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Hartford, CT 06106

	PART I: To Be Completed By the Municipal Inland Wetlands Agency Only						
1.	DATE ACTION WAS TAKEN (enter one year and month): Year Month						
2.	ACTION TAKEN (enter one code letter):						
3.	WAS A PUBLIC HEARING HELD (check one)? Yes No						
4.	NAME OF AGENCY OFFICIAL VERIFYING AND COMPLETING THIS FORM:						
	(type name) (signature)						
	PART II: To Be Completed By the Municipal Inland Wetlands Agency or the Applicant						
5.	TOWN IN WHICH THE ACTION IS OCCURRING (type name): HEBRON						
	Does this project cross municipal boundaries (check one)? Yes No						
	If Yes, list the other town(s) in which the action is occurring (type name(s)):						
6,	LOCATION (see directions for website information): USGS Quad Map Name: or Quad Number: or Quad Number:						
	Subregional Drainage Basin Number: 4705						
7.	NAME OF APPLICANT, VIOLATOR OR PETITIONER (type name): Rodene Me Courson						
8.	NAME & ADDRESS/LOCATION OF PROJECT SITE (type information): Church Street						
	Briefly describe the action/project/activity (check and type information): Temporary Permanent						
	Description: 5uBpiviSioN						
9.	ACTIVITY PURPOSE CODE (enter one code letter):						
10.	ACTIVITY TYPE CODE(S) (enter up to four code numbers): 12						
11.	WETLAND / WATERCOURSE AREA ALTERED (type in acres or linear feet as Indicated):						
	Wetlands: $\phi$ acres Open Water Body: $\phi$ acres Stream: $\phi$ linear feet						
12.	UPLAND AREA ALTERED (type in acres as indicated): 116 acres						
13.	AREA OF WETLANDS / WATERCOURSES RESTORED, ENHANCED OR CREATED (type in acres as Indicated): acres						
DAT	TE RECEIVED: PART III: To Be Completed By the DEEP DATE RETURNED TO DEEP:						
FOF	RM COMPLETED: YES NO FORM CORRECTED / COMPLETED: YES NO						

#### **James Cordier**

From:

Matthew Bordeaux

Sent:

Thursday, January 11, 2024 5:35 PM

To:

James Cordier; Donna Godbout Fw: Ellenberg Subd Revised Plans

Subject: Attachments:

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From: Mark Reynolds <markreynoldsengineer@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, January 11, 2024 5:17 PM

To: Matthew Bordeaux <mbordeaux@hebronct.com>
Cc: Thomas H. Fenton, P.E. <tfenton@nlja.com>
Subject: Re: Ellenberg Subd Revised Plans

Hi Matt,

Thank you for reaching out.

The plan revisions are done. (attached)

I am finishing a short Storm Water report now. I could submit it tomorrow.

My hope is that Tom could review it. The changes are small and pretty generic.

#### Mark Reynolds

Professional Engineer

### Reynolds Engineering Services, LLC

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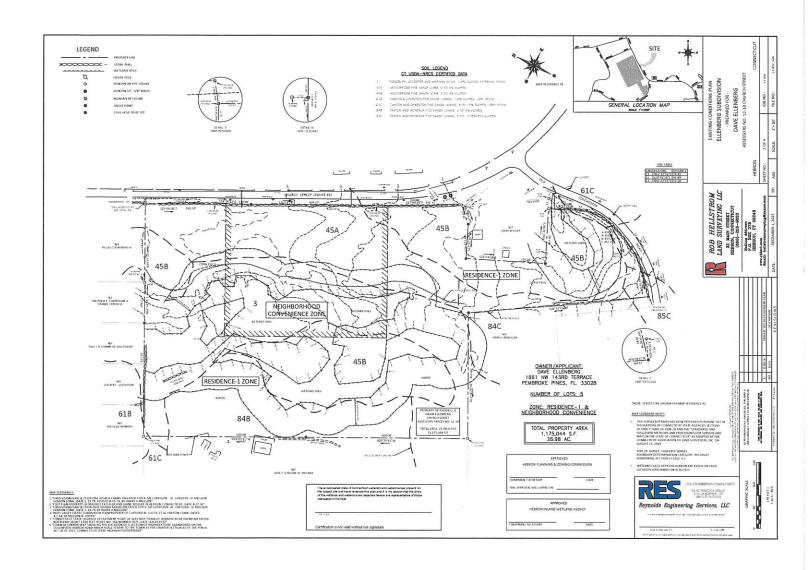
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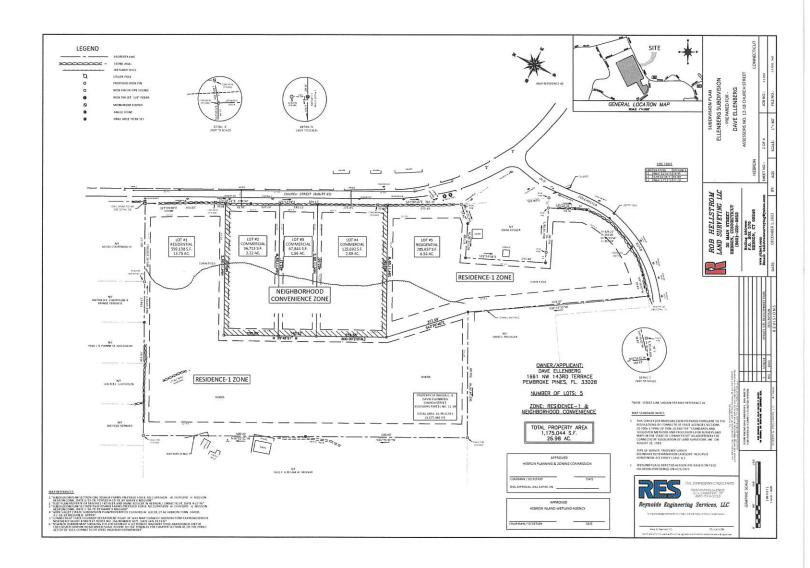
I know you've been communicating with Tom Fenton and appear to be making progress with revised plans. Do you have a submittal date in mind? I just want to know how to advise the Conservation Commission on their Public Hearing...whether to recommend they postpone opening it, or to open it and take a first look at revised info assuming they'll keep it open while staff reviews the plans

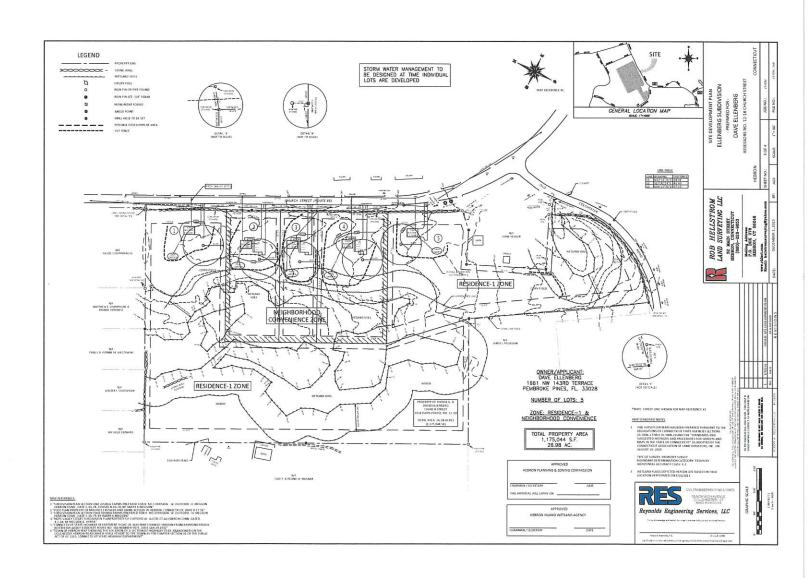
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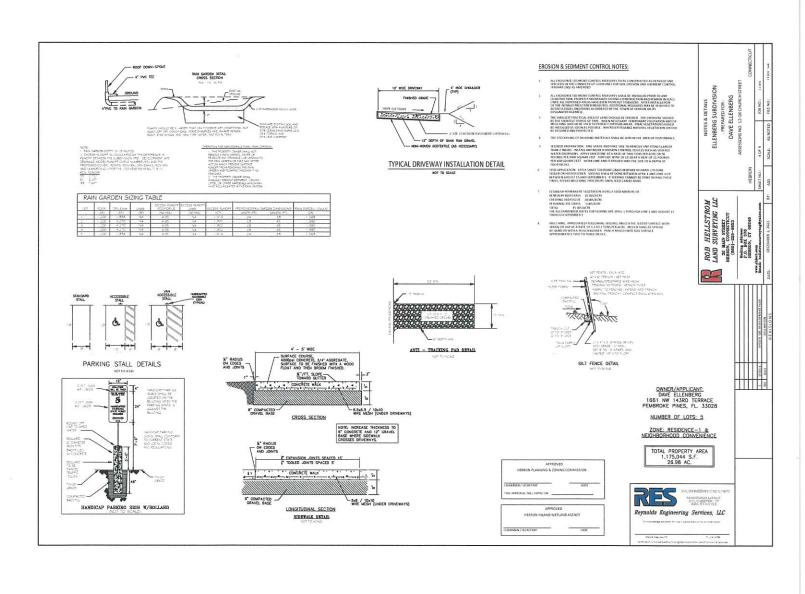
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Hebron, CT December 01, 2023

#### Subject Property:

Parcel Number: 12-18 CAMA Number:

12-18

Property Address: OLD COLCHESTER RD

Mailing Address: ELLENBERG RHODA G TRUSTEE C/O

DAVID ELLENBERG

**1661 NW 143RD TERRACE** PEMBROKE PINES, FL 33028

Abutters:

Parcel Number: CAMA Number:

11-10 11-10

Property Address: 320 CHURCH ST

Mailing Address: STENNETT ZACHARY

320 CHURCH ST

**AMSTON, CT 06231** 

Parcel Number: CAMA Number:

11-11.1

11-11.1

Property Address: 330 CHURCH ST

Mailing Address: CHRIST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN

CHURCH

330 CHURCH ST

AMSTON, CT 062311406

Parcel Number:

CAMA Number:

11-11.2

Property Address: 33 OLD COLCHESTER RD

Mailing Address: BOLTON GROUP HOME INC

CONNECTICUT INSTITUTE FOR THE

**BLIND INC** 

120 HOLCOMB ST

HARTFORD, CT 061120000

Parcel Number: 11-11.3

11-11.3

CAMA Number: Property Address: 37 OLD COLCHESTER RD

Mailing Address: INFERRERA IAN

37 OLD COLCHESTER RD

AMSTON, CT 062311320

Parcel Number:

11-18.15

CAMA Number: 11-18.15

Property Address: 38 OLD COLCHESTER RD

Mailing Address: BERRY ROBERT & COOKE ROBYNE

38 OLD COLCHESTER RD

AMSTON, CT 062311319

Parcel Number:

11-18.16

CAMA Number:

11-18,16

Property Address: 34 OLD COLCHESTER RD

Mailing Address: MULLIGAN JAMES J

34 OLD COLCHESTER RD AMSTON, CT 062311319

Parcel Number:

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Mailing Address: HEBRON TOWN OF

CAMA Number:

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15 GILEAD ST

Property Address: OLD COLCHESTER RD

HEBRON, CT 062481501

Parcel Number:

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Mailing Address: GRANO CLINT

CAMA Number: Property Address: 243 CHURCH ST

12-12

243 CHURCH ST AMSTON, CT 062311403

Mailing Address: CHERRY LOREAN

Parcel Number:

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259 CHURCH ST

CAMA Number: Property Address: 259 CHURCH ST

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AMSTON, CT 062311403

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Mailing Address: GREEN WILLIE & GRADINE

257 CHURCH ST

Parcel Number: 12-13.1 CAMA Number:

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Property Address: 257 CHURCH ST

AMSTON, CT 062311403



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Property Address: 277 CHURCH ST COLCHESTER, CT 064150175

Parcel Number: 12-15 Mailing Address: WILD BILLS SURPLUS INC

CAMA Number: 12-15 295 CHURCH ST

Property Address: 295 CHURCH ST AMSTON, CT 06231

Parcel Number: 12-15.1 Mailing Address: TSAKIRIS REALTY LLC GEORGIAS

CAMA Number: 12-15.1 RESTAURANT & PIZZA Property Address: 291 CHURCH ST 291 CHURCH ST

AMSTON, CT 062311403

Parcel Number: 12-18.77 Mailing Address: MOLNAR DALE P & REGINA W

CAMA Number: 12-18.77 162 CANNON DR

Property Address: 162 CANNON DR AMSTON, CT 062310155

Parcel Number: 12-18A Mailing Address: KESSLER DIANE CAMA Number: 12-18A 635 HICKSVILLE RD

Property Address: 4 OLD COLCHESTER RD **FAR ROCKAWAY, NY 116910000** 

Parcel Number: Mailing Address: COURTEMANCHE NICOLE 12-19

CAMA Number: 12-19 250 CHURCH ST Property Address: 250 CHURCH ST AMSTON, CT 06231

Parcel Number: 12-37 Mailing Address: CHAMPAGNE MATTHEW F & BRANDE

CAMA Number: 12-37 **VERONESE** 

Property Address: 15 BRENNAN RD 15 BRENNAN RD AMSTON, CT 062311305

Parcel Number: 12-38 Mailing Address: WILCZAWSKI PAUL J & YVONNE M

CAMA Number: 12-38 21 BRENNAN RD

Property Address: 21 BRENNAN RD AMSTON, CT 062311305

Parcel Number: 12-39 CAMA Number: 12-39 Mailing Address: GUSTAFSON WALTER F

27 BRENNAN RD Property Address: 27 BRENNAN RD AMSTON, CT 06231

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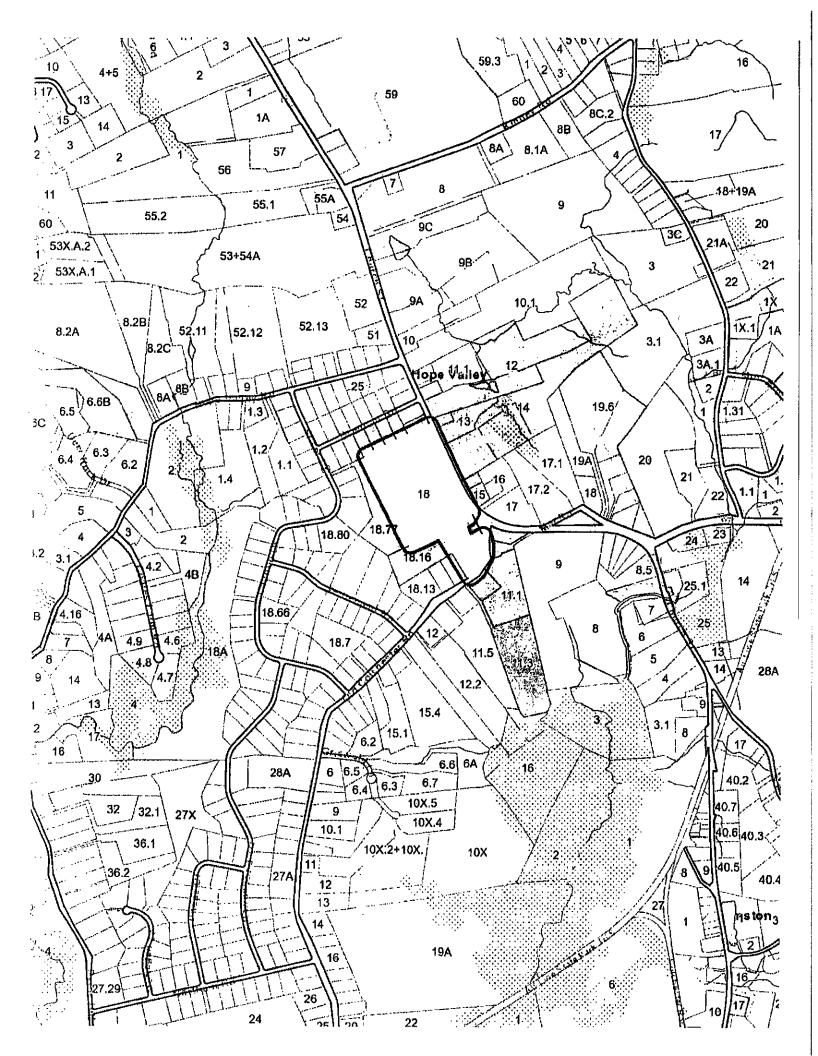
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41 BRENNAN RD

Property Address: 41 BRENNAN RD AMSTON, CT 062311305





November 30, 2023

David Ellenberg 1661 NW 143<sup>rd</sup> Terrace Pembroke, FL 33028

Re:

**ENGINEERING CONSIDERATIONS** 

Ellenberg Subdivision Church Street Hebron, CT Project No. 23-092

Mr. Ellenberg,

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Water service will be by individual wells.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (860) 516-0033.

Sincerely,

Mark A. Reynolds, P.E. CT #19789

## REYNOLDS ENGINEERING SERVICES, LLC 63 NORWICH AVENUE, STE 202 – COLCHESTER, CT 06415

Office: 860-516-0033 - Email: markreynoldsengineer@gmail.com

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## Ian T. Cole, LLC

Professional Registered Soil Scientist / Professional Wetland Scientist
PO BOX 619
Middletown, CT 06457
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April 9, 2023

Mr. Mark Reynolds P.E. Reynolds Engineering Services LLC 63 Norwich Avenue Suite 202 Colchester, CT 06415

RE: WETLAND & WATERCOURSE SURVEY REPORT: 18 Church Street (AKA RTE 85) & Old Colchester Road, MBL: 12-18, Hebron, Connecticut.

Dear Mr. Reynolds:

At Reynolds Engineering Services LLC's request, I completed a field survey of the jurisdictional freshwater inland wetland and watercourses boundaries at the above referenced property.

#### WETLAND DELINEATION METHODOLOGY

The wetland delineation was completed in accordance with the standards of the Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS) National Cooperative Soil Survey and the definitions of inland wetlands and watercourses as found in the Connecticut General Statutes, Chapter 440, Sections 22a-36 through 22a-45 as amended. Wetlands, as defined by the Statute, are those soil types designated as poorly drained, very poorly drained, floodplain or alluvial in accordance with the NRCS National Cooperative Soil Survey. Such areas may also include disturbed areas that have been filled, graded, or excavated and which possess an aquic (saturated) soil moisture regime.

Watercourses means rivers, streams, brooks, waterways, lakes, ponds, marshes, swamps, bogs, and all other bodies of water, natural or artificial, vernal, or intermittent, public, or private, which are contained within, flow through or border upon the Town of Hebron or any portion thereof not regulated pursuant to sections 22a-28 through 22a-35, inclusive, of the Connecticut General Statutes. Intermittent watercourses are defined permanent channel and bank and the occurrence of two or more of the following characteristics: (a) evidence of scour or deposits of recent alluvium or detritus, (b) the presence of standing

or flowing water for duration longer than a particular storm incident, and (c) the presence of hydrophytic vegetation.

#### WETLAND SURVEY RESULTS

The wetland survey was completed on April 6 & 7, 2023. The on-site wetland delineation examined the upper 20" of the soil profile for the presence of hydric soil conditions. Those areas meeting the wetland criteria noted above were marked in the field with sequentially numbered pink and blue wetland flagging labeled 1 through 121, 1A to 16A and 1B to 19B. The approximate wetland boundaries and corresponding flag series is illustrated in the attached sketch.

The 26.59 +/- acre vacant residentially zoned property is a mosaic of habitat types including 9 +/- acres of agricultrual fields concentrated along the Church Street road frontage. The remaining balance of land is predominately a forested landscape that historically was extensively farmed before being revegetated with the present forested community. It is guesstimated that approximately 40% of the forested area is a complexly configured interconnected forested wetland system that drains north towards Brennen Road.

Additionally, an isolated half-acre wet meadow occupies the grassy open field in the southeastern corner of the property. The wet meadow drains to a culvert at the shoulder of Old Colchester Road, proximal to the intersection of Church Street.

Generally, the wetland boundary is very well-defined confined to the extremely stony ground conditions that characterize the wetland floor. The overall wetland community exhibits classic Red Maple swamp vegetation. The wetland shrub community association includes:

Trees: Red Maple, hemlock, yellow birch, swamp white oak, shagbark hickory, and ash.

Shrubs: Highbush blueberry, spicebush, Japanese barberry, multiflora rose, winterberry, honeysuckle, silky dogwood, and Asiatic bittersweet.

Herbaceous: Tussock sedge, soft rush, sphagnum moss, stout wood reed, sensitive fern, royal fern, interrupted fern, cinnamon fern, skunk cabbage, false hellebore, jack-in-pulpit, jewelweed, goldenrod, fringe sedge, swamp dewberry and meadow rue.

The above is not an exhaustive list, but a sample of commonly encountered vegetation that characterizes the on-site wetland community. Representative photos of the site are attached below.

#### **SOIL SURVEY**

The soils identified on-site are a refinement of the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Websoil Soil Survey. The on-site soils originated in dense glacial till parent material. Roughly the eastern half of the property is a tilled agricultural field (cornfield)

#### Wetland Soils

The wetlands soils are classified as (3) Ridgebury, Leicester, and Whitman fine sandy loams. The poorly drained soils along the wetland boundary belong to the Ridgebury and Leicester soil series. Ridgebury and Leicester soils are found within drainageways and depressions on glacial till landscapes. Ridgebury and Leicester soils have a seasonal high-water table at a depth of about 6 inches. Very poorly drained Whitman soils are found in the lowest lying areas within the interior of the wetlands where the water table is at the surface thought most of the growing season.

A typical soil profile along the wetland boundary consists of approximately 2"-0" of intermediately decomposed organic material (Oi), followed by 0"-6" of a thick dark topsoil horizon (A), underlain by 6-18" of a wet weakly developed grayish subsoil horizon (Bg) with common redoximorphic features (Common medium distinct strong brown mottles, masses) ranging from fine sandy loam to very fine sandy loam. This subsoil is underlain by a saturated sandy loam to fine sandy loam gray substratum (2Cg).

#### **Upland Soils**

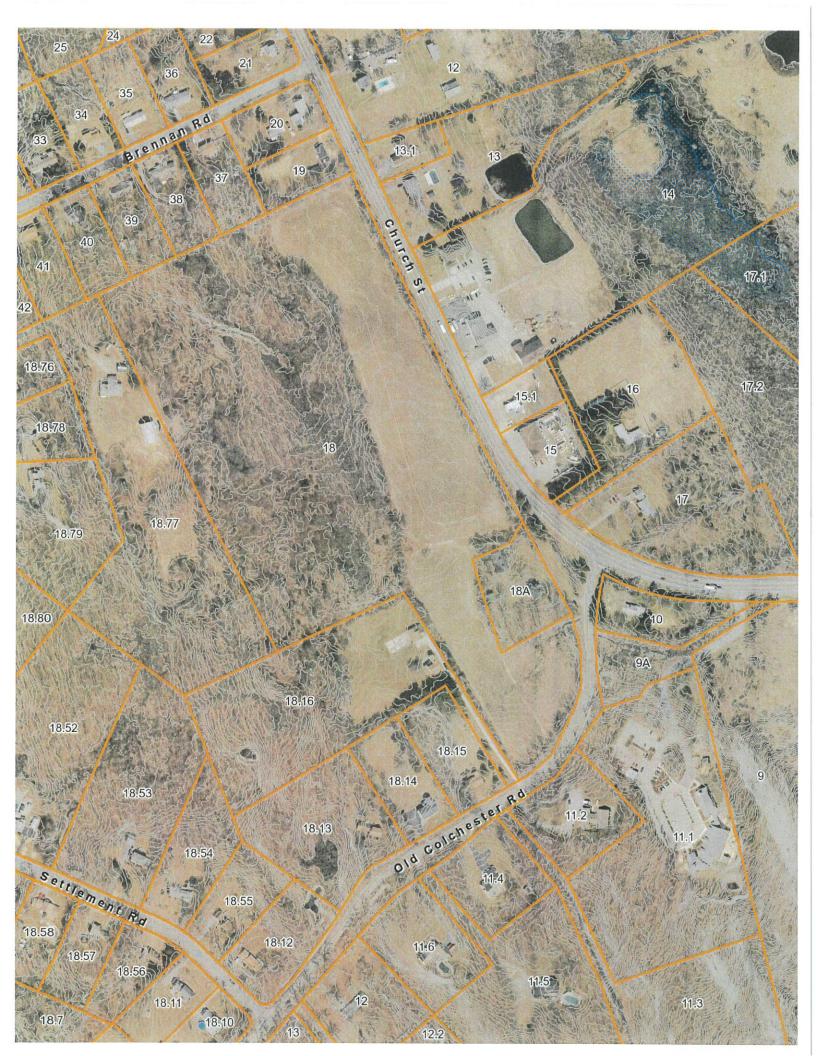
The majority of the upland soils on the property are classified as belonging to the Woodbridge soil series. These moderately well-drained soils range from sandy loam to very fine sandy loam. A high seasonal water table can be a limiting factor for development in Woodbridge soils. A notable band of well-drained Canton and Charlton fine sandy loams extends along the westerly limits of the property in a north to south orientation. Inclusions of Hollis-Chatfield soils are mapped in the southern limits of the property. Hollis-Chatfield soil complexes are typically associated with shallow depth to ledge.

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me at <a href="mailto:itcole@gmail.com">itcole@gmail.com</a> or (860) 514-5642

Sincerely,

Ian T. Cole

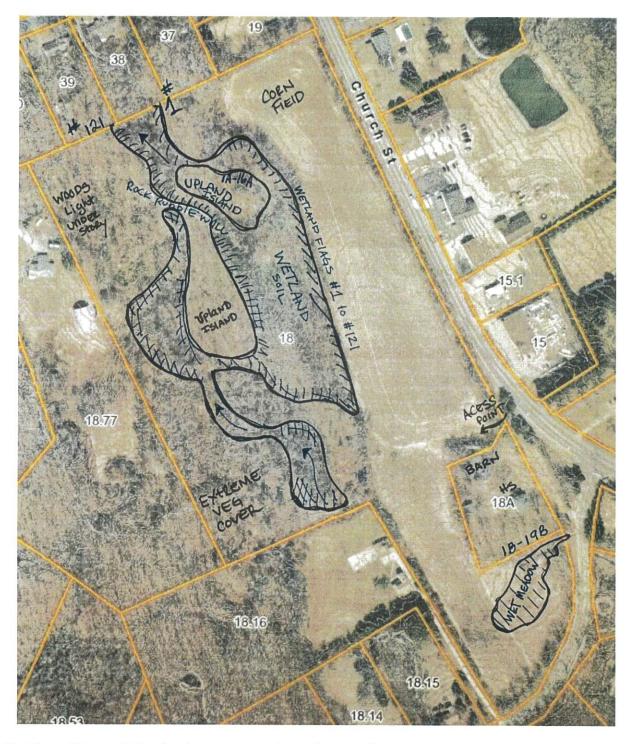
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## **WETLAND SKETCH**

## LOT 18 - CHURCH STREET aka. RTE 85

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Disclaimer: This map is for planning purposes only. Verification of its accuracy, currency and completeness is the responsibility of the reader's own independent research. All inland wetland and watercourse boundaries are subject to refinement once traditionally field located by a Licensed Land Surveyor and formally adopted by the Town. Ian Cole LLC shall not be held liable for any loss, damages or claims made in relation to anyone referring to this map.



#### Soil Map-State of Connecticut (HEBRON)

#### MAP LEGEND MAP INFORMATION The soil surveys that comprise your AOI were mapped at 1:12,000. Area of Interest (AOI) 3 Spoil Area Area of Interest (AOI) Stony Spot â Soils Warning: Soil Map may not be valid at this scale. 0 Very Stony Spot Soil Map Unit Polygons Enlargement of maps beyond the scale of mapping can cause ŵ Wet Spot Soil Map Unit Lines misunderstanding of the detail of mapping and accuracy of soil Other Δ line placement. The maps do not show the small areas of Soil Map Unit Points 18 contrasting soils that could have been shown at a more detailed .. Special Line Features scale. Special Point Features Water Features (9) Blowout Please rely on the bar scale on each map sheet for map Streams and Canals X measurements. Transportation × Clay Spot Source of Map: Natural Resources Conservation Service Rails Web Soil Survey URL: Coordinate System: Web Mercator (EPSG:3857) 0 Closed Depression Interstate Highways Gravel Pit × US Routes Maps from the Web Soil Survey are based on the Web Mercator Gravelly Spot projection, which preserves direction and shape but distorts Major Roads distance and area. A projection that preserves area, such as the Landfill 0 Local Roads Albers equal-area conic projection, should be used if more accurate calculations of distance or area are required. A Background This product is generated from the USDA-NRCS certified data as Aerial Photography Marsh or swamp of the version date(s) listed below. Mine or Quarry 2 Soil Survey Area: State of Connecticut Miscellaneous Water (3) Survey Area Data: Version 22, Sep 12, 2022 Perennial Water 0 Soil map units are labeled (as space allows) for map scales 1:50,000 or larger. Rock Outcrop Date(s) aerial images were photographed: Jun 14, 2022—Oct 6, Saline Spot Sandy Spot The orthophoto or other base map on which the soil lines were Severely Eroded Spot compiled and digitized probably differs from the background = imagery displayed on these maps. As a result, some minor Sinkhole shifting of map unit boundaries may be evident. Slide or Slip Sodic Spot

## **Map Unit Legend**

Map Unit Symbol	Map Unit Name	Acres in AOI	Percent of AOI
3	Ridgebury, Leicester, and Whitman soils, 0 to 8 percent slopes, extremely stony	15.9	24.6%
45A	Woodbridge fine sandy loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes	8.6	13.4%
45B	Woodbridge fine sandy loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes	13.7	21.3%
60B	Canton and Charlton fine sandy loams, 3 to 8 percent slopes	0.0	0.0%
61B	Canton and Charlton fine sandy loams, 0 to 8 percent slopes, very stony		7.2%
61C	Canton and Charlton fine sandy loams, 8 to 15 percent slopes, very stony	5.1	7.9%
73C	Charlton-Chatfield complex, 0 to 15 percent slopes, very rocky	0.0	0.1%
75C	Hollis-Chatfield-Rock outcrop complex, 3 to 15 percent slopes	0.7	1.1%
75E	Hollis-Chatfield-Rock outcrop complex, 15 to 45 percent stopes	0.0	0.0%
84B	Paxton and Montauk fine sandy loams, 3 to 8 percent slopes	7.8	12.1%
84C	Paxton and Montauk fine sandy loams, 8 to 15 percent slopes	3.5	5.4%
85C	Paxton and Montauk fine sandy loams, 8 to 15 percent slopes, very stony	4.4	6.8%
Totals for Area of Interest		64.5	100.0%

## WETLAND SURVEY

## SITE PHOTOS

Lot 18 CHURCH STREET (AKA RTE 85)

&

**OLD COLCHESTER ROAD** 

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Photo 1: Example of the typical conditions of the main forested wetland system.



Photo 2: Example of the general wetland conditions encountered on the property.



Photo 3: Example of the seasonal flooded wetlands.



Photo 4: Example of the wetland conditions embedded in the autumn olive grove in the SW corner of the property.

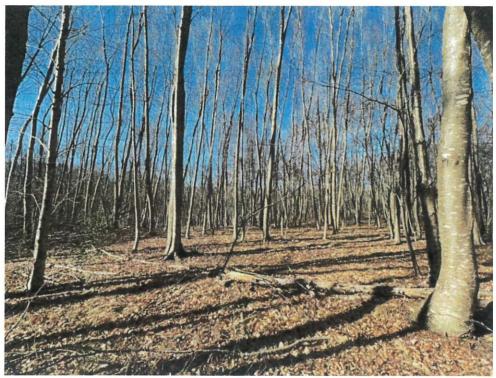


Photo 5: Example of secondary growth forest community.



Photo 6: Example of the forested conditions between the farm fields, these lands are thickly covered with a dense under growth of Japanese Barberry .



Photo 7: Example of the fields along Church Street.



Photo 8: Example of the wet meadow in the southeast corner of the property.

### **James Cordier**

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Sent:

Wednesday, January 3, 2024 5:01 PM

To:

Matthew Bordeaux

Cc:

Andy Tierney; Paul Forrest; James Cordier; Mark Reynolds

Subject:

Ellenberg Subdivision

**Attachments:** 

01-03-24 Ellenberg Subdivision.pdf

See attached review letter.

Thanks, Tom

Thomas H. Fenton, P.E.

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January 3, 2024

Mr. Mathew Bordeaux Director of Planning and Development Town of Hebron 15 Gilead Street Hebron, CT 06248

Re:

PZC Petition 2023-10 Ellenberg Subdivision

Church Street Map 12, Lot 18

NLJA #0647-0289

Dear Mr. Bordeaux:

As requested, we have reviewed the following information for the subject project received at our office through December 8, 2024:

- Item 1: Subdivision Application with attached project information including: Subdivision Application Checklist, Assessor Parcel Mapping, Abutters List and Application for Inlands Wetlands and Watercourse Permit and supporting materials.
- Item 2: Drawing titled "Existing Conditions Plan Ellenberg Subdivision Prepared For Dave Ellenberg Assessors No. 12-18 Church Street Hebron Connecticut," scale 1"=80', dated December 1, 2023, prepared by Rob Hellstrom Land Surveying, LLC.
- Item 3: Drawing titled "Subdivision Plan Ellenberg Subdivision Prepared For Dave Ellenberg Assessors No. 12-18 Church Street Hebron Connecticut," scale 1"=80', dated December 1, 2023, prepared by Rob Hellstrom Land Surveying, LLC.
- Item 4: Drawing titled "Site Development Plan Ellenberg Subdivision Prepared For Dave Ellenberg Assessors No. 12-18 Church Street Hebron Connecticut," scale 1"=80', dated December 1, 2023, prepared by Rob Hellstrom Land Surveying, LLC.
- Item 5: Drawing titled "Notes & Details Ellenberg Subdivision Prepared For Dave Ellenberg Assessors No. 12-18 Church Street Hebron Connecticut," scale as noted, dated December 1, 2023, prepared by Rob Hellstrom Land Surveying, LLC.
- Item 6: Letter Report from Mark Reynolds P.E to David Ellenberg titled "Engineering Considerations, Ellenberg Subdivision Church Street Hebron, CT project no. 23-092," dated November 30, 2023.

The subject application proposes a subdivision of five (5) lots (two (2) residential and three (3) commercial) on a 26.98-acre parcel which has frontage on Church Street (CT Route 85) and Old Colchester Road. The three commercial lots are located on the west side of Church Street within the Neighborhood Convenience



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District. The two residential lots are located to the north and south within the Residence-1 Zone. Although driveway locations are not shown on the submitted plan, it is presumed all lots will have driveway access from Church Street. Although not detailed on the submitted plans, but based on location within the sewer service district, connection to existing public sewer is proposed. In this regard, building locations should be shown so that their relationship to the sewer district can be confirmed. Also not shown on existing plans, but discussed in the Engineer's Report, water service is to be by individual wells. No public improvements are proposed.

### We have the following comments:

- The submitted plans include a Site Development Plan, however no proposed site improvements are shown. Section 5.5B.1 of the Hebron Subdivision Regulations (Regulations) requires that the Site Development Plan include existing and proposed contours. Section 5.5B.9 of that Section requires that the plan include the proposed house or structure, subsurface sewage disposal area, reserve area, well location, well protection radii, yard drains and points of discharge of all yard drains, all subsurface drains, and driveway location for each lot of the subdivision.
- 2. An Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan as required in Section 5.5D of the Regulations has not been provided. The drawings include general erosion and sedimentation control guidelines however this does not provide the elements of the plan as required in Items a through f of the referenced Section.
- 3. An Engineer's Report has been provided as required in Section 5.5E of the Regulations. However, the Report does not provide a narrative describing the proposed development, as required in that Section.
- 4. A Stormwater Management Plan as required in Section 5.5G of the Subdivision Regulations has not been provided. The Engineer's Report addresses this by noting that stormwater shall be managed for future lot development on a lot-by-lot basis and shall be designed in detail at the time each future lot development is contemplated and specifically for the proposed use. We are not aware of a provision in the Regulations that allows this approach. The Report goes on to state that stormwater runoff response from the existing cultivated crop land is high, and the development of these lots will result in a significant amount of cropland being planted to permanent grass thereby reducing the volume of runoff from the property. While this may be the case for the change from cropland to grass, the development will also result in new impervious surfaces and likely changes in stormwater conveyance which will increase volume and peak discharge of stormwater runoff. Without a development plan and a pre-development and post-development drainage analysis, an evaluation of the impacts from stormwater runoff and determination of any required mitigation measures cannot be made.
- 5. The Engineer's Report indicates that individual evaluations of driveway sightline will be prepared and reviewed for each individual lot as the development proceeds and that the sightline for the Lot 4/5 area was evaluated in detail by the Engineer as part of their work. As noted above, driveway locations



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should be shown on the submitted Site Development Plan and any specific sightline analyses should be included with the application materials

If there are any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely yours,

NATHAN L. JACOBSON & ASSOCIATES, INC.

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cc: Andrew Tierney,

Paul Forrest Jim Cordier

Mark A. Reynolds, P.E.

### APPLICATION

### CONSERVATION COMMISSION TOWN OF HEBRON 15 Gilead Street Hebron, CT 06248 (860) 228-5971 fax: (860)228-5980





Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Permit

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Owner of Record Town of Hebron Address 15 Gilead Street, Hebron, Address		_Telephone (H) _Mailing Address15 Mailing Address	(VV)	860-228-59	-
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NOTICE: This application shall be in compliance with Section 7 of the Hebron Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations and accompanied by the required fee, assessors field card, 12 copies of a certified plot plan bearing the raised seal of the Engineer and Surveyor licensed in the State of Connecticut, evidence of good standing with the Tax Collector's office and other materials as may be required by the Town of Hebron Zoning Regulations and or building code, names and addresses of all property owners within 200 feet of the boundaries of the subject parcel keyed to a map delineating a 200 foot radius around the subject site, the limits of clearing, location of adjacent wells, septic systems, ponds, wetlands, watercourses and/or other information as may be required by policies of the Conservation Commission.



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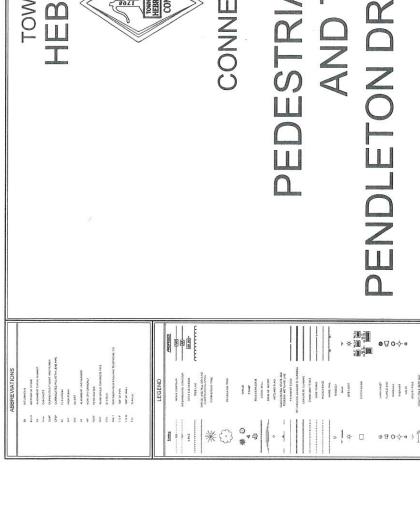
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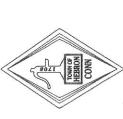
### Statewide Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Activity Reporting Form

Please complete - <u>print clearly</u> - and mail this form in accordance with the instructions on pages 2 and 3 to: Wetlands Management Section, Inland Water Resources Division, CT DEEP, 79 Elm Street – 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Hartford, CT 06106

	PART I: To Be Completed By the Municipal Inland Wetlands Agency Only
1.	DATE ACTION WAS TAKEN (enter one year and month): Year Month
2.	ACTION TAKEN (enter one code letter):
3.	WAS A PUBLIC HEARING HELD (check one)? Yes No
4.	NAME OF AGENCY OFFICIAL VERIFYING AND COMPLETING THIS FORM:
	(type name) (signature)
	PART II: To Be Completed By the Municipal Inland Wetlands Agency or the Applicant
5.	TOWN IN WHICH THE ACTION IS OCCURRING (type name): Hebron
	Does this project cross municipal boundaries (check one)? Yes No _X
	If Yes, list the other town(s) in which the action is occurring (type name(s)):
6.	LOCATION (see directions for website information): USGS Quad Map Name: Columbia or Quad Number: 55
	Subregional Drainage Basin Number: 4701
7.	NAME OF APPLICANT, VIOLATOR OR PETITIONER (type name):Town of Hebron
8.	NAME & ADDRESS/LOCATION OF PROJECT SITE (type information):  Pendleton Drive
	Briefly describe the action/project/activity (check and type information): Temporary Permanent _X_
	Description: Sidewalk and Pedestrian Bridge
9.	ACTIVITY PURPOSE CODE (enter one code letter):E
	ACTIVITY TYPE CODE(S) (enter up to four code numbers): 1 , 2 , 3 , 12
	WETLAND / WATERCOURSE AREA ALTERED (type in acres or linear feet as indicated):
	Wetlands: 0 acres Open Water Body: 0 acres Stream: 0 linear feet
12.	UPLAND AREA ALTERED (type in acres as indicated): 0.16 acres within 100' upland review area
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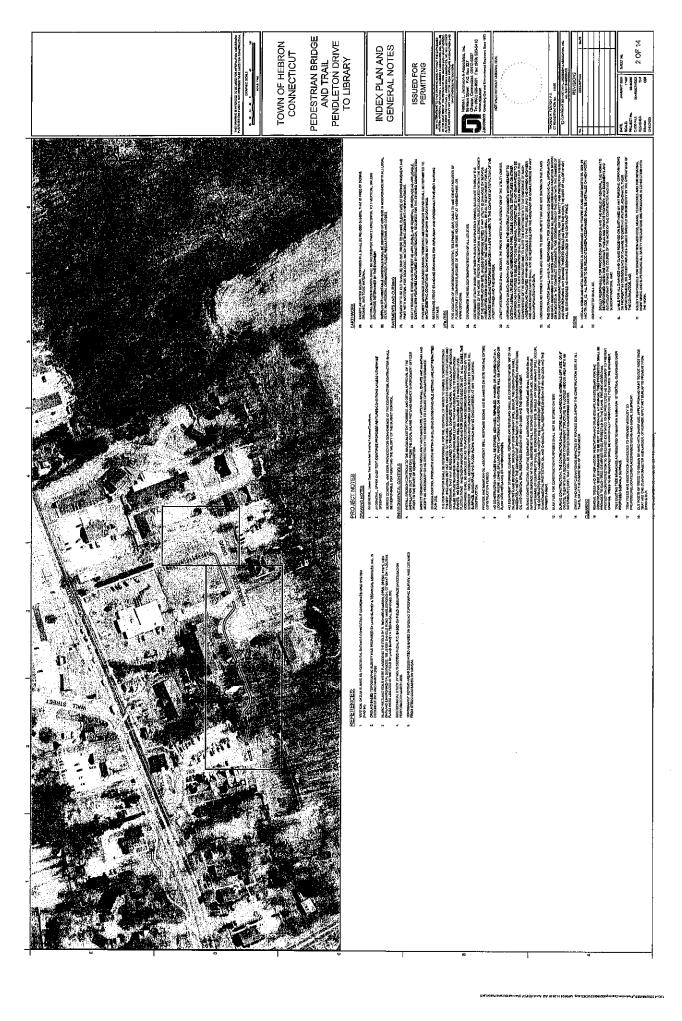
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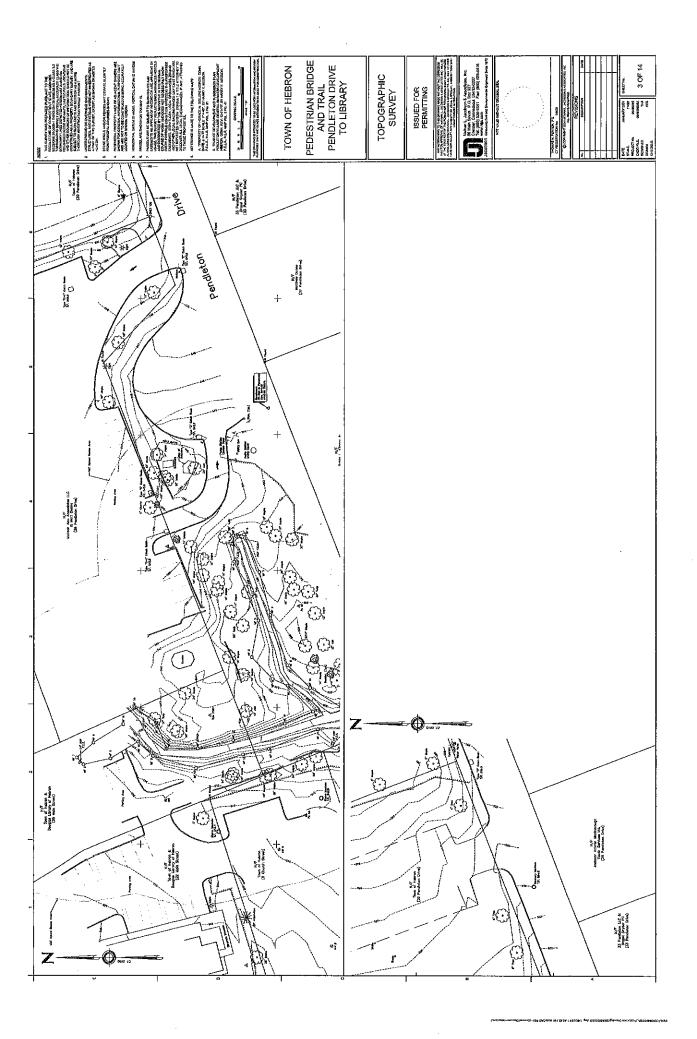
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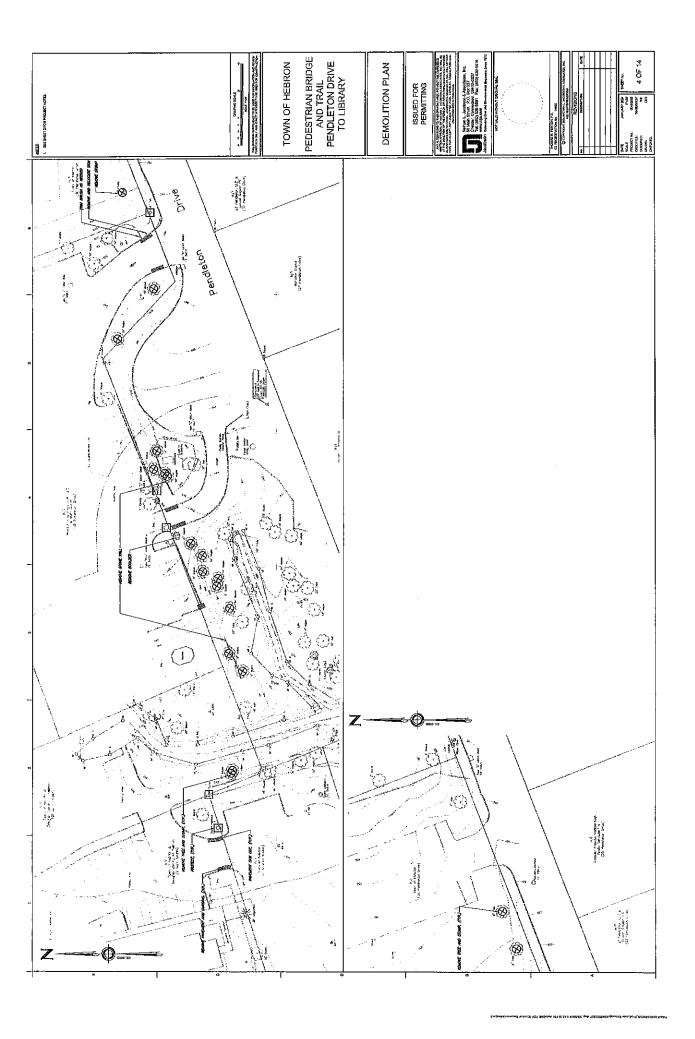
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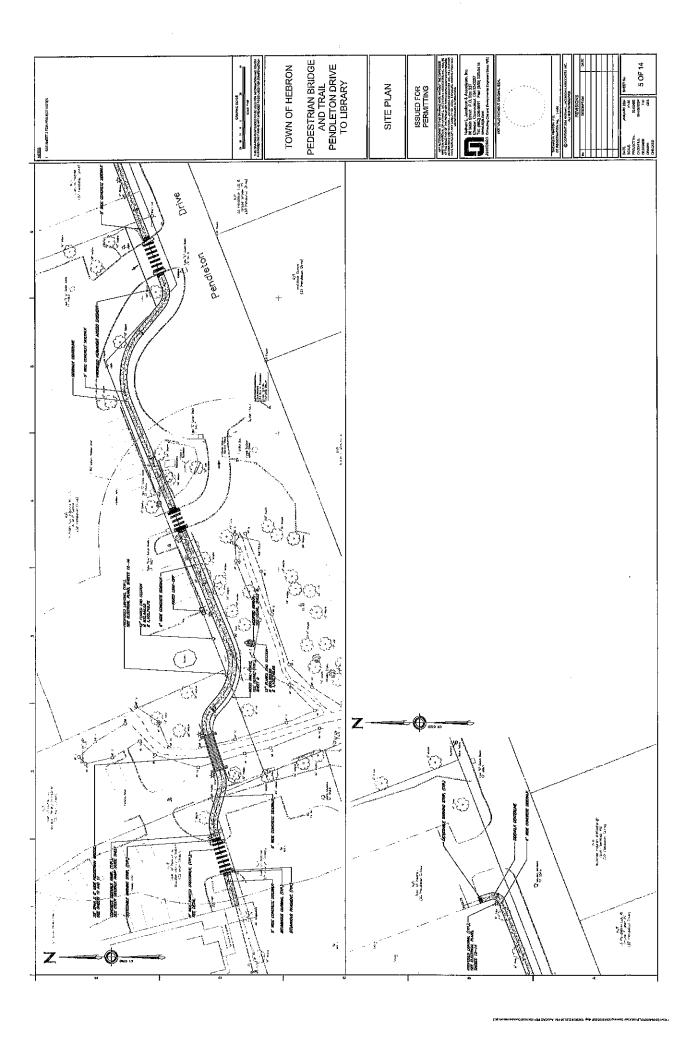
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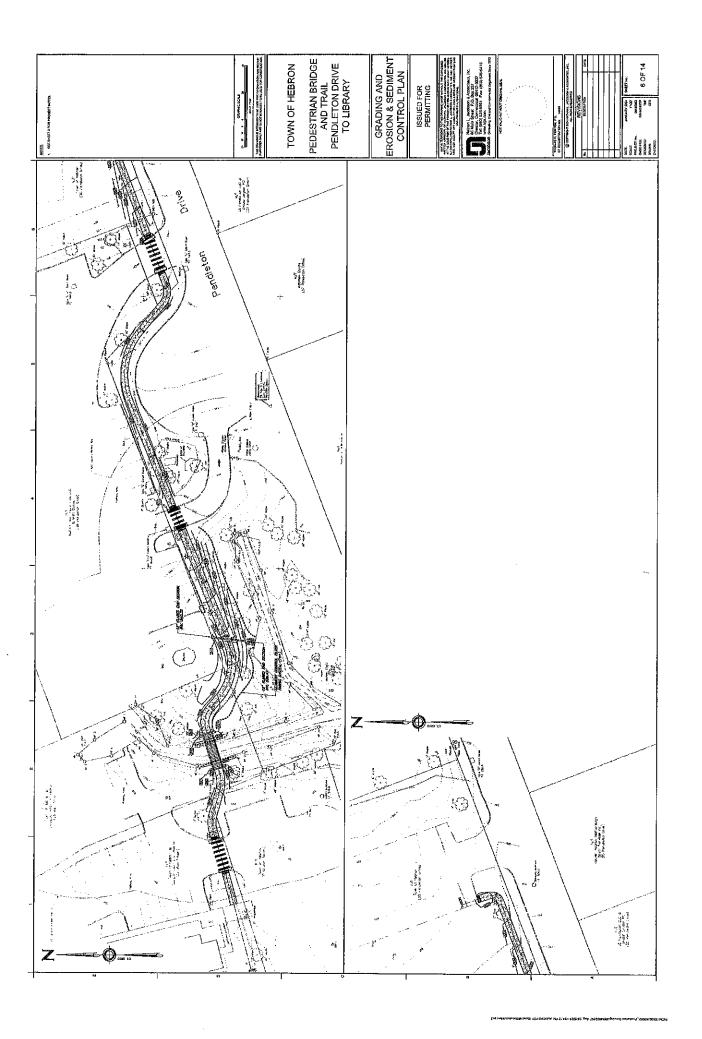
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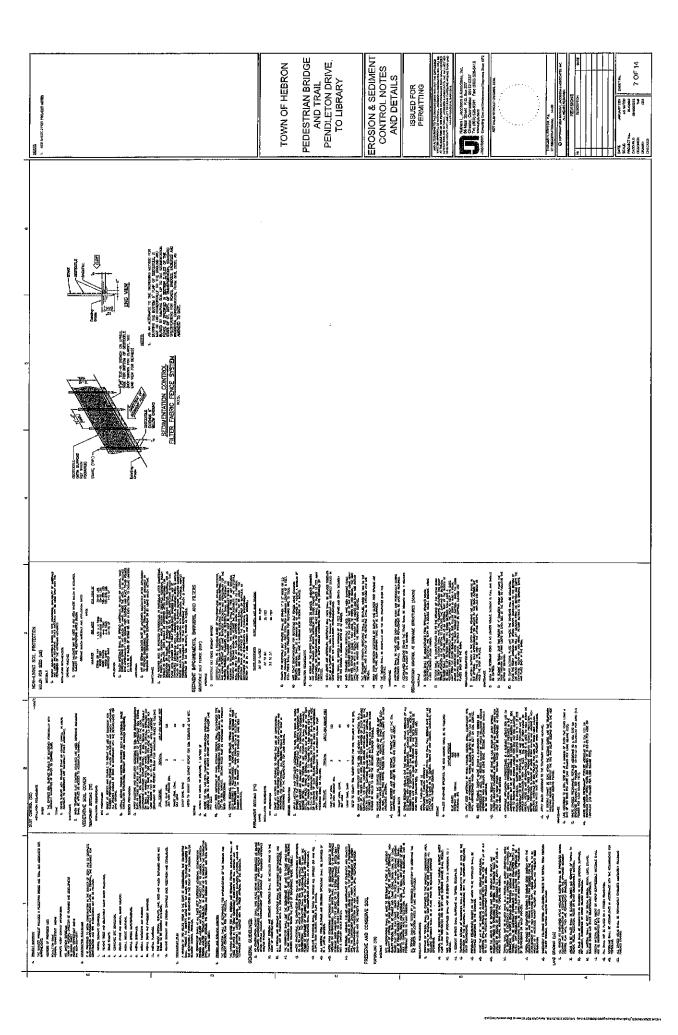


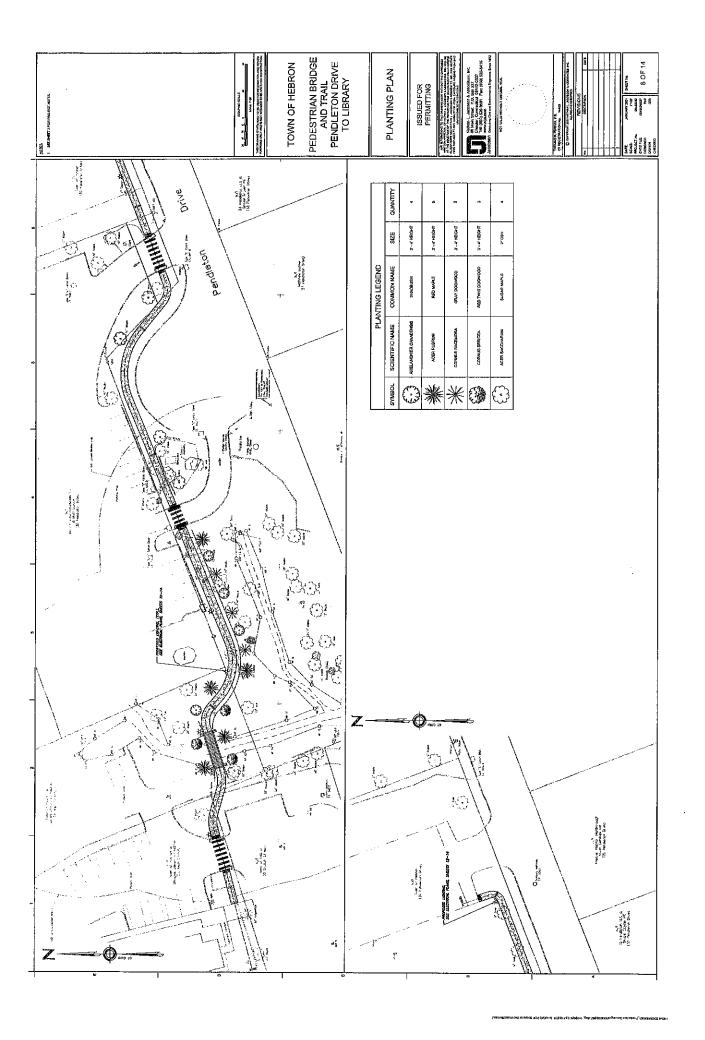


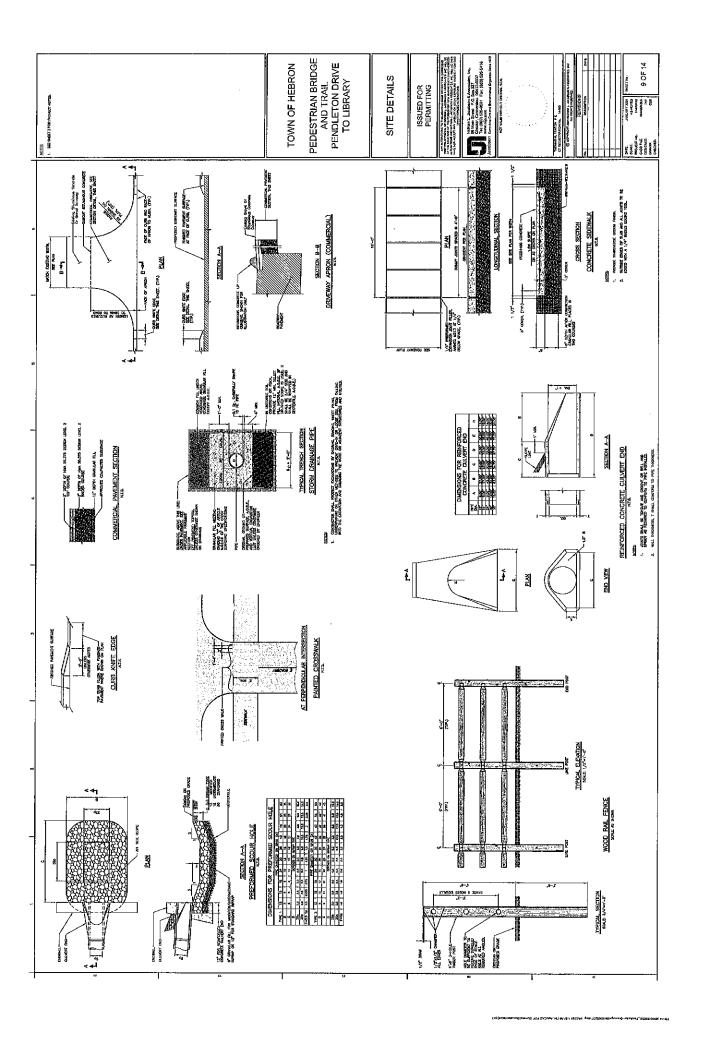


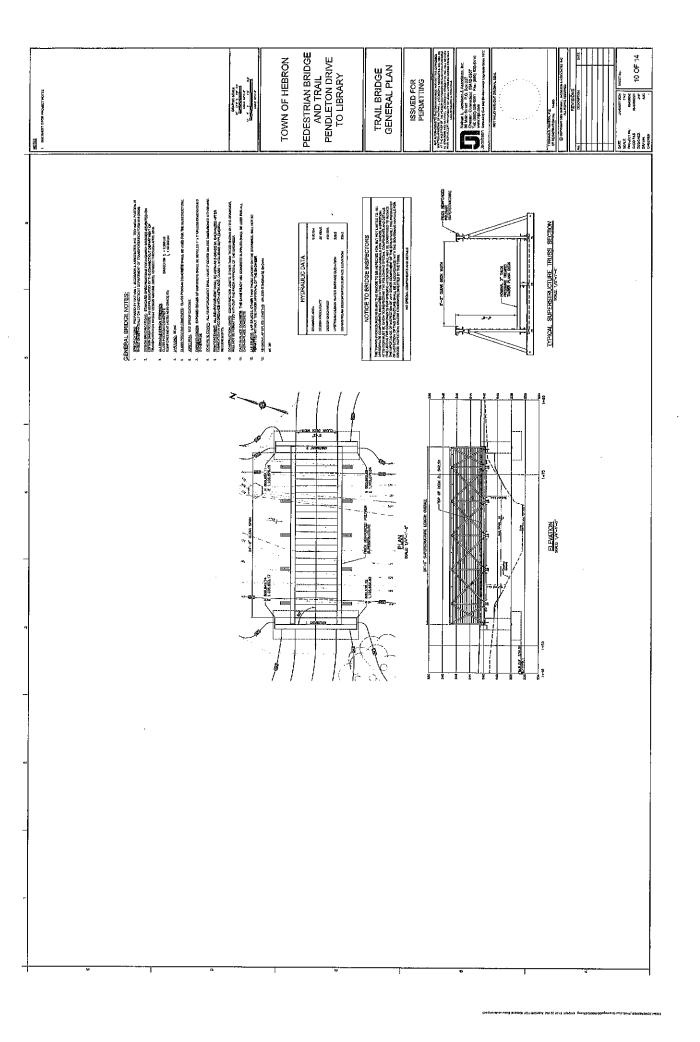


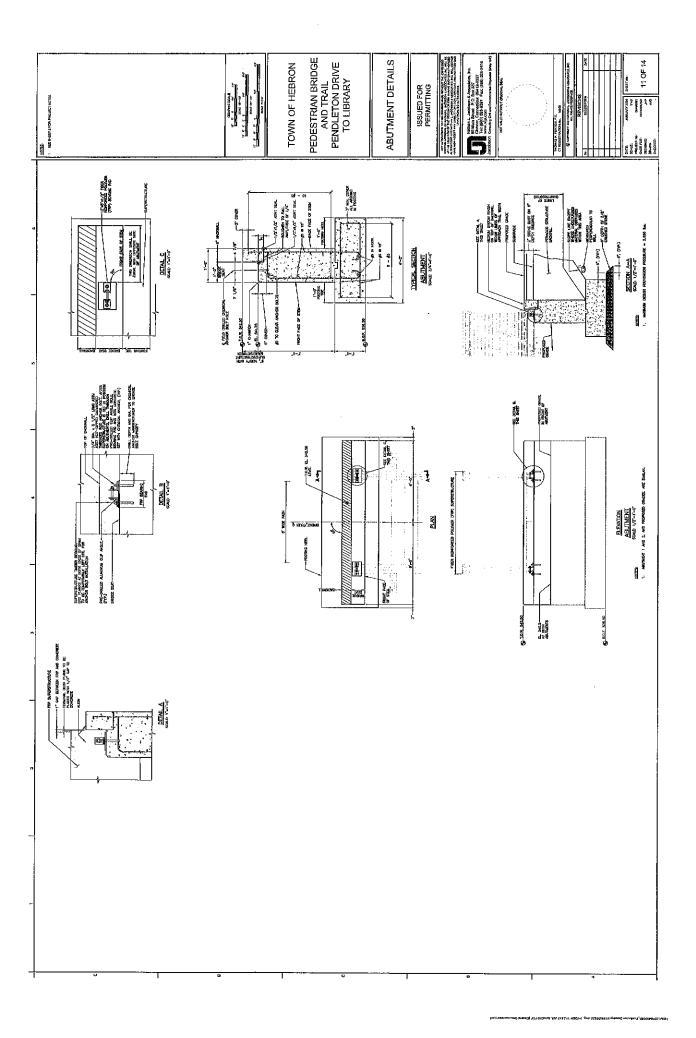


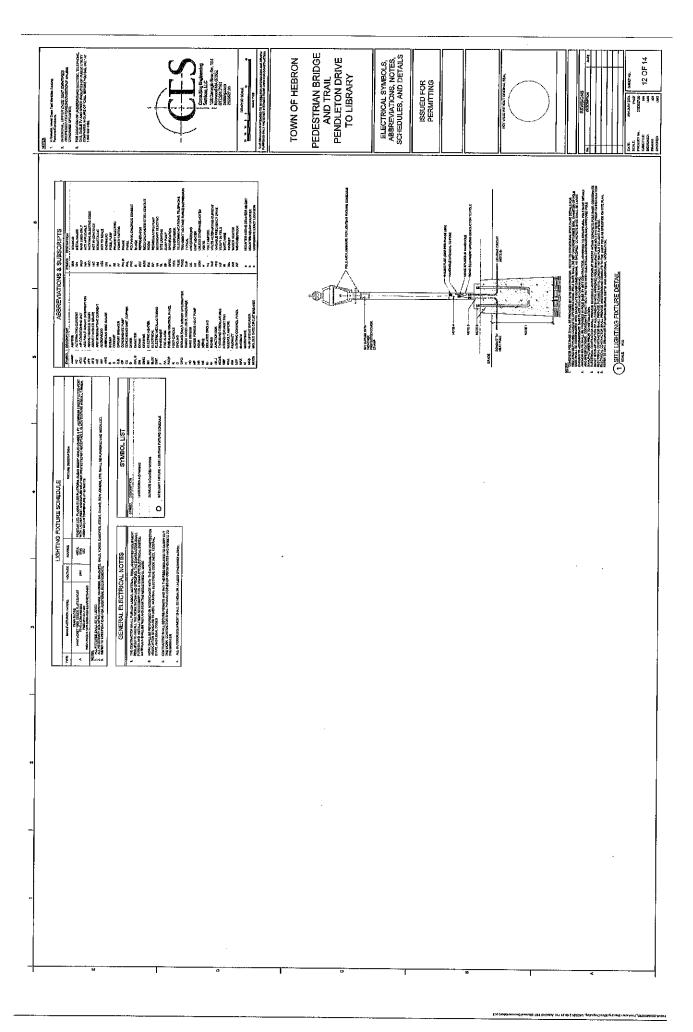


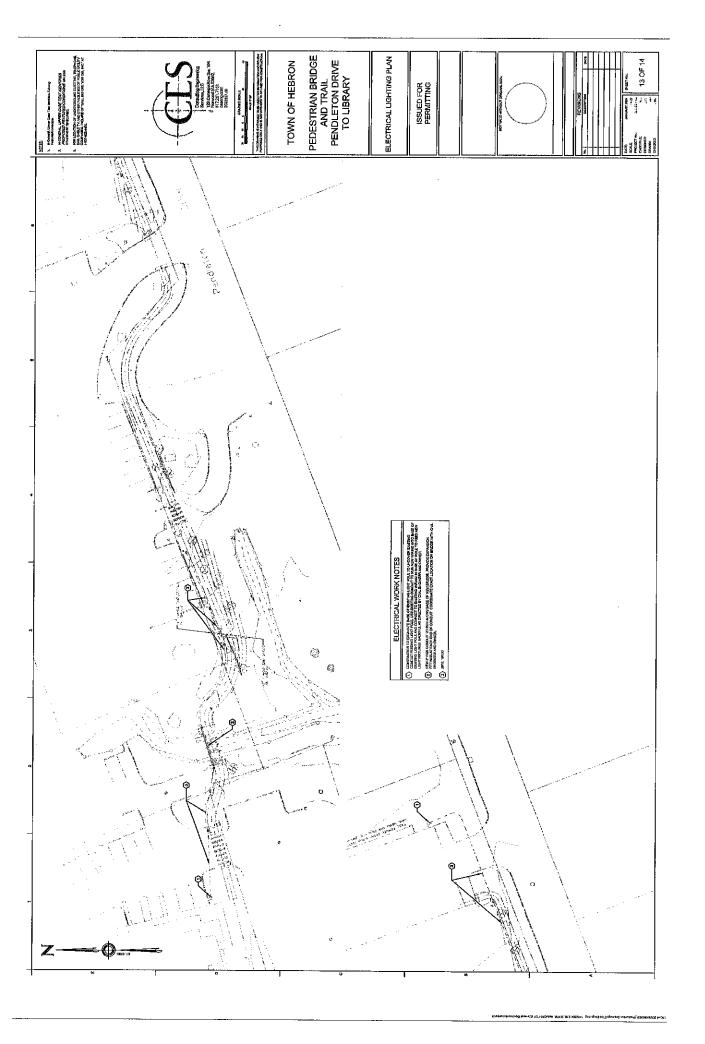








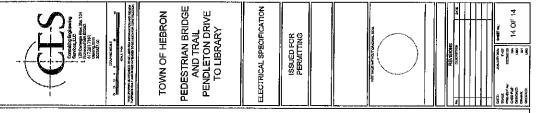


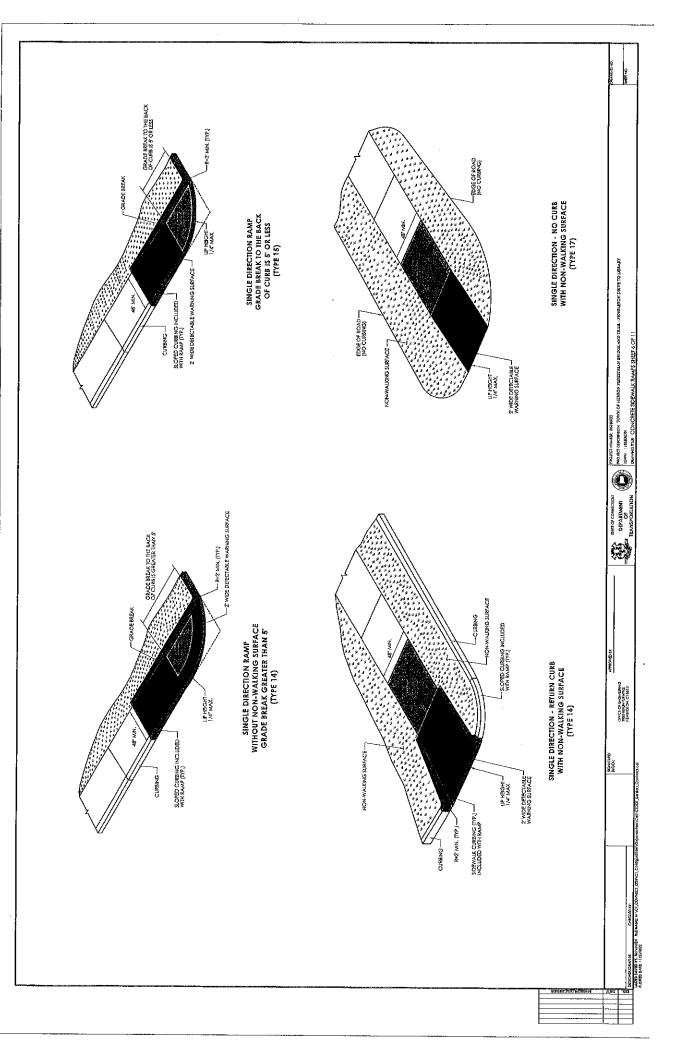


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## CONSERVATION COMMISSION SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

2024

January 18, 2024

February 8

March 14

April 11

May 9

June 13

July 11

August 8

September 12

October 10

November 14

December 12

January 9, 2025

Note: "Unless otherwise noticed, the Conservation Commission will hold their meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at 7:30 P.M. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room in the Hebron Town Hall, 15 Gilead Street, Hebron, CT, or remotely, using a virtual meeting platform. Interested participants may join a virtual meeting using a link included in the Commission's Meeting Agenda."

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HEBROH TOWN CLERK

### **MEMO**

TO:

Fran Villani, Town Clerk

Dori Wolf, Administrative Secretary, Town Manager's Office

**Conservation Commission** 

FROM:

James Cordier, Wetlands Agent

RE:

**Conservation Commission Meeting Cancelation** 

DATE:

January 10, 2024

Please be advised that the Regular Meeting of the Hebron Conservation Commission scheduled for Thursday, January 11, 2024, at 7:30 P.M. has been canceled.

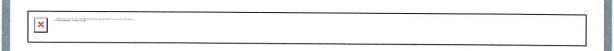
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### **James Cordier**

From: CAWS <info+ctwetlands.org@ccsend.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 9, 2024 11:06 AM

To: James Cordier

Subject: 2024 Wetlands Conference, Winter Field Workshop, and more!



Happy New Year!! The Connecticut Association of Wetland Scientists (CAWS) has some fun-filled events coming up to welcome in the New Year. See more information below and check out our website at www.ctwetlands.org for the latest news and opportunities.

- Sign up for our 2024 Annual Meeting (March 7, 2024)
- Sign up for the CAWS Winter Plant ID Workshop and Eagle Viewing (February 7, 2024) – for CAWS members only
- GRANTS AVAILABLE!

We encourage our members to renew their membership in CAWS for 2024 to take advantage of discounted pricing and other benefits. Not a member yet? Learn more about membership.

# CAWS 2024 Annual Meeting to offer a full day of engaging technical presentations on wetlands and watercourses

The CAWS Annual Meeting and Environmental
Conference will take place on Thursday, March 7,
2024 (8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.). We welcome
ecologists, designers, and other land use professionals, government officials,
municipal commission members, and other interested parties to join us.

### Location:

The Heritage Hotel Golf, Spa & Conference Center 522 Heritage Road, Southbury, CT 06488 Tel: (203) 264-8200

### Presentations will include:

 Project Spotlight: Strong Pond Dam Removal — Collaboration Restores Aquatic Connectivity in the Norwalk River — Alex Krofta (Save the Sound), Michael Chelminski (Stantec)

- Project Spotlight A Special Wetland, Eversource Energy's Atlantic White Cedar Mitigation Project, The 1st Year — Melissa Kaplan, PWS (BSC Group)
- Town of Fairfield Vernal Pool Mapping Timothy Bishop (Town of Fairfield Conservation Department)
- 2024 Wetland In-lieu Fee Program Update Anthony Zemba (LandTech Consultants)
- Presentations from the Connecticut Siting Council, CT DEEP, and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
- 2023 CAWS Grant Recipient reports
- And more to be announced!

PLUS an **exhibitor hall** featuring displays by product and service suppliers and conservation organizations. CEUs (TBA) and Certificates of Completion will be provided.

Cost is \$75 for members and \$100 for non-members (students \$50.00 with ID) and includes continental breakfast and lunch.

Register online (you may also pay by check through the mail, but please use the online form to reserve your spot).

Join CAWS today and pay the member rate! Learn more about CAWS membership.

### **Exhibitors and Sponsors Welcome!**

Make an impression on those involved in the study and management of wetlands and other conservation lands (more than 200 people attended last year's Annual Meeting). Exhibitor tables are \$300 and include two registrations. 501c3 organizations and government agencies may exhibit for the discounted rate of \$75, which includes one registration. A six-foot table, table cloth, chairs, and electric connection will be provided. Learn more about exhibiting and additional sponsor opportunities!

Register for the Annual Meeting

### CAWS 2024 Winter Plant ID Workshop and Eagle Viewing

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Grab your binoculars, cameras, and spotting scopes! CAWS invites its members to attend an exclusive winter

plant ID workshop Instructed by Daniel Hageman (FHI Studio) on Wednesday **February 7, 2024** (9 a.m. to 3 p.m.) at:

Shepaug Dam Eagle Observatory 2225 River Rd, Southbury, CT

The day will consist of a winter walk through the grounds to identify common trees and shrubs utilizing the *Winter Tree Finder: A Manual for Identifying Deciduous Trees in Winter (Eastern U.S.)* by May and Tom Watts. Following the outdoor portion, we will warm up and grab a bite to eat at the Shepaug Dam Eagle observation facility while watching the wintering eagles.

The cost for this event will be \$30.00 per person (includes a copy of the field book and lunch). Sign up on our website here today. **NOTE that this event is open to CAWS members only** and will be limited to 20 people.

Register for the Winter Workshop

### CAWS 2024 Grants

- CAWS offers a \$1,500 **Les Mehrhoff Grant** each year for on-the-ground preservation efforts or invasive control projects conducted by non-profit, community groups, or individuals directed at preserving plant biodiversity within Connecticut. The recipient/group need not be a member of CAWS in order to apply. See the **Les Mehrhoff Grant** page for more information and downloadable application form.
- Similarly, the \$1,500 **Michael Lefor Grant** supports wetland-related research conducted by a qualified undergraduate or graduate student from an accredited college or university in Connecticut. See the **Michael Lefor Grant** page for more information and downloadable application form.

Both applications are open year-round with a **February 23 deadline**. Please help us spread the word to those who may be able to take advantage! Email wetlands@ctwetlands.org with any questions.

THANK YOU for your support of CAWS! Please forward this email to others who may be interested!



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### LES MEHRHOFF GRANT

### **BACKGROUND**

Dr. Leslie J. Mehrhoff worked tirelessly to preserve plant biodiversity in Connecticut, New England and beyond through his work with invasive species and rare and endangered plants. He was the founder of the Connecticut Invasive Plant Working Group (CIPWG), and served as Director of the Invasive Plant Atlas of New England (IPANE). Les also worked for the Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at UConn as the curator of the George Safford Torrey Herbarium. As a naturalist, Les was active in numerous conservation organizations including the New England Wildflower Society, the Connecticut Botanical Society, the Torrey Botanical Club, and many, many others. His dedication to the preservation of natural communities through the knowledge, control and eradication of invasive species plays a pivotal role in the understanding of wetland science which the Connecticut Association of Wetland Scientists (CAWS) strives to promote. CAWS is pleased to announce a \$1,500 annual grant in Les' honor which is aimed at protecting the plant communities of Connecticut.

### **GRANT OBJECTIVES**

CAWS is seeking to provide support for on-the-ground preservation efforts or invasive control efforts conducted by non-profit, community groups, or individuals directed at preserving plant biodiversity within Connecticut. The recipient/group need not be a member of CAWS in order to apply. Ideal candidates would include Land-Trusts, Garden Clubs, Citizen & Student Conservation Organizations and related groups

### **USE OF GRANT**

The grant amount is \$1,500. The grant is intended to aid on-the-ground control and/or preservation efforts for plant communities within Connecticut. Funds provided are intended to be used for direct implementation actions. This grant is not directed toward research. It is expected that the funded project will include a monitoring component to evaluate its efficacy.

### AWARDING OF GRANT

The CAWS Selection Committee will award the grant on the basis of:

- 1. Statement of need
- 2. Goals of the project
- 3. Implementation plan
- 4. Ecological benefits
- 5. Monitoring plan/success criteria

Limitations: Applicants must certify on the application, that if the funding will (or may) support the chemical control of invasive species, that the parties conducting the spraying are appropriately licensed by the state of Connecticut to apply pesticides.

To apply, CLICK HERE to obtain a copy of the form in Adobe .pdf format.

To apply, submit only the following:

- Application Form (type or print neatly on the attached form) identifying person responsible for the implementation of the proposed project;
- Statement of Need that includes the title, project objective, proposed start and finish dates;
- Description of the proposed site, including the target species, natural community, or critical habitat, history of the impact of invasive species on the target species or community, and site ownership/access permissions;
- Description of the proposed work plan, detailed methods of invasive species removal practices to be employed, safety
  precautions to be used to protect existing vegetation within the treatment area, any proposed acquisition actions for
  property (if applicable), and monitoring protocols for the effectiveness of the proposed action;
- Project budget;
- · List of any land use permits which may have already been issued related to the proposed action;

Applications must be emailed by February 23rd to <a href="mailto:wetlands@ctwetlands.org">wetlands@ctwetlands.org</a>. Applicants will be notified by the Selection Committee by March 7th and the successful recipient's name and project will be announced at the CAWS Annual Meeting.

The recipient will be asked to submit a project report and expenditure summary at the completion of the project. The recipient will also be asked to present the project at the next annual CAWS meeting (either in short oral presentation, or a poster presentation). If the recipient is not available to present the project at the next meeting, he or she must notify the current CAWS president at least three months prior to the next meeting.



### MICHEAL LEFOR GRANT

### BACKGROUND

CAWS has sponsored a grant program dedicated to the memory of Dr. Lefor since 2001. Dr. Lefor was committed to furthering the understanding of wetland science. Dr. Michael Lefor was a founding member of CAWS and Chairman of the Education/Science Committee.

### **GRANT OBJECTIVES**

CAWS is seeking to provide support for research conducted by a qualified undergraduate or graduate student from an accredited college or university in Connecticut. Research topics can include wetland or aquatic ecology, wetland or aquatic invasive species, stream or river ecology, fluvial geomorphology, limnology, watershed studies, or wetland law or policy. The student need not be a member of CAWS to apply.

### **USE OF GRANT**

The grant amount is \$1,500. The grant is intended to aid, not provide sole support of research expenditures. CAWS encourages applicants to seek other sources of funding to share project costs. Funds provided by this grant may be used for: purchase of materials and equipment, travel expenses, publication and printing expenses, funding of field assistants, etc.

### AWARDING OF GRANT

The CAWS Selection Committee will award the grant on the basis of:

- 1. Scientific merit
- 2. Research objective
- 3. Originality of proposal
- 4. Usefulness of proposed research
- 5. Qualification of the applicant
- 6. Explanation of project budget

### APPLICATION PROCEDURE

To apply, <u>CLICK HERE</u> to obtain a copy of the form in Adobe .pdf format. Submit only the following:

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