Interoffice Memorandum



AGENDA ITEM

April 21, 2022

TO: Mayor Jerry L. Demings

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County Commissioners

FROM: Jon V. Weiss, P.E., Director

Planning, Environmental, and Development

Services Department

CONTACT PERSON: David D. Jones, P.E., CEP, Manager

Environmental Protection Division

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SUBJECT: May 24, 2022 — Consent Item

Environmental Protection Commission Recommendation for

Request for Waiver for Charles Stockwell for Dock Construction

Permit BD-21-06-081

The applicant, Charles Stockwell, is requesting a Dock Construction Permit with waiver to Orange County Code (Code), Chapter 15, Article IX, Section 15-343(b) (side setback). The project site is located at 11127 Bridge House Road, Windermere, FL 34786 on Lake Butler in District 1 (Parcel ID Number 19-23-28-7391-00-200).

On June 10, 2021, the Environmental Protection Division (EPD) received an Application to Construct a Dock on the subject property. During review of the application, it was determined that a waiver to Section 15-343(b) (side setback) is necessary to construct the proposed boat dock. There is a significant distance (approximately 600 feet) from the applicant's shoreline to adequate mooring depth and multiple lots with irregular configurations in the immediate area, including the applicant's property. The access walkway for the dock will cross through a heavily vegetated cove area of the lake and over the projected property lines of six properties due to these circumstances. EPD confirmed with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection that the sovereignty submerged lands (SSL) designation applies below the Normal High Water Elevation (NHWE) of the subject property.

On September 21, 2021, an Application for Waiver to Section 15-343(b) (side setback) was received by EPD. The applicant is requesting to construct a boat dock with a negative side setback of approximately two feet from the western projected property line of the subject property. In addition, the dock is proposed to cross over the following neighboring lots by the distances indicated: Lot 22 (PID No.: 19-23-28-7391-00-220), approximately 457 feet; Lot 21 (PID No.: 19-23-28-7391-00-210), approximately 457 feet; Lot 19 (PID No.: 19-23-28-7391-00-190), approximately 12 feet; Lot 18 (PID No.: 19-23-28-7391-00-170), approximately 256 feet; and Lot 16 (PID No.: 19-23-28-7391-00-160), approximately 204 feet.

Due to the irregular shape of the subject parcel and the six other neighboring parcels with irregular projected property lines, and the NHWE and SSL designation of this

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vegetated cove on Lake Butler, it is not possible for the applicant to meet the required minimum 25-foot setback.

Side Setback Waiver

Chapter 15, Article IX, Section 15-343(b) of the Code states, "On lots or parcels having a shoreline frontage of seventy-five (75) feet or greater, docks shall have a minimum side setback of twenty-five (25) feet from the projected property line, unless such requirement is reduced by an appropriate waiver which shall be reviewed by the environmental protection division... Waivers from side-setback requirements may be granted by the environmental protection officer if a notarized letter of no objection to the waiver is received from the shoreline property owner abutting the applicant's property line affected by the waiver. All other waivers to the minimum side-setback requirement shall be granted in accordance with the provisions of section 15-350." The applicant was unable to obtain notarized letters of no objection; therefore, the waiver request must follow the process outlined in Section 15-350.

The applicant has a shoreline that measures approximately 100 linear feet at the NHWE, requiring a minimum setback distance of 25 feet from projected property lines for all portions of the dock. The applicant is requesting to construct a dock with a negative side setback distance of approximately two feet from the western projected property line of the subject property. In addition, the dock will cross over six other adjacent parcels as depicted on Figure 1: Approximate Distances Over Projected Property Lines.

Pursuant to Section 15-350(a)(2), "the applicant shall describe (1) how this waiver would not negatively impact the environment, and (2) the effect of the proposed waiver on abutting shoreline owners."

To address Section 15-350(a)(2)(1), the applicant's agent, Mr. Robin Lopez, states, "Approval of this waiver would have no environmental impact. The unique circumstances around the location of the lot requires approvals from seven (7) property owners to gain approval for setback encroachments. Nothing of environmental impacts is proposed as a part of this waiver."

To address Section 15-350(a)(2)(2), Mr. Lopez states, "The abutting neighbors will see minimal impact. This waiver allows for construction of a dock that mimics the path taken by neighboring docks, adding uniformity and completeness to the shoreline."

Public Noticing

EPD sent a Notice of Application for Waiver (NOA) letter to all six of the affected properties on October 18, 2021 via certified mail. Two of the NOA letters (Sridhar and Suneeta Pinnamaneni located at 11121 Bridge House Road (Lot 19) and Steven and Janessa Seigel located at 11103 Bridge House Road (Lot 16)), were not deliverable by the United States Postal Service; therefore, on December 10, 2021, EPD staff posted the notice on these properties. The timeline to respond to the hand-delivered NOA letters with any objections expired January 10, 2022. No objections were received.

The applicant and agent were sent notices on March 16, 2022 to inform them of the Environmental Protection Commission (EPC) meeting on March 30, 2022.

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Enforcement Action

There was an enforcement case associated with the subject property (Incident No. 20-581701) concerning the unauthorized clearing of shoreline vegetation within a conservation area. The area has regrown and an administrative penalty was paid by the owner. The enforcement case has been closed.

EPD Staff Evaluation/Recommendation

Staff has evaluated the waiver request for compliance with the criteria for approval. The recommendation of the Environmental Protection Officer (EPO) is to approve the request for waiver to Section 15-343(b) (side setback distance) based on a finding that the applicant has demonstrated that there will be no negative effect on the abutting shoreline owners pursuant to Section 15-350(a)(2)(2), as no objections have been received. Additionally, pursuant to Section 15-350(a)(2)(1), negative effects to the environment related to a reduction of the side setback requirement are not anticipated.

EPC Public Hearing

EPD presented the waiver request to the Environmental Protection Commission (EPC) at their March 30, 2022 public meeting. The EPC voted unanimously to accept the findings and recommendation of the EPO, and recommended approval of the waiver to Section 15-343(b) (side setback).

ACTION REQUESTED:

Acceptance of the findings and recommendation of the Environmental Protection Commission and approval of the request for waiver to Section 15-343(b) to allow a negative side setback distance of 1.961 feet from the western projected property line for the Charles Stockwell Dock Construction Permit BD-21-06-081. District 1

JVW/DDJ: jk

Attachments

Request for Boat Dock Waiver for Side Setbacks



Request for Boat Dock Waiver for Side Setbacks

District #1

Permit No.: BD-21-06-081

Applicant: Charles Stockwell

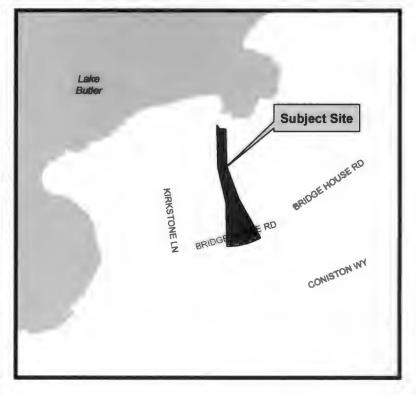
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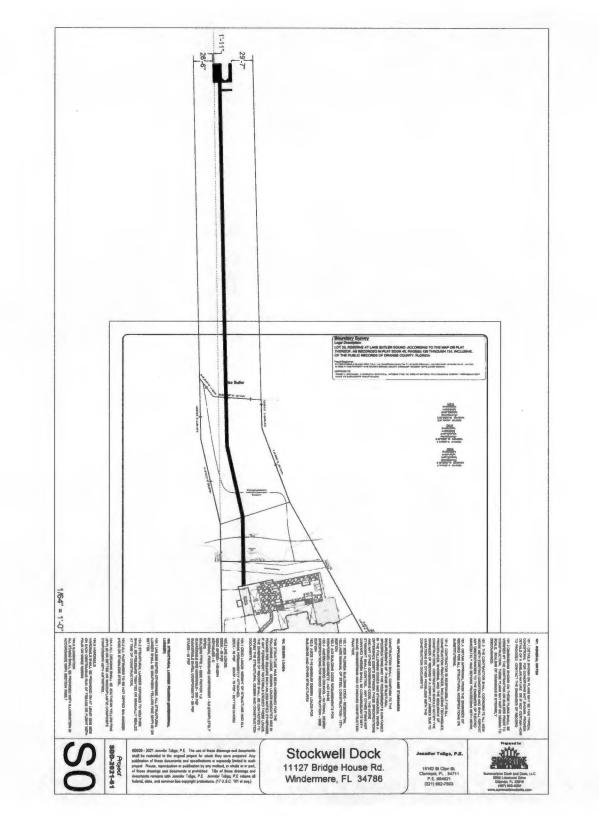
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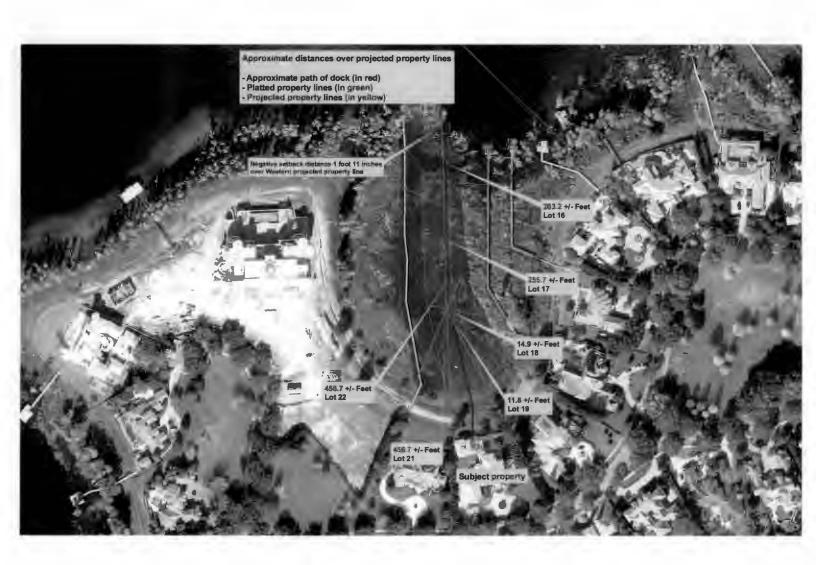
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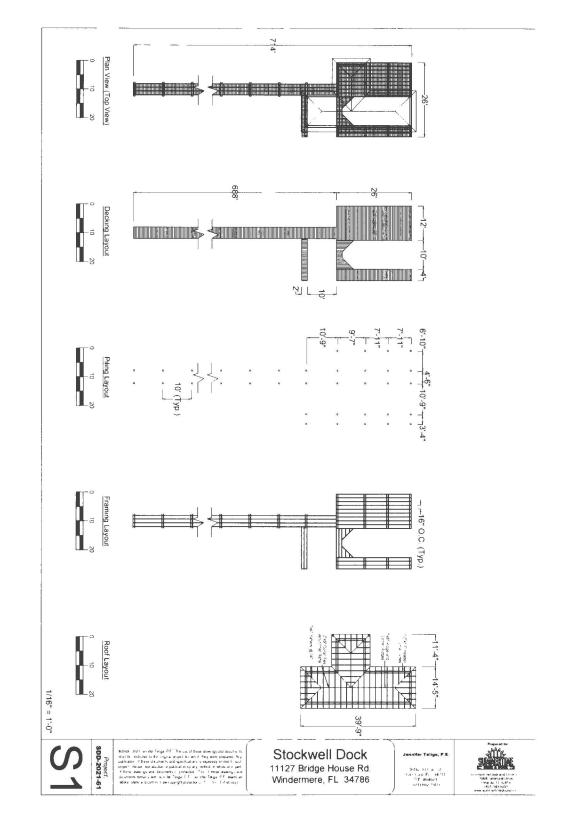
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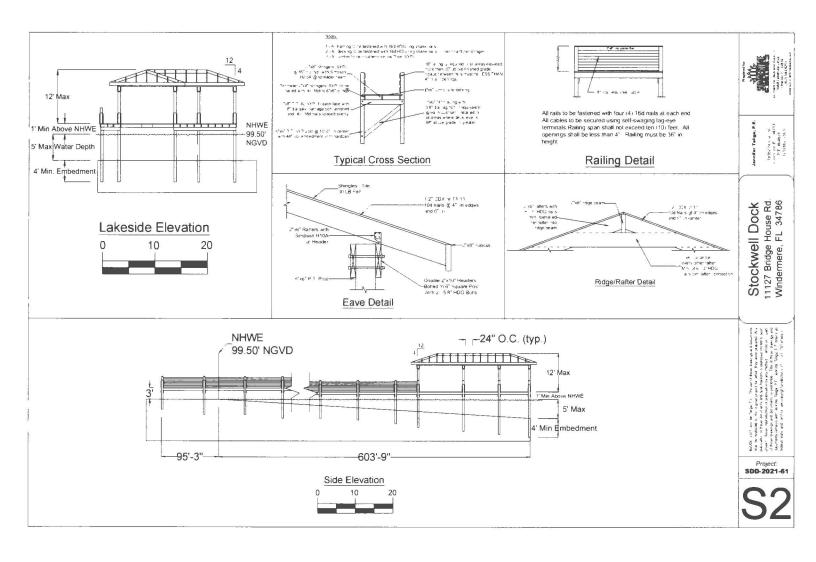














APPLICATION TO CONSTRUCT A BOAT DOCK APPLICATION FOR WAIVER

(Pursuant to Orange County Code, Chapter 15, Article IX, Section 15-350(a)(2))

Mail or Deliver To:	Orange County Environmental Protection Division 800 Mercy Drive, Suite 4 Orlando, Florida 32808 (407) 836-1400, Fax (407) 836-1499
County Code (obin Lopez on behalf of <u>Charles Stockwell</u> (if applicable) pursuant to Orange Chapter 15, Article IX, Section 15-350(a)(2) am requesting a waiver to section (choose and circle from the 342(b) 15-343(b), 15-344(a) and 15-345(a)) of the Orange County Dock Construction Ordinance.
1. Describe ho	w this waiver would not negatively impact the environment:
of the lot requ	his waiver would have no environmental impact. The unique circumstances around the location uire approvals from seven (7) property owners to gain approval for setback encroachments. Nothing that impact is proposed as a part of this waiver.
The abutting	e effect of the proposed waiver on abutting shoreline owners: neighbors will see minimal impact. This waiver allows for construction of a dock that mimics the y neighboring docks, adding uniformity and completeness to the shoreline.
The environme	ental protection officer and the board may require of the applicant information necessary to carry out the is article.
Dock Construction with this application is true, complete approval is a vary obligation understand that	Is submitting this application form, I am applying for a waiver to the Section indicated of the Orange Counterion Ordinance identified above, according to the supporting data and other incidental information filed cation. I am familiar with the information contained in this application, and represent that such information ete, and accurate. I understand this is an application and not a permit, and that work conducted prior to its indication. I understand that this application and any permit issued pursuant thereto, does not relieve me of for obtaining any other required federal, state, or local permits prior to commencement of construction. I at knowingly making any false statements or representation in this application is a violation of Sections 15-Orange County Code.
Name of Ap	plicant: Charles Stockwell
Signature of	Applicant/Agent Lon Date: 9/21/21
Corporate Ti	itle (if applicable):



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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMISSION
March 30, 2022

Applicant: Charles Stockwell

Permit Application Number: BD-21-06-081

Location/Address: 11127 Bridge House Road, Windermere, FL 34786

RECOMMENDATION: Accept

Accept the findings and recommendation of the Environmental Protection Officer, and make a finding that the waiver request is consistent with Orange County Code, Chapter 15, Article IX, Section 15-350(a)(2) and recommend approval of the request for waiver to Section 15-343(b) to allow a negative side setback distance of 1.961 feet from the western projected property line for the Charles Stockwell Dock Construction Permit BD-21-06-081. District 1

EPC AGREES WITH THE ACTION REQUESTED, AS PRESENTED

EPC DISAGREES WITH THE ACTION REQUESTED, AS PRESENTED

Signature of EPC Chairman:

DATE EPC RECOMMENDATION RENDERED:

Serving our community by conserving, protecting, and enhancing the environment for current and future generations.

