



TOWN OF CROMWELL  
INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES AGENCY  
41 WEST STREET, CROMWELL, CT 06416

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**REGULAR MEETING**  
**7:00 WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2024**  
**TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**CROMWELL TOWN HALL, 41 WEST STREET**

**AGENDA**

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Seating of Alternates:
4. Approval of Agenda:
5. Development Compliance Officer Report:
  - a. Status of On-going Project and Existing Cease and Desist Orders
6. Town Planner Report:
7. Public Comments:
8. New Business:
9. Public Hearings:
  - a. Application #24-01 – Request to conduct activities (construct a detention pond) within the Inland Wetlands and Upland Review Area at 50 Mystique Lane. Orlando Cardenas is the Applicant and Lisa J. Cardenas and Orlando J. Cardenas are the Owners.
10. Commissioner's Comments and Reports:
11. Approval of Minutes:
  - a. February 7, 2024
12. Adjourn

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## Inland Wetland Report 2024

Permit#	Name of Applicant	Site Location	Type of Activity	Application Date	Status	Date of Approval
23-10	Town of Cromwell	1 Donald Harris Road	Replacing Tennis Courts at High School	8/30/2023	Approved	10/4/2023
23-11	Norman Aldrich	101 West Street	Building deck on the back of home	9/6/2023	Administrative Approval	9/27/2023
23-12	Town of Cromwell - Jon Harriman	20 James Martin Drive	Stream runs adjacent to site	9/27/2023	Approved	10/4/2023
24-01	Orlando & Lisa Cardenas	50 Mystique Lane	Upstream dentention on lot which is located on non- regulated areas	1/29/2024	Pending	

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LEGAL NOTICE

The Cromwell Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency will hold a Regular Meeting and a Public Hearing on Wednesday, March 6, 2024 at 7:00 pm in Room 224 of the Cromwell Town Hall at 41 West Street on the following item:

1. Application #24-01 – Request to conduct activities (construct a detention pond) within the Inland Wetlands and Upland Review Area at 50 Mystique Lane. Orlando Cardenas is the Applicant and Lisa J. Cardenas and Orlando J. Cardenas are the Owners.

John Whitney  
Chairman

Dated in Cromwell, Connecticut this 20<sup>th</sup> day of February 2024.

Application # 24-01

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**APPLICATION TO CONDUCT REGULATED ACTIVITY**

Street Address: 50 Mystique Lane, Cromwell CT 06416	Map/Block/Lot: 31-11H Volume/Page:Vol: 1449/Page344
Applicant: Orlando J & Lisa J. Cardenas	Owner: Same As Applicant
Address: 153 West Street, Cromwell, CT 06416	Address: "Same As Applicant"
Phone:(860) 662-1466	<i>I hereby consent to the Applicant acting as my agent for the purpose of this application. I hereby permit the members and agents of the Agency to inspect the subject land both before and after a final decision has been issued.</i>  <b>Signature:</b>
Parcel ID # 00373100	

Reason for the Proposed Wetland or Upland Review Area Disturbance ( <i>not a description of the <u>project</u>, but an explanation of <u>why</u> this disturbance is necessary to complete the project</i> ):
Construct Additional On-Site Storm Water Detention Basin-See Attached Site Plan for
Additional Details

Area of Wetland Impacted by this Project (in square feet or acres): .09 Acres +/- <u>3,920.4 sq. feet</u>
Area of Upland Review Area Impacted by this Project (in square feet or acres): .18 Acres +/- <u>7,840.8 sq. feet</u>

Application # 24-01

Description of Alternative Methods Considered, and Justification for Method Chosen:
Applicant has also constructed an upstream detention basin on this lot which is located
on non regulated areas.

Certification of Notice to Neighboring Municipalities	
Is any portion of the wetland or watercourse impacted by this application within 500' of Rocky Hill, Berlin, or Middletown?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable
Has a copy of this application been sent to the Rocky Hill, Berlin, or Middletown municipal Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable
Has a copy of the plans been sent to the Rocky Hill, Berlin, or Middletown municipal Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the information presented as part of this application is to the best of my knowledge, true and accurate and that should such information be proved to be inaccurate or misleading, any permit issued on the basis of this information may be revoked.

Orlando Christens  
Applicant's Signature

1/24/2024  
Date of Submission

Orlando Christens  
Printed Name

***The Cromwell Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency has detailed environmental information on many of the wetland areas in town. The applicant is strongly encouraged to request a copy of this information.***

## **-Scope of Work-**

The Owner proposes to add an additional "Sedimentation/Detention Basin" and associated regrading (to channelize on site runoff to the new basin) to augment the Storm Water Management Systems under construction on this property.

Based upon flagged wetland boundaries the proposed work is located within both a regulated wetland area and a regulated upland review area.

Work will consist of excavation and grading to create the storage basin, level spreader, discharge weir and collection swales within the lot. The basin will function to further dissipate upstream storm water discharges and to enhance sediment and erosion control. The weir and basin will both be stabilized by the placement of riprap to prevent future erosion. Surplus material from excavation and regrading will be hauled off site (via the West Street Entrance) and properly disposed of.

Temporary sediment and erosion control measures are included in the plan and will be maintained during construction. Temporary Sediment and Erosion control measures will remain in place until the work is complete and all disturbed areas are stabilized with permanent cover as specified on the plan.



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***REGULAR MEETING  
7:00 WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2024  
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**Minutes and Record of Votes**

**Present:** Chairman John Whitney, Joseph Corlis, Wynn Muller, William Yeske,  
Robert Donohue, Andrew Holt, Peter Omicioli

**Also Present:** Director of Planning and Development Stuart Popper, Zoning Compliance  
Officer Bruce Driska

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Chairman Whitney

**2. Roll Call**

The presence of the above members was noted.

**3. Seating of Alternates:**

A motion was made by Robert Donohue and seconded by Peter Omicioli to seat Andrew Holt as an alternate. All were in favor; the motion passed.

**4. Approval of Agenda:**

A motion was made by Peter Omicioli and seconded by Robert Donohue to approve the agenda. All were in favor; the motion passed.

**5. Development Compliance Officer Report:**

- a. Status of On-going Project and Existing Cease and Desist Orders



Mr. Driska said his report is in their packages.

#### **6. Town Planner Report:**

Mr. Popper said that there was a Planning and Zoning meeting the night before and a new Mexican Restaurant, in the old 99 restaurant, received approval for a special permit for a liquor license. He also said that the Traveler's Tournament received a permit as well. Mr. Popper said a new bakery is planned for the old Dunkin Donuts at 50 Berlin Road and the Goldfish swim school opened. He reported the Auto Zone on Berlin Road will start construction soon and the Hartford Healthcare Urgent Care on Shunpike Road is opening soon.

#### **7. Public Comments:**

Patricia Holland, 25 Reiman Drive said she is here to discuss the lack of upkeep at the pond at the high school. She said my house abuts the pond and she is a 3rd generation homeowner so she has 75 years of history there. Ms. Holland said the pond drain was recently clogged so I went to the town and they cleaned it. She said I noticed in November that the pond isn't maintained or dredged. She said it is overgrown and this caused flooding in my yard. She said it seems to actually be making a new pond half on my property and half on the town property. Ms. Holland said it is getting worse and worse and it can't recede. She said this is really concerning and I can't go outside during the day because the mosquitos are really bad and I've been paying someone to spray for the last 3 years.

Mr. Popper said this is the Board of Education property and they haven't maintained it. He said I am happy to look into it and said Town Engineer, Jon Harriman did have the pipe cleared when Ms. Holland brought this to his attention recently. Ms. Holland gave Mr. Driska her phone number.

#### **8. New Business:**

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Charles Sheehan, Engineer at 44 Cove Road, Southington, CT said 50 Mystique Lane is a .94 parcel and the proposed detention basin will be .09 acres. He said this proposed work is located within both a regulated wetland area and a regulated upland review area. He said we have received previous approval for 6 parking spaces for a family business being constructed and this detention basin will be constructed at the same time. Mr. Sheehan said the neighbors and town asked them to address this and contain the water runoff on site so we will sod the entire lot. He said I will provide more details at the formal presentation.

A motion was made by William Yeske and seconded by Robert Donohue to find the activity for application #24-01 to be significant. All were in favor; the motion passed.



A motion was made by Robert Donohue and seconded by Peter Omicioli to schedule the public hearing at the March 6, 2024 meeting. All were in favor; the motion passed.

**9. Commissioner's Comments and Reports:**

**10. Approval of Minutes:**

a. December 6, 2023

A motion was made by Peter Omicioli and seconded by Joseph Corlis to approve the minutes of December 6, 2023. All were in favor; the motion passed.

**11. Adjourn**

A motion was made by Robert Donohue and seconded by Robert Donohue to adjourn at 7:17pm. All were in favor; the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda Imme". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Linda" being more prominent than the last name "Imme".

Linda Imme  
Recording Clerk