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

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

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:

- 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.

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 cursive script that reads "Linda Imme".

Linda Imme
Recording Clerk