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

REGULAR MEETING
7:00 WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2023
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

Absent: Vice Chairman Stacy Dabrowski

Also Present: Director of Planning and Development Stuart Popper

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 Wynn Muller to seat Andrew Holt as an alternate. All were in favor; the motion passed.

4. Approval of Agenda:

A motion was made by Joseph Corlis and seconded by Robert Donohue to approve the agenda with the amendment of correcting the application number on item 9a to application #23-12 and item 10a to application #23-10. All were in favor; the motion passed.

5. Approval of Minutes:

a. September 6, 2023

A motion was made by Joseph Corlis and seconded by Robert Donohue to approve the minutes of September 6, 2023. Joseph Corlis, Robert Donohue, Andrew Holt, William Yeske, Chairman Whitney approved; Wynn Muller abstained. The motion passed.

6. Development Compliance Officer Report:

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

Mr. Popper said Bruce is not here tonight but I want to report that we approved a permit administratively for a deck at 46 Spruce Lane.

7. Town Planner Report:

Mr. Popper said there is a lot going on and construction continues on projects that have been approved.

8. Public Comments: none

9. New Business: Accept and Schedule New Applications:

- a. Application #23-12: Request to conduct activities within the Upland Review Area to allow for improvements to Pierson Park at 20 James Martin Drive. The Town of Cromwell is the Applicant and the Owner.

A motion was made by Joseph Corlis and seconded by Wynn Muller to accept and schedule application #23-11 to be heard tonight. All were in favor; the motion passed.

Mr. Jon Harriman, Town Engineer and Assistant Public Works Director said they are renovating Pierson Park. He said there are about 1.5 to 2 acres of unused space and they will renovate the garage to turn into sports team rooms. He said the CIAC has ruled that the Town must provide a team room for both teams that is heated and dry. Mr. Harriman said in addition to renovating the garage, they will demolish several buildings, add parking and green space. He said that the green space will include walking paths, benches, sand volleyball courts, bocce courts, lighting and landscaping. Mr. Harriman explained that they expect it to be a phased project due to budget constraints. He said the new use will be a much cleaner use of the space since now there is a lot of storage of trucks and salt. Mr. Harriman said the fueling station will be moved and a canopy will be put over that area. He said there will not be any activity in the wetlands.

Mr. Will Walter, Alfred Benesch and Company, 120 Hebron Avenue, Glastonbury, CT said a stream runs north to south on the property and the upland review area associated with that stream encroaches on the property. He showed the site plan on the overhead projector. He said this activity will be an improvement on this area since now it is currently pavement and hard packed gravel.

Mr. Popper said you need to decide if this is significant activity or not.

A motion was made by Robert Donohue and seconded by William Yeske to find the activity not significant. All were in favor; the motion passed.

A motion was made by Robert Donohue and seconded by William Yeske to approve application #23-12. All were in favor; the motion passed.

10. Old Business

- a. Application #23-10: Request to conduct activities within the Upland Review Area to allow for the construction of new tennis courts at Cromwell High School at 1 Donald Harris Road. The Town of Cromwell is the Applicant and the Owner.

Mr. Popper explained that at the last meeting the Agency determined that this activity was an insignificant one and scheduled the application to be heard this evening. Mr. Jon Harriman, Town Engineer and Assistant Public Works Director said the town has identified a need for new and renovated athletic facilities at the high school. He explained that some of these activities will occur in the upland review area. He said they will need to build 6 new tennis courts, a new synthetic football field, upgrade the existing track and field facility, build new concessions and press box. Mr. Harriman said that they will need additional parking to accommodate the anticipated increased attendance at sporting events so they will put parking where the existing tennis courts are now and rebuild them near the wetlands. Mr. Harriman said the thought is that tennis courts will be a better use in the upland review area than a parking lot where there is potential for runoff. He said they will clear about one acre of woodland adjacent to the existing wetlands. Mr. Harriman explained that the wetlands are proposed to be protected from the activity by a silt fence and runoff will be collected by a trench drain. Mr. Holt asked what the material the courts were made from and Mr. Harriman said it is post tension concrete and no lights are planned for the courts.

A motion was made by William Yeske and seconded by Robert Donohue to approve application ##23-10. All were in favor; the motion passed.

11. Commissioner's Comments and Reports: none

12. Adjourn

A motion was made by Andrew Holt and seconded by Peter Omicioli to adjourn at 7:23pm. All were in favor; the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda Imme
Recording Clerk