



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

REGULAR MEETING
7:00 WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2015
ROOM 224
CROMWELL TOWN HALL, 41 WEST STREET

Minutes and Record of Votes

Present: Chairman Joseph Corlis, Madeline Lowry, William Yeske, G.Alden Nettleton, Scott Lamberson, Wynn Muller John Whitney (alternate)

Absent: Amanda Drew

Also Present: Town Planner Stuart Popper, Town Engineer Jon Harriman, Zoning Enforcement Officer Fred Curtin

1. **Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 7:02pm by Chairman Corlis.

2. **Roll Call** – The presence of the above members was noted.

3. **Seating of Alternates:**

A **motion** was made by Wynn Muller and **seconded** by Madeline Lowry to seat John Whitney as an alternate. *All were in favor; the motion passed.*

4. **Approval of Agenda:**

A **motion** was made by Scott Lamberson and **seconded** by Madeline Lowry to approve the agenda. *All were in favor; the motion passed.*

5. **Approval of Minutes:**

a. September 2, 2015 Meeting

A **motion** was made by John Whitney and **seconded** by William Yeske to approve the minutes of September 2, 2015. *Chairman Corlis, Madeline Lowry, William Yeske, John*

Whitney approved G.Alden Nettleton, Scott Lamberson, Wynn Muller abstained. The motion passed.

5. Development Compliance Officer Report:

Mr. Curtin said there is a report in the package that he updated. He said they will also report on Cromwell Commons tonight and they are here with a planting plan.

- a. Status of On-going Projects
- b. Status of Existing Cease and Desist Orders
- c. Report on Cromwell Commons 136 Berlin Road (discussion took place after Public Hearing for 10a).

Jonathan Marcus of Cromwell Commons 136 Berlin Road said they are trying to re-populate the wetlands area and bring in some native species. He said some of the stuff taken out was not part of the original plan. He also said we would like to work with staff to come up with the maintenance plan. He also said we will be creating better signage as to what is there instead of the sign just saying private property. Mr. Popper handed out the planting plan and said we appreciate the applicant's efforts to provide such a detailed plan.

Mr. Popper said the maintenance plan will get filed on the land records. Jonathan said we just want to make sure that it is somewhat generic so this doesn't happen again. It is also a water detention area. Mr. Popper said they just removed more than we expected and wanted you to be advised of what happened and there are no applications to approve.

Mr. Muller said the first time it was an issue we approved the removal of a smaller wetlands area with the condition that the larger would be enhanced and maintained so we are, in a sense, back to square one.

Jonathan said we are looking for more of a guideline not a specific maintenance plan. Mr. Popper said he will submit to Kelly Starr for advisement of plantings.

7. Director of Planning and Development Report:

Mr. Popper said he has no new business to report on.

8. Public Comments: none

9. New Business Accept and Schedule New Application:

- a. Application # 15-16: Request to fill a manmade drainage ditch at 18 Hillside Road. Arthur J. Scovill is the Applicant and the Owner.

Mr. Popper said it is up to the Commission to find whether or not this activity is significant.

Mr. Arthur Scovill of 18 Hillside Avenue showed the wetlands on the map and where he wants to put a pipe. He said it is a dry ditch now and this won't disturb the pond. He said the ditch only

flows when it rains. He said it will be a 105 feet of a 32 inch pipe that goes to the pond. He said we would then fill the ditch which is 15 feet wide.

Mr. Popper said this pipe will cover an area of 1500 square foot to aid in the water flow. Mr. Scoville said there will be 12 inches of fill in the ditch. Ms. Lowry said the plan says 18 inches of fill. Mr. Popper said we will clarify when we have the meeting. Mr. Muller wanted to clarify that the pipe will drain into the road pipe. Mr. Scoville said yes. Mr. Popper said after you determine finding there should be a site walk scheduled. He said we are in the process of adding the wetlands mapping into our GIS system so everything will be more accurate but we do have this classified as wetlands. He said this was mapped in 1998 by an engineer and soil scientist so it is accurate.

A **motion** was made by Wynn Muller and **seconded** by Madeline Lowry to find application 15-16 to be significant activity. *All were in favor; the motion passed.*

Mr. Popper said the Public Hearing would be on Wednesday November 4, 2015.

It was decided the site walk would be on Saturday, October 17, 2015 and Mr. Popper will post the notice.

10. Public Hearing:

a. Application # 15-14: Request to dredge a pond at 16 Shadow Lane. Paul and Marilynn J. LeVasseur are the Applicants and the Owners.

Paul Levasseur of 16 Shadow Lane said he could answer any questions.

Mr. Popper said the site walk was done. Mr. Harriman reads his memo dated October 5, 2015 and said there are more wetlands on the site than we originally thought. He also said the town right of way is larger than we thought as well. He said the dredging wouldn't be allowed in that area. Mr. Harriman said I reached out to DEEP for best management practices and they don't have any. They suggested we take samples to see if there is use for the dredging material.

Mr. Popper said the area previously discussed for the deposit of the dredging area just won't work. He said you can approve with the condition that the applicant work with staff to find a new location. He said Mr. Levasseur could create a temporary pile and allow the dredging's to dry out before he moves them out. He said this won't have a negative impact on other wetlands. Mr. Popper said we have a pretty good idea where the wetlands are. He said that Mr. Levasseur agreed to come up with a new solution that is satisfactory. He said this would include drying time and restoration time. Mr. Muller said he understands the homeowner is considering not moving the stream bed since it will cause unknown situations or outcomes. He said he would need a soil scientist to decide how that would be done. Mr. Levasseur said yes, he agreed to not move the stream.

A **motion** was made by William Yeske and **seconded** by Scott Lamberson to approve application 15-14 with the condition that the applicant provide a plan for location of dredging

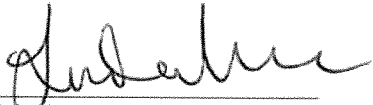
materials approved by staff and that the stream bed is not moved. *All were in favor; the motion passed.*

11. Commissioners' Comments and Reports:

12. Adjourn

A **motion** was made by Madeline Lowry and **seconded** by G. Alden Nettleton to adjourn at 7:42pm. *All were in favor; the motion passed.*

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Linda Imme', written over a horizontal line.

Linda Imme
Recording Clerk