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**TOWN OF CROMWELL
INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING
7:00 PM WEDNESDAY MAY 3, 2017
ROOM 224 CROMWELL TOWNHALL 41 WEST STREET
MINUTES AND RECORD OF VOTES**

Present: Chairman Joseph Corlis, Wynn Muller, G. Alden Nettleton, Amanda Drew and William Yeske

Absent: None

Also Present: Director of Planning and Development Stuart Popper, Liaison to Town Council Thomas Tokarz

1. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Corlis at 7 p.m.

2. Roll Call

The presence of the above members was noted. John Whitney was present but not seated.

3. Seating of Alternates

NONE

4. Approval of Agenda

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Wynn Muller and Seconded by Amanda Drew. *All in favor; motion passed.*

5. Development Compliance Officer Report

Mr. Curtin was not present. Mr. Popper offered to direct any questions that the Agency may have to Mr. Curtin. There were no questions.

6. Town Planner Report

Mr. Popper stated that the previous clerk, Linda Imme, has resigned and that Julie Petrella was clerking for the Agency.

Mr. Popper updated the Agency as to the progress of improvements made by ShopRite, that there was tenant activity at County Line Drive, that Planning and Zoning had recently approved the site plan application for Two Men and a Truck, and that there was some interest in the Field Road property.

7. Public Comments

There were no public comments at this time.

8. New Business:

- a. Application #17-04: Request to Dredge and Expand a Farm Pond at 76 Nooks Hill Road. John C. Whitney is the Applicant and John C. and Christine V. Whitney are the Owners.

Mr. Popper clarified to the Agency that the applicant's proposed activity was allowed by right. However, he had asked the applicant to submit a formal application so that it could be heard and there would be a formal record.

John C. Whitney presented the application. He began by showing a picture of the farm pond as of 1939 and stated that it had been dredged once since that time, more than fifty years ago. He wanted to dredge the pond so that it would be deeper and hold more water to pump for irrigation. The island of the pond was approximately 150 feet by 150 feet and the pond was approximately 70 feet by 50 feet. He wanted to increase its size to approximately 100 feet by 70 feet.

Mr. Muller asked for clarification as to whether the applicant was restoring the original dimensions or expanding the pond, as dredging is a matter of right but expanding is not. The applicant stated that he was more concerned with increasing the depth of the pond. He did not know the original size of the pond. Ms. Drew asked about the timeframe for action which the applicant stated would be the fall when the pond was drier. Mr. Yeske stated that he was ok with the proposed plan and wanted to know what the issue with the Russell farm had been and how that differed from the present application. Mr. Popper responded by saying that the Agency hadn't been notified until after the work had been done and it was more of an enforcement issue regarding the deposit of the spoils in the upland review area. The applicant stated that he planned to spread the dredged material as topsoil and in the fields. Mr. Wynn clarified that the previous discussion had concerned the Ruske farm, not the Russell farm.

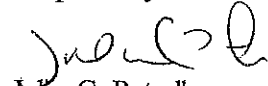
Mr. Popper stated that no formal action needed to be taken and that an advisory opinion could be issued for the record. The presentation was so that the Agency was formally notified and asked that the applicant notify the Agency as to when the work would begin. Mr. Muller made a motion to approve the application as an activity that can be done as of right. It was seconded by Ms. Drew. *All were in favor; motion passed.*

9. Commissioner's Comments and Reports:

NONE

10. **Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn at 7:11 p.m. by Amanda Drew; Seconded by G. Alden Nettleton. *All in favor; Motion passed.*

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Julie C. Petrella". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a distinct "P".

Julie C. Petrella
Recording Clerk