

**TOWN OF CROMWELL
INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING
7:00 PM WEDNESDAY AUGUST 2, 2017
ROOM 224 CROMWELL TOWN HALL 41 WEST STREET
MINUTES AND RECORD OF VOTES**

Present: Chairman Joseph Corlis, G. Alden Nettleton, John Whitney, and William Yeske

Absent: Wynn Muller, Amanda Drew

Also Present: Director of Planning and Development Stuart Popper, Wetland Enforcement Officer Fred Curtin

1. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Corlis at 7:01 p.m.

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2. Roll Call

The presence of the above members was noted.

3. Seating of Alternates: NONE


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4. Approval of Agenda

A motion to approve the agenda was made by William Yeske and Seconded by G. Alden Nettleton. *All in favor; motion passed.*

5. Approval of Minutes:

a. July 5 2017: A motion to approve the minutes was made by G. Alden Nettleton and Seconded by William Yeske. *All in favor; motion passed.*

6. Development Compliance Officer Report

a. Status of On-Going Projects: Mr. Curtin stated that construction on the car wash on Shunpike Road had begun, across from Lowes.

b. Status of Existing Cease and Desist Orders: William Vincenzi, J WV Associates, LLC, 186 Coles Road, Cromwell, was present and addressed the Commission. He stated that he had hired a third party to clear the property and that only diseased, rotted and dead trees had been removed. He stated that he thought that doing so was in the best interest of the property as a rotted tree had collapsed and fallen on that lot several years ago. He said that he had consulted with Mr. Gondon regarding clearing and grading the slope between their properties and was planning to plant some evergreen trees for privacy screening. He asked for clarification as to why the Commission was involved in this matter.

Mr. Popper stated that the cut trees were in a conservation area under the authority of the Commission. Mr. Curtin stated that trees greater than fourteen inches in diameter could not be cut in the conservation area without first obtaining the Commission's permission. Mr. Vincenzi stated that only one large tree was cut and it was diseased. After some discussion, Mr. Vincenzi, in conjunction with Richard Gondon, of 3 Twin Oaks Drive, agreed to plant two four inch caliber deciduous trees in the conservation area on or before October 15, 2017, the exact location to be determined by Mr. Gondon.

John Whitney made a motion to modify the Cease and Desist Order to require the planting of two four inch caliber deciduous trees in the conservation area on or before October 15, 2017, Seconded by William Yeske. *All in favor; motion passed.*

7. Town Planner Report

Mr. Popper provided the Agency with an overview of the work planned for Cromwell Landing. Specifically, the brownstone wall along the Connecticut River would be re-established and a pathway and handicapped accessible fishing pier constructed. Beginning in the next month or so, the area at the end of River Road / Wall Street would be cleared of invasive brush and trees. No stumping would take place. This was necessary to ready the area for a bathymetric survey. No wetlands permit was necessary; this information was being provided to the Commission for advisory purposes only.

8. Public Comments

There were no public comments at this time.

9. New Business:

- a. Application #17-06: Request to conduct regulated activities (disturbance for the construction of a building) within the Upland Review Area at 186 Shunpike Road. JPG Partners, LLC is the Applicant and John C. and Sybil C. Martin Executrix of the Estate of Helen M. Ewald is the Owner.

Mr. Popper stated that revised plans had been submitted to the Town and that the Town Engineer had reviewed the plans and concurred with the revisions thereon.

Chris Juliano of Juliano & Associates, 405 Main Street, Yalesville, Connecticut, presented the application. He began by reviewing the Town Engineer's previous concerns regarding the discharge bypassing the onsite wetlands. He had revised the plans so that the roof runoff from Buildings 2 and 3 would flow over land to recharge the wetlands. He had also provided for a catch basin, with a grit chamber, so that the wetlands would be fed clean water from a third source. He stated that there was no planned activity that would directly impact the wetlands or upland review area, but that because of the proximity of the proposed construction to the upland review area, it was possible that there could be an area of disturbance. Therefore, the applicant was requesting a permit to temporarily impact an area of 2,000 square feet in the upland review area to prevent any issues during construction.


Mr. Popper summarized the comments made in Jon Harriman's Memorandum dated July 31, 2017.

John Whitney made a motion to approve the application on the condition that the developer/site owner submit a copy of the stormwater maintenance report to the Town Engineer on an annual basis by January 31 detailing the previous years' activities. The motion was seconded by Williams Yeske. *All in favor; motion passed.*

10. Commissioners' Comments and Reports: NONE

11. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn at 7:23 p.m. by John Whitney; Seconded by G. Alden Nettleton. *All in favor; motion passed.*

Respectfully Submitted,



Julie C. Petrella
Recording Clerk