

**TOWN OF CROMWELL
INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES AGENCY
SPECIAL MEETING
7:00 THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 2020
ROOM 224
CROMWELL TOWN HALL, 41 WEST STREET**

Present: Chairman Joseph Corlis, William Yeske, John Whitney, David Adametz, and Wynn Muller

Absent:

Also Present: Director of Planning and Development Stuart Popper, Development Compliance Officer Bruce Driska, Town Engineer Jon Harriman and Deputy Mayor Jennifer Donohue.

1. Call to Order

The special meeting was called to order by Chairman Corlis at 7:04 PM.

2. Roll Call

The presence of the above members was noted.

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3. Seating of Alternates:

None.

4. Approval of Agenda:

Wynn Muller made the motion to approve the agenda; Seconded by John Whitney.
All in favor; motion passed.

5. Approval of Minutes:

a. December 4, 2019- Mr. Popper stated the attendance of Deputy Mayor Donohue was omitted in error. John Whitney made the motion to approve the minutes with corrections; Seconded by Wynn Muller. *All in favor; motion passed.*

6. Development Compliance Officer Report:

Development Compliance Officer Bruce Driska provided a summary of the Covenant Village project and asked if there were any other questions. There were no questions.

7. Town Planner Report:

Mr. Popper provided an update on the Marriott Hotel under construction as well as several other projects.

8. Public Comments:

No public comments were made.

9. New Business:

a. Election of Officers:

William Yeske made a motion to nominate Joe Corliss for Chairman; Seconded by Wynn Muller. *All in favor; motion passed.*

William Yeske made a motion to nominate John Whitney for Vice Chairman; Seconded by Wynn Muller. *All in favor; motion passed.*

William Yeske made a motion to nominate Wynn Muller for Secretary; Seconded by John Whitney. *All in favor; motion passed.*

b. Application #20-01: Request to conduct regulated activities (modify and reconstruct storm water management area) within the Upland Review Area at 120 County Line Drive. Scannell Properties #315, LLC is the Applicant and the owner

Mr. Popper summarized recent approvals issued to the Applicant at the same property noting the Agency determined that the previous proposal to construct the storm water management area did not present significant activity. Mr. Popper stated that the stormwater basins about to be discussed were man-made-not wetlands.

Dave Gagnon, P.E. Langan Engineering presented an overview of proposed work describing it as a relocation and displacement of existing man-made stormwater basins to create a reconfigured driveway.

Dean Gustafson, Professional Soil Scientist, All Points Technology described the displacement of an existing 13,000s.f. stormwater basin with a new 17,000s.f. as providing overall water quality improvements.

John Whitney made the motion to find the application as not a significant activity; Seconded by William Yeske. *All in favor; motion passed.*

John Whitney made the motion to approve Application #20-01; Seconded by William Yeske. *All in favor; motion passed.*

10. Public Hearings:

a. Application #19-09: Request to conduct regulated activities (filling and grading) within the Inland Wetlands and Upland Review Area at 100 County Line Drive. The Town of Cromwell is the Applicant and the Owner.

John Whitney made the motion to open the Public Hearing; Seconded by Wynn Muller. *All in favor; motion passed.*

Jon Harriman, P.E., Town Engineer/Assistant Public Works Director described the proposal to fill 4,000 SF within a ravine at the proposed new Public Works facility. Mr. Harriman stated the ravine had developed wetland soils from years of drainage from an adjacent former farm field. The farm property has since been developed and includes engineered drainage directing drainage flow away from the ravine.

There were no questions or comments from Agency members or the Public.

John Whitney made the motion to close the Public Hearing; Seconded by David Adametz. *All in favor; motion passed.*

Wynn Muller made the motion to approve Application #19-09; Seconded by William Yeske. *All in favor; motion passed.*

b. Application #19-10: Request to conduct regulated activities (repair of Bridge No. 05224) within the Inland Wetlands and Upland Review Area adjacent to the bridge on Pasco Hill Road. The Town of Cromwell is the Applicant and the Towns of Berlin and Cromwell are the Owners.

Dennis Garceau, P.E., GM2 Associates, Inc. described the project as a proactive repair and reconstruction of a bridge spanning the Mattabesset River noting the bridge was constructed in 1981. Mr. Garceau stated as part of "topside" repairs 200 linear feet of roadway and bridge decking would be replaced along with upgrades to guard rail systems. He explained that approximately 350 cubic yards of soil would be removed and replaced with a total impact of 1,400 square feet. Mr. Garceau said bridge abutments and wingwalls would be replaced while implementing a series of coffer dams estimating the project would begin in June of 2020 and would require 1-2 months for completion.

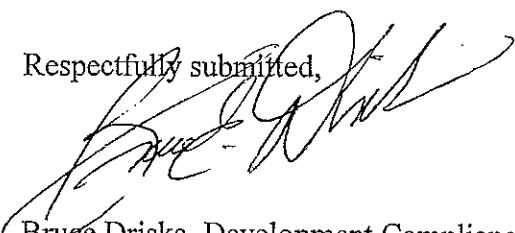
There were no questions or comments from Agency members or the Public.

John Whitney made the motion to close the Public Hearing; Seconded by Wynn Muller. *All in favor; motion passed.*

Wynn Muller made the motion to approve Application # 19-10; Seconded by David Adametz. *All in favor; motion passed.*

11. **Commissioner Comments:** William Yeske commented upon CONNDOT'S oversight of the bridge project. There were no other commissioner comments.
12. **Adjourn:** Wynn Muller made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Seconded by John Whitney. *All in favor; motion passed.* Meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Bruce Driska, Development Compliance Officer
Acting Recording Clerk