

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

REGULAR MEETING
7:00 WEDNESDAY, November 4, 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, Amanda Drew, Wynn Muller, John Whitney (alternate)

Absent: Scott Lamberson

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 7:03pm 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 Amanda Drew and **seconded** by John Whitney to approve the amended agenda by adding item 9a. accept application 15-17 and item 11a. Approve 2016 meeting schedule. *All were in favor; the motion passed.*

5. **Approval of Minutes:**

a. October 7, 2015 Meeting

A **motion** was made by John Whitney and **seconded** by William Yeske to approve the minutes of October 7, 2015. *Joseph Corlis, Madeline Lowry, William Yeske, G.Alden*

Nettleton, John Whitney approved; Wynn Muller Amanda Drew abstained; the motion passed.

5. Development Compliance Officer Report:

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

Mr. Curtin handed out his activity report and said Mr. Levasseur has started work on dredging the pond at Shadow Lane. He has hay bales and the material is covered with plastic.

He said they will be cutting a tree and grinding a stump near the sewer line that runs parallel to South Street. Mr. Curtin said that the staff can either approve it or the Commission can ask for an application. Mr. Harriman said it is an existing disturbance because of the sewer line. The Commissioners agreed that the staff can handle the project.

Mr. Curtin also said that Kelly Starr has met with the Cromwell Commons people and they discussed the planting plan.

7. Director of Planning and Development Report:

Mr. Popper said that he would like to add application 15-17 and will give input on that when it is presented and he would like to have the 2016 meeting schedule approved.

8. Public Comments: none

9. Public Hearing:

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

Chairman Corlis read application 15-16.

Arthur Scoville of 18 Hillside Road said he met with 3 of you last week.

Mr. Scovill showed the wetlands on the map and where he wants to put a pipe. 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. He said we have maintained and cleaned out the sand over the years. He said we have guaranteed the grade of the pipe to the neighbors. He said this pipe will be 12 inches lower than the town pipe.

Mr. Nettleton asked if the pipe would be 12 inches increasing to 32 inches. Mr. Scoville said no, that Mr. Harriman wants us to remove the 12 inch pipe and only have a 32 inch to the pond. He said it will be a nice easy open flow.

Mr. Popper said that if you approve the application I would refer to Mr. Harriman's memo dated October 28, 2015 so you can set his comments as conditions.

A **motion** was made by Wynn Muller and **seconded** by Madeline Lowry to open the public hearing for application 15-16. *All were in favor; the motion passed.*

Chairman Corlis asked for any members of the public who wanted to speak regarding the application.

Jessica Palladino of 15 Hillside Avenue asked if any of the pipe would be exposed outside of Scoville's property or just within.

Mr. Scoville explained where the pipe would be. He said they will fill the area and it would become a grass lawn.

Ms. Palladino asked if there would be any change of flow. Mr. Scoville said no, it will be below the grade of your pipe coming out of your pond.

Chairman Corlis asked for anyone else in the public who wanted to speak. No one came forward.

A **motion** was made by John Whitney and **seconded** by Amanda Drew to close the public hearing for application 15-16. *All were in favor; the motion passed.*

A **motion** was made by Amanda Drew and **seconded** by G. Alden Nettleton to approve application 15-16 with conditions set forth in Jon Harriman's memo dated October 28, 2015. *All were in favor; the motion passed.*

10. New Business Accept and Schedule New Application:

a. Application 15-17 800 Corporate Row, Matthew Esler is the Applicant

Mr. Popper said this is in the upland review area not the wetlands.

Attorney Salvatore Petrella of 630 Main Street said that he is representing 800 Corporate Row LLC. He said the presentation is a little complicated for a simple project. He said the existing building is Renewal by Anderson. He said the windows are disposed of in dumpsters and they are having difficulty throwing them over the dumpsters. He said they are looking to move the dumpsters to a paved area and lower the dumpsters at an angle so people can easily throw them over. He said this is all windows, trim, doors and glass and no garbage.

Attorney Petrella said that is a previously disturbed area. He said it is 1200 square feet of upland review area and also portions of existing pavement. He showed the area on a map. He said they would like to widen the existing paved area from 15 feet to 30 feet and excavate an area of about 25 feet at the end of the paved area to create a stone covered pad for dumpsters. He said the dumpsters will sit at an angle.

Ms. Lowry asked if the existing flow will change and Attorney Petrella said no change. Ms. Drew asked about the maintenance schedule and Attorney Petrella said it is all construction debris and they will patrol on a daily basis. Ms. Lowry said that Anderson is a good company. Attorney Petrella said we want to ask the Commission to let the staff approve.

Mr. Popper said to summarize the applicant usually comes in for acceptance and we schedule a public hearing. He said the Commission, in the past, has allowed staff to handle administratively.

Ms. Lowry reads the steps to determine significance.

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

A **motion** was made by Wynn Muller and **seconded** by Madeline Lowry to approve the project subject to conditions of staff and to not implement before the 15 day waiting period. *All were in favor; the motion passed.*

11. Commissioners' Comments and Reports:

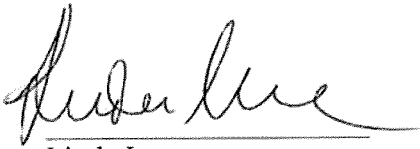
a. Approval of 2016 meeting schedule

A **motion** was made by G. Alden Nettleton and **seconded** by Amanda Drew to approve the 2016 meeting calendar as presented; all meetings will be held on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm. *Madeline Lowry abstained; the rest were in favor; the motion passed.*

12. Adjourn

A **motion** was made by Madeline Lowry and **seconded** by Wynn Muller to adjourn at 7:44pm. *All were in favor; the motion passed.*

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Linda Imme
Recording Clerk