

*TOWN OF CROMWELL
INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES AGENCY
SPECIAL MEETING
7:00PM WEDNESDAY MARCH 2, 2016
ROOM 224
CROMWELL TOWN HALL, 41 WEST STREET*

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Present: Chairman Joseph Corlis, G. Alden Nettleton, Amanda Drew, Wynn Muller, John Whitney

Absent: William Yeske, Scott Lamberson, Madeline Lowry

Also Present: Town Planner Stuart Popper and Town Engineer Jon Harriman

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by Chairman Corlis.

2. Roll Call

The presence of the above members was noted.

3. Seating of Alternates

Wynn Muller made a **motion** to seat John Whitney as an alternate. Amanda Drew **seconded** the motion. *All were in favor; the motion passed.*

4. Approval of Agenda

Amanda Drew made a **motion** to approve the agenda. Wynn Muller **seconded** the motion. *All were in favor; the motion passed.*

5. Approval of Minutes

a. December 2, 2015

Amanda Drew made a **motion** to approve the minutes from the meeting on December 2nd, 2015. G. Alden Nettleton **seconded** the motion. *Three were in favor; two abstentions; the motion passed.*

6. Development Compliance

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

No report from Fred Curtin this month.

7. Town Planner Report

Stuart Popper reported that work continues on Shady Lane and it currently looks good. The Planning and Zoning Commission voted last night and approved the zone change for the “Nike Site.” John Whitney asked about the development plans. Stuart Popper responded that the developers presented a plan for 160 units of luxury apartments. Mr. Popper responded to a question from Chairman Corlis that the developers would come before this commission in the future.

Wynn Muller asked about changes to regulations. Stuart Popper responded that there have been minor changes and it will be addressed soon.

8. Public Comments

No Public Comments

9. New Business Accept and Schedule New Application:

a. Application #16-01: Request to conduct regulated activities with the Upland Review Area in Watrous Park for the Raymond Place Drainage Improvements Project. The Town of Cromwell is the Applicant and the Owner

Jon Harriman spoke initially from a Public Works perspective about the removal of fallen trees in the Shadow Lane dam. A favorable response was provided for the continuing maintenance.

Jon Harriman addressed the inadequate drainage in the Raymond Place area. Mr. Harriman explained that a number of alternatives were researched to address the problem. There are a number of issues due to the fact that the land is flat and contains tight compact soil. Mr. Harriman proposed the idea to create a pond in the Watrous Park area. After significant research and tests involving the DEP and the Army Corps of Engineers, Harriman determined that no permits are required with those groups.

John Whitney raised concerns about the vernal pool and Jon Harriman responded that construction would begin in the dry season, potentially in August, after the vernal pool. In order to mitigate safety and contaminant concerns, a barrier and other measures would be created to prevent people and animals from gaining access.

At the request of the agency, Stuart Popper reviewed the regulations for a “Significant Activity.” Wynn Muller made a **motion** to find that the Raymond Place Drainage Improvements Project was not significant activity. Amanda Drew **seconded** the motion. *All were in favor; the motion passed.*

This will be considered in the April meeting. Wynn Muller requested more aerial photos of the location to be provided at the next meeting.

10. Commissioners’ Comments and Reports

There were no reports or comments at this time.

11. Adjourn

John Whitney made a **motion** to adjourn the meeting. G. Alden Nettleton **seconded** the motion. *All were in favor; the motion passed.* The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Abby Marchinkoski

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Recording Clerk