



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

REGULAR MEETING
7:00 WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2016
ROOM 224
CROMWELL TOWN HALL, 41 WEST STREET

Minutes and Record of Votes

Present: Chairman Joseph Corlis, G. Alden Nettleton William Yeske, Amanda Drew, Scott Lamberson, John Whitney (arrived 7:09pm)

Absent: Wynn Muller

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

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Corlis at 7:02pm.

2. Roll Call

The presence of the above members was noted.

3. Seating of Alternates: none

4. Approval of Agenda:

A **motion** was made by Scott Lamberson and **seconded** by Amanda Drew to approve the agenda with the change to include 74 North Road & Edward Dlugolenski as additional owners for application 16-06 since the pond is on two parcels. *All were in favor; the motion passed.*

5. Approval of Minutes:

a. July 6, 2016

A **motion** was made by Amanda Drew and **seconded** by Scott Lamberson to approve the minutes of July 6, 2016. *All were in favor; the motion passed.*

6. Development Compliance Officer Report:

a. Status of On-going Projects

Fred Curtin went over his report dated August 31, 2016. He said there is a letter in your package from the soil scientist for 4 Riverside Drive.

b. Status of Existing Cease and Desist Orders – none

7. Town Planner Report:

Mr. Popper said that the Sunoco Station on West Street has been purchased and they want to reopen. He said they will have to go to ZBA then to Planning and Zoning. He said he expects some new applications in the Fall but there are no new wetland applications except for the two on the agenda tonight.

8. Public Comments: - none

9. New Business Accept and Schedule New Application:

- a. Application # 16-05: Request to clear trees to obtain a view of the Connecticut River within the 200 feet of the Connecticut River at 4 Riverside Drive. Southington II, LLC is the Applicant and the Owner.

Joyce Stiefel, 19 Sage Road Wethersfield said that this property is owned by her son and he was told he could cut the trees and leave the stumps. After he did that he received a notice so he hired an Engineer. He said that her son is willing to plant more trees. Mr. Popper said this activity is within 200 feet of the Connecticut River. He said as long as roots weren't removed a permit wouldn't be required. He said we received a complaint so we went out to the property. He said that he was disappointed that the applicants Engineer couldn't make it here tonight. Mr. Popper said the site is stable and the issue at this point is stumping.

Mr. Lamberson said he is not sure what they can do if they don't need a permit for this activity. Mr. Curtin said that to cut trees and leave stumps is ok but it's when you disturb the soil that is a problem. He said they were sent a notice for erosion control. Ms. Drew asked if he could keep it on his radar to check for erosion. Mr. Popper said I'd like to hear from their Engineer. Mr. Popper summarized the Engineers findings but said the suggested Mr. Curtin monitor this and check back monthly.

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

Maryann Steuernagel, 6 Riverside Drive said she has no issues with trimming branches to get a better view but we have seen the very apparent erosion happen to our other neighbors due to clearing trees years ago. The bank goes very quickly when it rains. She was told years ago that you needed permission from the Army Corp of Engineers to put a deck on her house. Ms. Steuernagel said this is a very serious issue. She said the comments from the soil scientist were it should be ok not it was ok and I don't know what his qualifications are.

Craig Steuernagel, 6 Riverside Drive said the neighbor's home is eroded to the cement pilings.

Mr. Yeske said we should demand the Engineer come next month and Mr. Popper said we should know about sensitive areas and he will have the Engineer come in to reinforce his position next month.

A **motion** was made by Scott Lamberson and **seconded** by John Whitney to accept application 16-05 and schedule it to be heard on October 5, 2016. *All were in favor; the motion passed.*

- b. Application # 16-06: Request to clean and maintain man-made farm pond at 4 Ledge Road and at 74 North Road. Anthony and Sharon Salvatore and are the Applicants and the Owners of 4 Ledge Road and Edward J. Dlugolenski is the Applicant and Owner of 74 North Road.

Mr. Popper passed out plans and pictures for application 16-06. He said that Mr. Salvatore wants to clean out a farm pond. He said there is a lot of growth and he would take the material when it dries out and spread it on his land.

A **motion** was made by Amanda Drew and **seconded** by William Yeske to accept application 16-06. *All were in favor; the motion passed.*

Anthony Salvatore, 4 Ledge Road said he would like to bring the pond back to what it was originally. He said it is filled in with leaves and debris so he would like to clean and maintain it. He said he will use the material he takes out to fill in low spots on his property. He said the pond was for farm use and the other property is my Father in Law's. He said he would look at doing the work next August when it dries up.

Mr. Lamberson said the work is in the wetlands so it is significant. Mr. Popper said it is man-made and this is just maintenance. Mr. Whitney said it doesn't feed anything either. Mr. Salvatore said the brook no longer runs. Mr. Popper read the significant activity findings and all questions were answered no.

A **motion** was made by Scott Lamberson and **seconded** by Amanda Drew to find no significant findings for application 16-06 and to approve. *All were in favor; the motion passed.*

Mr. Popper said a resident John Steiner, 28 Geer Street wrote a letter and asked about permits that were needed. Mr. Popper said he answered all of his questions.

10. Commissioners' Comments and Reports:

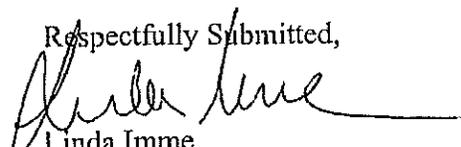
Mr. Lamberson said that he would need to step down so if you know anyone who wants to serve on the board to please have them contact the right people. Mr. Popper said that Mr. Lamberson will need to file a formal resignation and then we can ask the appropriate party affiliation to appoint an alternate and we can ask Mr. Whitney to be a full member.

Mr. Corlis reminded the members of the conference in Rocky Hill. Mr. Popper said he will send out the registration form.

11. Adjourn

A **motion** was made by Amanda Drew and **seconded** by G. Alden Nettleton to adjourn at 7:42pm. All were in favor; the motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,


Linda Imme
Recording Clerk