

**COVENTRY INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY
MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER:

By: Woolf

Time: 7:45 p.m.

Place: Town Hall Annex

ROLL CALL:

		PRESENT	ABSENT
REGULAR MEMBERS:	Harvey Barrett		X
	Charles Clapp		X
	Lori Mathieu	X	
	Sam Norman	X arrived at 8:02	
	Thomas Woolf, Vice Chairman	X	
ALTERNATE MEMBERS:	Open		
OTHER:	Todd Penney, Wetlands Agent	X	

Sorich was seated for Clapp.

AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS:

None

PUBLIC HEARING:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

- #16-03W – Owner Town of Coventry, agent Inland Wetlands Agent/Town Engineer Todd Penney. Property located at 1276 Main Street; the Tracy Shoddy Mille site. The work is for parking and pedestrian access improvement for the buildings to be use at Town meeting spaces. Work will include a minor addition and storm water handling**

improvements.

Town of Coventry is rehabbing the Tracy Shoddy Mill for community use. There is no wetlands impact; there is 13,600 sq. feet in the upland review area. The Town has received a grant for the improvements. The parking area is being expanded with an impervious surface. A bio filter drain designed to handle a 1" rain event is proposed to mitigate the runoff from the parking. The bio filter will have wet and dry plantings included for nutrient uptake. Run off from a larger rain event will sheet flow into the Mill Brook as it does today. The coefficients between the gravel parking area and a paved parking area are relatively the same.

Motion: The Coventry Inland Wetlands Agency approves application #16-03W – Owner Town of Coventry, agent Inland Wetlands Agent/Town Engineer Todd Penney. Property located at 1276 Main Street; the Tracy Shoddy Mille site. The work is for parking and pedestrian access improvement for the buildings to be use at Town meeting spaces. Work will include a minor addition and storm water handling as presented on the plan

With Condition: A pre-construction meeting will be held with the Inland Wetlands Agent.

By: Mathieu

Seconded: Sorich

Motion carried with the following vote:

For: Sorich, Woolf, Mathieu, Norman

Against: None

Abstain: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. #16-07W – Acknowledgment of Application of Town of Coventry Public Schools, Tennis Court Expansion and Drainage Improvements at Coventry High School, 1700 Main St.

Town of Coventry Public Schools, location 78 Ripley Hill Road, wishes to add a fourth court that will allow the high school to host meets. The tennis court and expansion project are not within a wetlands or upland review area. The existing courts will be resurfaced. The drainage improvements include the installation of a French drain along the length of the courts for minor surface water to drain through the stones and discharge to the wetlands area delineated by soil scientist. A temporary concrete pad will be built for the entry of construction vehicles.

The IWA accepted the application and not not feel a public hearing on the matter is needed.

2. #11-17W – Request for Extension and Second Modification by Thomas Weston, 158 Beebe Farms Rd.

Tom Weston was present. Weston indicated the modification is to add a 16' x 14' patio near the water. He also wishes to change the perforated pipe and trench to capture storm water runoff from Beebe Farms Road to a box culvert with a steel grate over it that drains into his rain garden. In observing run off, the perforated pipe would only be a band-aid solution. Mr. Weston is suggesting an artificial lawn strip in the easement to the Lake during major construction work

that the neighbor may be undergoing. This easement does get a lot of traffic, including fire trucks using it to draw water from the Lake. Ultimately, this would be natural grass.

Mathieu does not see this activity as having a major wetland impact.

Motion: The Coventry Inland Wetlands Agency extends the permit on application #11-17W for 5 years with expiration on June 22, 2021. The modification on the application is remanded to the Inland Wetland Agent for review and approval.

By: Woolf

Seconded: Sorich

Motion carried with the following vote:

For: Woolf, Mathieu, Sorich

Against: None

Abstain: None

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

1. January 27, 2016

Motion: The Coventry Inland Wetlands Agency approves the January 27, 2016 meeting minutes.

By: Woolf

Seconded: Mathieu

Motion carried with the following vote:

For: Woolf, Mathieu, Sorich

Against: None

Abstain: Norman

2. March 9, 2016 Special Meeting

Motion: The Coventry Inland Wetlands Agency approves the March 9, 2016 meeting minutes.

By: Mathieu

Seconded: Woolf

Motion carried with the following vote:

For: Woolf, Mathieu, Sorich

Against: None

Abstain: Norman

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Appointment of Agency Officers

There is the issue of Chairperson to be decided. Woolf wants to wait until the other Members are present.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Staff received a packet from the Bidwell Village developers looking for modification for storm water management. They are suggesting a storm water detention basin versus underground storage as proposed.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Yvonne B. Filip

Yvonne B. Filip, IWA Clerk

PLEASE NOTE: These minutes are not official until approved by the Inland Wetland Agency at the next Agency meeting. Please see the next Agency meeting minutes for approval or changes to these minutes.