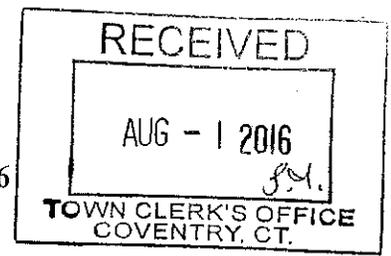


**COVENTRY INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY
MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, JULY 27, 2016**



CALL TO ORDER:

By: Woolf

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Place: Town Hall Annex

ROLL CALL:

		PRESENT	ABSENT
REGULAR MEMBERS:	Harvey Barrett	X	
	Open		
	Lori Mathieu, Chairperson		X
	Sam Norman, Treasurer	X	
	Thomas Woolf, Vice Chairman	X	
ALTERNATE MEMBERS:	Open		
	David Sorich		X
OTHER:	Todd Penney, Wetlands Agent	X	

AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS:

None

PUBLIC HEARING:

None

Motion: Move to revise the agenda to hear the New Business items before the Old Business item.

By: Norman

Seconded: Barrett

Motion carried with the following vote:

For: Woolf, Norman, Barrett

Against: None

Abstain: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. #16-12W – Applicant: Christina Pierce, agent for owners Lakeview Terrace Association. Location of activity: Lakeview Terrace Association Beach, Lakeshore Dr. (Assessor’s Map P, Block C, Lot Beach). Description of Project: Improvements to association beach area including retaining wall, steps, invasive plant removal, jetty changes, addition of beach sand, grubbing, grading, plantings, and replacing of paved boat launch.**

Staff provided a brief description of the project. The landscaping and maintenance issues outlined on the application is work within the high water mark of Coventry Lake. Staff suggested to the agent that it is advisable to present a master plan to the IWA.

Todd Henderson and Christian Pierce from the Association were present.

Christiana Pierce provided color photos to the Members. She explained that improvements have not been made to the area in some years. As a result, beachfront has been lost due to invasive plants. The two jetties the swimming area. The rocks of the jetties have shifted over the years. Maintenance will be done to redefine and regrade the jetties. Handrails and steps will provide better, safer access to the beach. The work will be done in phases with the repositioning of the boulders when the Lake is in draw down.

Staff commented that this is a well-thought out plan. However, he requests that the sections defined on the application are labeled on the map to help the correlation between the two. Staff will provide the 2009 aerials to the agent, which he will base his formal comments on.

The Agency does not feel this needs to have a public hearing. Deemed as old business for the August meeting to be held on the twenty-fourth.

- 2. #16-13W - Applicants Holly and Ronald Weston. Property located at 162 Beebe Farms Road (Assessor’s Map R, Block 24, Lot 25A). Description of the Project: House addition within 150' of the Lake, enlarge gravel driveway, and proposed deck. 320 square feet of wetlands, watercourse and/or Regulated Area Impacted.**

Holly and Ronald Weston were present.

Staff recounted that he has met with the Westons, the ZEO, and WPCA tech regarding this potential addition. The current distance to the high-water mark is 30', which will not change with the addition.

Ronald Weston indicated the plan is to add a 16' x '22 foot two-floor addition off the side of the house. There will not be a basement, they will gutter the entire house, and employ four rain barrels to capture the runoff. The addition of a deck is being discussed. The dirt driveway will be improved with gravel.

The Agency does not feel this needs to have a public hearing. Deemed as old business for the August meeting to be held on the twenty-fourth.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1. #16-09W – Applicant: Town of Coventry, John Elsesser, 1712 Main Street, Coventry; owner: Town of Coventry; agent Todd Penney, Town Engineer and Wetlands Agent. Location of activity: Homestead Drive (Assessor’s Map Q, Block C and G, Lots 52 and 11 respectively). Description of Project: Install drainage to facilitate storm water flow under Homestead Drive while maintaining vernal pool water elevation.**

Staff commented that in May Homestead Drive was in horrendous shape. This area was built up over existing wetlands area without storm water conveyance features. The plan calls for the installation of a culvert to convey storm water from one side of the road to the other, which has already been completed because of scheduled and completed road paving. The issue at large is that there is vernal pool activity on one side. Therefore, the water elevation of the pool must be maintained. John Ianni, Soil Scientist, evaluated the depth of the water. Should the water level rise by one foot, the excess will drain into a grate and catch basin, run through the culvert, and exit into a plunge pool on the other side of the road. An easement has been obtained from the property owner.

Motion: Move to complete the project per the plan designed and presented by Mr. Penney.

By: Barrett

Seconded: Norman

Motion carried with the following vote:

For: Woolf, Norman, Barrett

Against: None

Abstain: None

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

- 1. June 22, 2016 Regular Meeting**

Motion: The Coventry Inland Wetlands Agency approves the June 22, 2016 meeting minutes.

By: Norman

Seconded: Barrett

Motion carried with the following vote:

For: Woolf, Norman, Barrett

Against: None

Abstain: None

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Agency membership

Clapp has submitted his resignation. The Steering Committee knows of the openings on the IWA.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting was adjourned at 8:26 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.