

**COVENTRY INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY  
MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24, 2016**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

By: Mathieu

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

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- #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.**

Christiana Pierce, 54 Lakeview Drive, Todd Anderson, 54 Lakeshore Drive, were present.

Staff related the work done since the last meeting. Memo from Staff, dated 08-17, had his comments and included pictures. 2009 Aerial map was provided to the Lakeview Terrace Association. The Lake is at winter water level.

Ms. Pierce indicated because the Lake is low this is how it looks right now. Invasive plants have taken over much of the beach area leaving only about one-third left. She pointed out the other two beach areas of the Association. The beach is 958' long with about one-third developed and used. There is approximately four feet of sand under the invasive plants. The Association loses six square feet of beach each year. There is a cliff of rocks along the water's edge; some of these have tumbled down because of tree growth. The Association wants to replace those boulders. Sand and regrading will be done at Section 4.

As Pierce spoke about the work at Section 1 it became evident that formal plans should be drawn up by a landscaper. Because of the street to beach grade it must be determined what the correct grade should be to reduce or eliminate the erosion taking place. The IWA expressed concerns that this work and expense will be for naught without a proper plan. Ms. Pierce indicated that a couple of landscapers have been out to view the area, however, the Association membership would rather see a plan drawn up and then have the project go out to bid.

As the presentation continued, Woolf felt that a landscaper must come up with a formal plan and present that to the Agency. Otherwise, he does not know what the Agency is approving. Other members agreed that more detailed information is required, including a 3D view. Mathieu urged the applicant to use the memo from Todd Penney dated 08-17 as guidance.

Staff indicated that the IWA could approve sections of the permit, however, there is time for the Association to meet to discuss how to proceed and come back for the September meeting. The water level will not be drawn down on the Lake until October or November.

**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 visited the area on 08-16; he provided a memo to the Members and the applicants.

A mini excavator will be used for the slab and frost wall. The owners are adding some processed gravel for the driveway. Much of the driveway is on ledge. Staff suggested excavating the organic material before spreading the new gravel. The addition will not be any closer to the Lake than is the house now. Gutters will be added to the house with rain barrels collecting the runoff from the downspouts. The property has deeded rights, from 1907, to the goat path.

**Motion:** The Coventry Inland Wetlands Agency approves application #16-13W - Applicants and owners 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.

With the following conditions:

- The items detailed on the August 17, 2016 memo from Todd Penney, Town Engineer/Wetlands Agent, are to be addressed.
- A pre-construction meeting is to be held with Todd Penney in attendance.
- Wattle Coil is the sediment control measure to be used on this project.

By: Norman

Seconded: Woolf

Motion carried with the following vote:

For: Woolf, Norman, Mathieu

Against: None

Abstain: None

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

The following applications were reviewed and accepted for the September meeting –

- 1. Application #16-14W – applicant Dennis Manning, owner Waterfront Heights Association. Location of the activity – Ridgewood Trl (between Brookline and Arlington), 138 Old Oak Trl, 124 Old Oak Trl. (Assessor’s Map 001, Blocks 0017, 0021, 0018, Lots 0043, 0047, 0025, 0033). Description of Project: Four-part project which includes replacing existing cross culvert pipes on association owned roads.**
- 2. Application #16-15W – applicant and owner Teleflex Medical, 1295 Main Street. Description of Project: The old retaining wall at the side of the pond is cracked and leaking. Water from the pond is following the path of underground piping and is causing erosion under our driveway and entering our building. We plan to patch the crack and reinforce both sides of the retaining wall.**
- 3. Application #16-16W – applicant and agent Bushnell Associates, LLC. Owners Aaron and Nancy Marcus, 124 Birnum Wood Court, Austin, TX. Location of Activity – 48 and 50 John Hand Drive (Assessor’s Map R, Block O, Lots 39 & 41). Description of Project – Removal of existing structures. Construction of new house, garage, driveway, rain garden and associated grading. Removal of Japanese Knotweed.**
- 4. Application #16-17W – applicant and owner James Motta, 2315 Main St. Location of Activity – 2315 Main Street (Assessor’s Map I, Block 35, Lot 6). Description of Project – Removal of existing sheds, decks, and portion of driveway. Construction of new covered deck/patio, driveway/parking area, shed, walkways, patios, retaining walls, septic system, underground utilities, and associated grading.**

### **ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

#### **1. July 27, 2016 Regular Meeting**

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

By: Woolf

Seconded: Norman

Motion carried with the following vote:  
For: Woolf, Norman, Mathieu  
Against: None  
Abstain: None

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**1. Application Notice: Town of Mansfield Inland Wetlands Agency – Site work at 122-124 Thornbush Road.**

An existing mobile home pad will be removed followed by the installation of a new pad. Staff sees no major issues here. No comment from the IWA is necessary

**2. Norman asked about the use of the overhead projector**

Norman asked if it makes sense to start using the overhead projector. Staff replied that it can be used; he will load up the 2009 aerials.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Meeting was adjourned at 9:29 p.m. by Mathieu.

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.**