

**COVENTRY INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY
MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER:

By: Mathieu

Time: 7:35 p.m.

Place: Town Hall Annex

ROLL CALL:

		PRESENT	ABSENT
REGULAR MEMBERS:	Lori Mathieu, Chairperson	X	
	Lukas McNaboe	X	
	Sam Norman, Treasurer	X	
	David Rosa	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.**

Staff tried to contact the applicant, but he did not hear back from her. There has not been an official withdrawal of the application.

Motion: The Coventry Inland Wetlands Agency denies without prejudice application #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.

By: Woolf

Seconded: Rosa

Friendly amendment suggested by Norman and accepted by Woolf:
That the Town fee be waived when the applicant reapplies for this permit.

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

2. #16-16W – Applicant: Bushnell Associates, agent for owners Aaron and Nancy Marcus, Location of activity: 48 & 50 John Hand Dr. (Assessor’s Map R, Blocks O, Lots 39 & 41). Description of Project: Removal of existing structures, construction of a new house, garage, driveway and rain garden with associated grading.

Andrew Bushnell and Nancy Marcus were present.

Staff has a memo based on revised plans that were provided to the Members.

The owners will demolish the house on each of these lots, combine the lots into one, and build a new residence. On these plans, the house has been moved farther away from the wetlands. The rain garden has been moved to the end of the driveway making it further away from the wetlands. Grading on the east side of the house will establish a small swale to capture storm runoff. With these revised plans there is less activity in the regulated area.

Ms., Marcus met with an arborist on the property for advice on which trees to keep. That person noted that knotweed is a problem and will be encroaching onto her property in the future. However, the knotweed is currently on a neighboring property so the eradication of this that was proposed initially has been removed from this application.

Motion: The Coventry Inland Wetlands Agency approves application #16-16W – Applicant: Bushnell Associates, agent for owners Aaron and Nancy Marcus, Location of activity: 48 & 50 John Hand Dr. (Assessor’s Map R, Blocks O, Lots 39 & 41). Description of Project: Removal of existing structures, construction of a new house, garage, driveway and rain garden with associated grading.

With the following condition:
That the applicant holds a pre-construction meeting with the Town Engineer/Inland Wetlands Agent.

By: Norman

Seconded: Rosa

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

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. #16-29W – Applicants: Ronald Legere and Marcia Krajewski; Owner: Ronald Legere, 396 Hemlock Point Drive, Coventry, CT. Location of the Activity: 396 Hemlock Point Drive (Assessor’s Map K, Block O, Lot 6). Description of Project: Construction of 2nd floor deck with roof. Construction of new 10’ x 10’ shed to replace an existing shed.**

Andrew Bushnell was present for the applicants. This is a 50' wide lot with a total of 2.4 acres. The proposed plan is to build a second story covered deck over the existing first floor deck. The activity will include the pouring of concrete in larger sonic tubes. A metal shed currently exists on a 3-4” concrete pad. A new shed will be located on 8” of crushed stones with the base extending to the overhang to provide infiltration for runoff.

Members agreed this is a minimal impact application.

Motion: The Coventry Inland Wetlands Agency remands application #16-29W – Applicants: Ronald Legere and Marcia Krajewski; Owner: Ronald Legere, 396 Hemlock Point Drive, Coventry, CT. Location of the Activity: 396 Hemlock Point Drive (Assessor’s Map K, Block O, Lot 6). Description of Project: Construction of 2nd floor deck with roof. Construction of new 10’ x 10’ shed to replace an existing shed to the Inland Wetlands Agent for approval.

By: Rosa

Seconded: McNaboe

Motion carried with the following vote:
For: Woolf, Norman, Mathieu, Rosa, McNaboe
Against: None
Abstain: None
All in favor.

- 2. #16-26W – Applicants and owners: Tim and Donna Silva; Location of the Activity: 271 Woodland Road (Assessor’s Map K, Block O, Lot 81). Description of the Project: Reclaim beach sand, add additional sand, and the removal of phragmites plants/roots.**
- 3. #16-28W – Applicant and owner: William Younge; Location of the Activity: 261 Woodland Road (Assessor’s Map K, Block O, Lot T1). Description of the Project: Removal of phragmites, sand reclamation, replace sand on beach above high water mark.**
- 4. #16-30W – Applicant and owner: Fred North; Location of the Activity: 275 Woodland Drive. Description of the Project: Beach sand reclamation and the removal of invasive phragmites.**

Andrew Bushnell was present for the applicants of New Business Items 3, 4, and 5.

Bushnell has a permit for reclamation work on his property in this neighborhood that is valid through 2018. These three other property owners would like to do the same in conjunction with each other. Bushnell proposes digging out the phragmites by the roots for more thorough eradication. Likely there will be only one mini excavator working at a time on the entire project, if approved.

Staff reminded the Agency that work within the wetlands or water body cannot be considered minimal impact and, therefore, cannot be remanded to the Wetlands Agent.

There was discussion among the Members about these applications being in the public interest to generate public hearings because there are four properties that will have work taking place. However, if each applicant had filed applications at various times, each would likely not have been considered for a public hearing. The Agency wants citizens to do the right thing with reclaiming beach sand or removing invasive species, so would not want to burden these applicants with the cost of a public hearing simply because they are doing this work as a group of neighboring properties. Agency members suggested proactively informing abutting property owners that this work will be taking place rather than start the work, which could generate questions to Staff.

The applications were accepted to be heard at the November meeting.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

1. September 28, 2016 Regular Meeting

Motion: The Coventry Inland Wetlands Agency approves the September 28, 2016 meeting minutes.

By: Woolf

Seconded: Norman

Motion carried with the following vote:

For: Woolf, Norman, Mathieu

Against: None

Abstain: None

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Permit Thresholds

An outline of the thresholds was included in the Members packets.

CORRESPONDENCE:

DEEP training is online for the new Members, as well as DVDs being available.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting was adjourned at 8:56 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.