

**COVENTRY INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY
MINUTES & MOTIONS
SPECIAL MEETING OF THURSDAY AUGUST 20, 2020**

1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL:

By: Penney

Time: 7:39 p.m.

Place: Virtual

		PRESENT	ABSENT
REGULAR MEMBERS:	Martin Briggs	x	
	Patricia Laramee	x	
	Lori Mathieu, Chairperson		x
	Vacant		x
	Thomas Woolf, Vice Chairman		x
ALTERNATE MEMBERS:	Suzanne Choate	x	
	Mike Powers		x
STAFF:	Todd Penney, Town Engineer/Wetlands Agent	x	
STAFF:	Mindy Gosselin, Wetlands Agent Assistant	x	

2. OLD BUSINESS:

A. 19-32W – Folly Lane Bridge – Town of Coventry – Dewatering plan. (e)

Gino Troiano, Jr from TradeMark Contractors, LLC and David Stebben, for Milone & MacBroom were present.

The agency approved 19-32W on January 22, 2020 – at the time of approval, there were conditions stating that the agency would review and approve the cofferdam design/dewatering plan when a contractor was selected and a plan was proposed.

TradeMark Contractors, LLC was the awarded contractor and they are ready to start the coffer damming. The Town received their shop drawing submittal and it has been reviewed by Engineer of Record, Cardinal Engineering.

Penney presented the dewatering plan.

On the updated plan ‘03-A’, boulders were added to the water edge/river banks to improve fish habitat per recommendation of CT DEEP fisheries. The turbidity curtain will be installed

first because the cofferdam will cause some turbidity.

The cofferdam is shown in red and Trademark LLC is proposing a dual system – they are going to be driving sheets in soil where possible. When shallow bedrock is encountered they will be employing big sand bags and poly-plastic fabric to keep water out of hole.

Plan 05.01 – Rough detail of sand bags used. Penney noted that we utilized this cofferdam at the Coventry Lake gate project, and they worked well. The sand bags are large 3feet x 3feet x 3feet then the reinforced poly-plastic that asks as the barrier to flow through.

Limits of disturbance are relatively the same as the 19-32W permit plans, with subtle changes due to DEEP fisheries recommended boulders for fish habitat. Penney stated that we need these cofferdams to do the work in the dry and handle low and ordinary high water.

Laramee asked if the cofferdam would keep the workspace separate from the water even with heavy rain.

Penney stated that it would keep it separate from the excavation.

Penney stated that the process is the same, aside from the change per request of CT DEEP fisheries. The same type of means and methods are present and similar to the Jones gate bridge and the Lake gate.

Briggs questioned the difference between the original and updated plans and asked if anything was expanding.

Penney said that there might be expansion to the Northeast side.

Briggs followed up asking if that tightens up water velocities and discharge.

Penney stated that the permit requires 30 feet separation to maintain flow between cofferdams, and that is what is proposed. There will be a little hybridization. The turbidity curtain will be installed first to lock in any material when they start to drive in the sheets or place the sand bags.

Penney gave a status update that the Invasive Mitigation Plan is being developed by the Contractor's Environmental consultant and will be forth coming. He also noted that the contactor is scheduled to be done by the end of December.

Motion: I move the Coventry Inland Wetlands Agency approve the dewatering plan as presented, in submittal number 007 water handling plan for Folly Lane

By: Choate Second: Laramee

Voting:

For: Choate, Laramee, Briggs

Against: None

Abstain: None

3. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: I move to adjourn at 8:01 p.m.

By: Choate

Seconded: Briggs

Voting:

For: Choate, Laramée, Briggs

Against: None

Abstain: None

Respectfully Submitted,

Mindy Gosselin

Coventry Wetland Agent Assistant

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