

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
PUBLIC HEARING  
JULY 11, 2016**

A Public Hearing was held on Monday, July 11, 2016 in the aldermanic chambers of City Hall. Chairman Vetro opened the public hearing at 7:05 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Board Members Present

B. Anderson  
E. Beatty  
B. Bevan  
B. Bier (7:14 p.m.)  
M. Casey  
D. German  
A. Giannattasio  
J. Golden  
J. Grant  
M. Hardiman  
F. Smith  
N. Veccharelli  
P. Vetro  
R. Vitali

Also Present

Mayor Benjamin Blake  
Joanne M. Rohrig, City Clerk  
Steve Fournier, Assistant to Mayor  
Debra Kelly, Asst. City Attorney

Excused

S. Shaw

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- a) **44-64 River Street, Unit 15** – Request pursuant to CGS §8-24 to enter into a lease with Susan Hushin for the purpose of operating a shave shop.

Speakers in Favor – none.

Speakers in Opposition – none.

- b) **Westmoor Road, adjacent to 16 and 20 Westmoor Road** – Request pursuant to CGS §8-24 to allow driveway access to 16 and 20 Westmoor Road within the right-of-way of Westmoor Road.

Speakers in Favor:

Attorney Thomas Lynch - 63 Cherry Street (office) stated he is here for approval of his client's to construct a driveway to access the parcels at 16 and 20 Westmoor Road. He stated this is a city accepted street and that the property in question intersects a portion of his client's property. He went on to provide a history of the Westmoor Road properties. He stated the paper street extends through the tidal marsh. He referenced the map he distributed to the Board. Attorney Lynch explained the 15' driveway to be constructed by his clients within the city's right of way. He stated his clients wish to develop the property to access their driveway. He stated it conforms to the recommendations of the City's Inland Wetlands Officer as stated in her February 2015 memo. He stated his clients are anxious to develop the property and maintain this area.

Ald. Giannattasio asked if Attorney Lynch would be available during the aldermanic meeting.

Attorney Lynch stated he would.

Speakers in Opposition:

B. Lewis - 11 Earle Street – stated she lives adjacent to the applicant's request. Reading from a prepared statement she spoke of this request which was heard by Planning and Zoning on May 3, 2016. She stated she was never alerted to the Planning and Zoning hearing. She stated she is against the negative actions of the applicant and continued reading citing those actions. Ms. Lewis stated her property will be devalued because of the wetlands and additional flooding. She requested that the decision made May 3, 2016 at the Planning and Zoning Board meeting be overturned.

K. Lewis - 11 Earle Street - stated he wished to provide the Board with a history of the property. He stated he once owned all of the properties being discussed tonight. He stated he is not necessarily against what the applicants want to do but wanted the Board to be clear how much flooding occurs in this area and stressed the importance of any work that is done in this area, is done properly.

T. Rainey – address inaudible - expressed his concern of the wetlands and flooding that occurs all the way to the manhole. He stated he is also concerned with the road/driveway and the debris from vehicles that will affect the wetlands. He stated he also was concerned with run-off into his yard, mosquitoes, etc.

Being no other speakers to address the Board, Chairman Vetro closed the public hearing at 7:30 p.m. and stated he would entertain a motion to adjourn.

Ald. Anderson and Ald. Veccharelli made and seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.  
The Board adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. Kennedy  
Recording Secretary