

AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION
April 12, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Henry A. Kozloski, Chairman
Sheryl Becker
S. Page Fallon
Magda Galiatsos
Frank Meagher
Jill Messick

ALSO PRESENT:

Pamela R. Kerr

Mr. Kozloski called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

1. PUBLIC HEARING CONT. – Notice of Intent – 1123 Suffield Street – Ace Precision

Jon Goddard of R. Levesque Associates was in attendance. He explained that since the last meeting a site visit was held. As a result, the plan has been revised to show the erosion controls behind lot 3 being extended around a tree that will be removed. He went on to say that erosion controls will consist of a double barrier silt fence with a silt sock on the up-gradient side of the silt fence. Mr. Kozloski stated that as observed at the site visit, there is a degraded area behind lots 2 and 3. He would like the area to be loamed and seeded and plantings (i.e. blueberry bushes) be provided. Also, markers along the 200 riverfront area must be installed per DEP. Mr. Fallon asked if the stump from the tree to be removed will remain. Mr. Goddard stated that if there is no issue with the building they can leave the stump. Mr. Kozloski asked that it be cut as low as possible. Mr. Meagher pointed out that there is a lot of the invasive species (Bittersweet) that should be removed. Mr. Fallon stated that he has concerns with the proximity of the limit of work line to the foundation footings and questioned whether it was physically practicable to get equipment in there. He pointed out that the only bump out in the silt fence line is around the tree to be removed. Peter Wood, on behalf of Ace Precision, stated that the building on lot 3 will be phase 3 of this project and this is a proposed footprint. He stated that the building could be smaller and the area of the detention basin and around the cul-de-sac will be grassed. DEP's comments included markers to be placed along the 200' riparian zone. There was discussion of the type, size and spacing of the markers this evening. In conclusion, it was agreed that stone markers, at least 6" above ground, would be placed no less than 25' apart along the 200' riparian zone line. There being no further public input, the Commission closed the public hearing.

The Order of Conditions was written at the end of the meeting.

2. PUBLIC HEARING CONT. – Notice of Intent – 311 Shoemaker Lane – TJA Solar

Atlantic Design Engineers requested that this hearing be continued to the next meeting to allow for the continued third party review of the NOI.

Motion was made by Ms. Messick and seconded by Ms. Galiatsos to continue the public hearing for TJA Solar to the next meeting (April 26, 2018) as requested.

VOTE 6-0

3. 2018 PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM – DPW

Michelle Chase, Town Engineer, was in attendance to present the Town DPW's 2018 Pavement Management Program. She stated that this spring they will be doing all full depth reconstruction of Spring Street, Haskell Street, Emerson Road and Wright Streets. She went on to say that this summer they will be working on Walnut Street and River Street and possibly High Meadow Road, Robin Ridge and Beech Hill and that on Walnut Street they may be using a new technique called cold in-place recycling which is less invasive. They may also widen Walnut Street 1'-2' for bike lanes. She stated that the widths of High Meadow Road, Beech Hill and Robin Ridge may get reduced to 26' from 30' which allows for a reduction in impervious area. Silt fence and haybales will be used as necessary. Mr. Kozloski stated that silt socks may be more effective and they can be moved to other locations as well. He also pointed out that Walnut Street gets very close to the River in spots. Ms. Chase indicated that their work will be no closer than 1 to 5' from utility poles and the maximum width of pavement will be 30' and will even out from the existing 28'/29'. They will also be adding new guardrail and removing the old guard rail. The members agreed with the work as outlined and stated that any changes to the scope of work (i.e. changes to drainage or work outside of the right of way) are needed they must contact the Conservation Commission for approval.

Motion was made by Ms. Messick and seconded by Mr. Meagher that no filings will be required for work as presented this evening for the 2018 Pavement Management Program.

VOTE 6-0

4. DISCUSSION – Silver Street - Aspenwood

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Property owner/developer Kirk McNaughton was in attendance along with his engineer, Roger Woods. Mr. McNaughton stated that he has been working with the Natural Heritage Endangered Species Program (NHESP) on addressing their concerns with his proposed development of this property which abuts Doane Avenue. The land is zoned Residence A and Industrial B. He explained that he has an 2011 approved Preliminary Subdivision Plan on the property and the Commission has approved the wetland delineation on the land as well. He is proposing to change the design/layout of the proposed subdivision and eventually be filing a Notice of Intent with the Commission. The new layout will shift the road 125' south. Due to the presence of endangered species on the property, he must provide a large amount of protected open space through a conservation restriction. NHESP has asked who will be responsible for maintaining the open space. Mr. McNaughton stated that one option is to create a homeowners association to

own the land and hire a land trust to oversee it. He asked if the Commission would be interested in owning and overseeing it. Mr. Kozloski indicated that the Commission cannot own and oversee the conservation restriction as it cannot “police” itself. The members were in agreement that the best option would be the homeowners association with a land trust to oversee it. Mr. McNaughton stated that he may be requesting a zone change to all Residence A but if that is not granted, the plan will show three large industrial lots on one side of the street.

5. DISCUSSION – Hunt Street

Madeline Calabrese was in attendance to discuss the sculptures to be placed on the corporate center property at the end of Hunt Street. She explained that work will start in the spring; three sculptures are done, two still need to be finished, and she would like to add a couple more. She explained that it’s essentially a staging area with a 4’ x 4’ minimally disturbed area or they would build a larger platform out of plywood. She stated that the dirt piles will be removed and the area will be graded in the spring. She asked if the dirt should be removed from the site. Mr. Kozloski stated they must be moved out of the 200’ riverfront area.

6. ENFORCEMENT ORDER UPDATES

North West Street – Kudlic – Members agreed that a follow-up site visit should be scheduled soon.

Tannery Road – Jon Goddard of R. Levesque Associates indicated that he has a call into the land owner and will provide an update to the Commission as soon as he speaks with the owner.

Main Street – Cirillo – n/a

M Street – City of Springfield – The Commission received a restoration report on the work that was required in the recent Enforcement Order. The members agreed to do a final inspection next Tuesday at 2:00 PM.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 22, 2018

Motion was made by Ms. Messick and seconded by Ms. Galiatsos to table approval of the March 22nd minutes as the members had not yet reviewed them.

VOTE 6-0

8. Correspondence and Complaints

The Commission received a progress report on the Eversource project to replace poles in Robinson Park.

The Commission received a request for an extension from Thomas Russo, Jr. for the Order of Conditions on his proposed office building on Garden Street. This Order will expire at the end of April. The members agreed to a three year extension.

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Motion was made by Ms. Messick and seconded by Mr. Meagher to extend the Order of Conditions for Mr. Russo's professional office building on Garden Street (#87-0676) for three years.

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Mr. Kozloski stated that he went out to Mr. Russo's Garden Street condominium project and he is now working on the final building.

The Order of Conditions for Ace Precision was then written. A copy can be obtained from the Town Clerk's office or the Conservation Commission office.

Motion was made by Ms. Messick and seconded by Ms. Becker to issue the Order of Conditions to Ace Precision as written.

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The meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

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