

AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION
May 31, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Frank Meagher

ALSO PRESENT:

Pamela R. Kerr

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

1. REQUEST FOR DETERMINATION OF APPLICABILITY – 496 North Street –
Urbinati

Nick Urbinati was in attendance to present this RDA. He explained that he is proposing to construct a 12' x 24' car port roof addition to an existing detached garage on his property. Mr. Kozloski and Ms. Galiatsos met with him on-site to view the area. Ms. Galiatsos stated that there were no resource area impacts found and the area is currently disturbed.

Motion was made by Ms. Galiatsos and seconded by Ms. Becker to issue a Negative Determination of Applicability for 496 North Street – Urbinati.

VOTE 5-0

2. PUBLIC HEARING CONT. – Paul Revere Drive – Town of Agawam

This item was previously continued to June 14th.

3. PUBLIC HEARING CONT. – 311 Shoemaker Lane – TJA Solar

This item was previously continued to June 14th.

4. AMENDED PLAN – South Westfield Street – DePalma

Jon Goddard of R. Levesque Associates was in attendance as well as the applicant, Ralph DePalma. Mr. Goddard stated that this project is permitted for condominium units with 5 to 8 units per building. Mr. DePalma would like to change the buildings to duplex units. He stated that they will be ranch style units and he feels that they would be more conforming with the

neighborhood. Mr. Goddard stated that no changes to curb cuts are proposed and the changes allow for approximately one acre less impervious area. Mr. Kozloski asked if the number of detention basins would change. Mr. Goddard indicated no, there will be no changes to drainage. Mr. Kozloski asked if the gas and electric lines are shown on the amended plan. Mr. DePalma stated yes. Mr. Goddard went on to explain that the original plan shows 131 units and the amended plan shows approximately 80. Ms. Messick asked if it is just fewer buildings that are proposed. Mr. Goddard stated they may also be making changes to the roadway. Mr. Kozloski asked if the size of the detention ponds were changing. Mr. Goddard stated hopefully no, they should be receiving less water. Mr. Kozloski stated that if the detention ponds remain the same then it won't affect the performance standards. He reminded the members that they hired a third party to review this NOI. Ms. Messick asked if the limit of work lines were changing. Mr. Goddard stated no, and that all buffer and monuments will remain the same. Upon discussion the members agreed that if the resource area impacts are the same or less they could support an amended Order of Conditions.

Motion was made by Ms. Galiatsos and seconded by Ms. Messick to allow for the changes as presented this evening, with no changes to the drainage and no additional resource area impacts to the South Westfield Street DePalma project, through an Amended Order of Conditions.

VOTE 5-0

The members agreed that if the final plan shows the impacts being greater than presented this evening, a new Notice of Intent will be required.

5. ENFORCEMENT ORDER UPDATES

North West Street – Kudlic – nothing new to report.

737 North Street – This Enforcement Order was lifted at the last meeting.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 10, 2018

Motion was made by Ms. Messick and seconded by Ms. Becker to approve the minutes of May 10, 2018 as written.

VOTE 4-0-1
(Fallon abstained)

Correspondence and Complaints

The members received a monthly progress report for the WMECO project in Robinson Park.

Mr. Kozloski informed the members that DEP is requesting a pre-permitting meeting in Springfield regarding the Paul Revere Drive project. He would like three members to attend. Ms. Kerr will notify the members when this has been set up.

Mr. Kozloski also informed the members that additional wetland mapping is required on the 311 Shoemaker Lane site through the peer review process.

Mr. Kozloski informed the members that DEP has received an anonymous complaint regarding the work being done on Federal Street. He and Ms. Kerr responded to the email stating that an Emergency Order was issued for tree cutting and building permits have been issued for the three homes.

Motion was made by Ms. Galiatsos and seconded by Ms. Becker to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 PM.

VOTE 5-0