

AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
June 14, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ALSO PRESENT:

Pamela Kerr

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

1. PUBLIC HEARING – Amend Order of Conditions – South Westfield Street – DePalma

Filipe Craveau of R. Levesque Associates was in attendance to present an Amended Overall Layout Plan for the DePalma condominium project on South Westfield Street. He explained that the current approved plan shows buildings with 5 to 8 units in each for a total of 130 units. The plan has been revised to show all buildings containing two units for a total of 80 units. He went on to say that the entrance and roadway will remain the same however the amount of impervious area has been decreased by 1.6 acres. He stated that no changes to the limit of work are proposed and no changes to drainage are proposed. Utilities have been shown and will come in from South Westfield Street. The Engineering Department has not been provided with a revised plan yet but will receive it tomorrow. Mr. Craveau stated that he will ask for a continuance this evening. Mr. Kozloski asked if the gas line is shown. Mr. Craveau indicated yes, on the full plan set. Ms. Messick asked if the roadways were reduced as that was suggested as a possibility at the last meeting. Mr. Craveau stated no, the roadways will remain the same. Ms. Messick asked if any of the work is any closer to resource areas. Mr. Craveau stated no, the previous limit of work has been maintained. There was no public input this evening.

Motion was made by Ms. Messick and seconded by Mr. Meagher to continue the public hearing for an Amended Order of Conditions for DePalma – South Westfield Street to the next meeting as requested to allow for the Engineering Department's review.

VOTE 6-0

2. DISCUSSION – Lot 4 Cynthia Place – Champagne

Mr. Champagne's representative, R. Levesque Associates, requested that this item be continued to the next meeting.

Motion was made by Ms. Messick and seconded by Ms. Becker to continue the discussion of Lot 4 Cynthia Place to the June 28, 2018 meeting.

VOTE 6-0

3. PUBLIC HEARING CONT. – Notice of Intent – Paul Revere Drive – Town of Agawam

The Engineering Department requested that this hearing be continued once again as they have not yet met with DEP to discuss the work.

Motion was made by Ms. Messick and seconded by Ms. Galiatsos to continue the public hearing for Paul Revere Drive as requested by the Engineering Department, to June 28, 2018.

VOTE 6-0

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

Rich Tabaczynski of Atlantic Design was in attendance as well as Attorney Joseph Pacella and Mike Mocko. Mr. Tabaczynski stated that they are here this evening to provide an update to the Commission on the work that has been done to address peer review concerns. He stated that since the last meeting they have had several site visits with Emily Stockman who was hired to do the peer review to confirm and delineate the wetlands on-site. He presented a revised existing conditions plan (updated 6-6-18) as well as a revised site layout based on the new mapping. He went on to say that the revised layout avoids both Riverfront and Isolated Wetland areas. They will be crossing a bordering vegetated wetland in one spot with the access road which will provide for less than 1,000 SF of alterations in that area. A replication plan will be prepared for that. He stated that the drainage and stormwater designs have not been completed yet and that they will be addressing DEP comments with a new submittal. Mr. Kozloski asked if the detention basin areas are changing. Mr. Tabaczynski stated yes, that is likely as DEP would prefer less detention basins on the site. Mr. Fallon asked about access to the site once completed – will it be fenced with a gate? Mr. Tabaczynski stated yes, the area will be fenced and per the Agawam Fire Department they will be providing several gates to the area. He stated that there will also be gates on the stormwater features. Mr. Kozloski asked if the bottom of the fence will be elevated to allow for wildlife to cross through. Mr. Tabaczynski stated yes, the plan shows the fence is elevated for that reason.

The members were in agreement that as soon as they receive a report from Emily Stockman they will schedule a site visit to walk the property.

Motion was made by Ms. Messick and seconded by Mr. Meagher to continue the public hearing for the 311 Shoemaker Lane Notice of Intent for TJA Solar to the next meeting (June 28<sup>th</sup>).

VOTE 6-0

5. ENFORCEMENT ORDER UPDATE – North West Street – Kudlic

Mike Mocko stated that they last time he was at the property there were minor items left to accomplish – move some additional boulders and in some areas the vegetation has not come back. He stated that he would try to look at it again prior to the next meeting.

6. REQUEST FOR EXTENSION – 116 Adams Street – Paliy

Anatoliy Paliy was in attendance this evening to request a two year extension to the Order of Conditions for his 116 Adams Street property. The members were in agreement with the extension and that they will be setting up a site visit in the near future to view the work that has been done.

Motion was made by Ms. Messick and seconded by Mr. Meagher to extend the Order of Conditions for 116 Adams Street (Paliy) for two years to August 20, 2020.

VOTE 6-0

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION – Bike Loop – Town of Agawam

Motion was made by Ms. Galiatsos and seconded by Ms. Becker to extend the Order of Conditions for the Bike Loop for one year to July 28, 2020.

VOTE 6-0

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 24 & May 31, 2018

Motion was made by Ms. Becker and seconded by Ms. Galiatsos to approve the minutes of May 24, 2018 as written.

VOTE 5-0-1 (Fallon abstained)

Motion was made by Ms. Becker and seconded by Mr. Fallon to approve the minutes of May 31, 2018 as written.

VOTE 5-0-1 (Meagher abstained)

8. Correspondence and Complaints

12 Lenox Street – A complaint was received regarding dumping of yard waste/landscaping debris in or adjacent to wetland and possible stream. Mr. Kozloski and Mr. Fallon met with the complainant on their right of way to view the area which is adjacent to the water line behind Beaver Camper. Mr. Kozloski stated that they found debris in the area and what appears to be a tree that had fallen approximately 30' from the stream. Mr. Fallon stated that the debris consists of dirt, brush, shavings, wood chips and a tarp. He suggested that an Enforcement Order be issued for the removal of all debris and the area should be stabilized and seeded.

Motion was made by Ms. Galiatsos and seconded by Ms. Becker to issue an Enforcement Order to the owners of 12 Lenox Street to remove the dirt, leaves, tarp and other debris from this area and to stabilize the area and plant a native seed mix. The work is to be completed in two weeks.

VOTE 6-0

Federal Street – A section of the silt fence on Federal Street has been breached. Dirt was pushed over the silt fence. Mr. Kozloski stated that he doesn't think the builder can get equipment in there right now as the Building Inspector has issued some sort of stop work order. Val Shevtz (builder) was in attendance this evening. He stated that the work is on hold per the Building Inspector until a revised foundation plan has been submitted and approved. During the digging of the foundation on lot C they hit groundwater. A sump pump was put in the foundation hole to drain the water with a hose that was draining over the silt fence in that location. He stated that he is having a new foundation plan prepared which shows the footing being widened to 3'. He went on to say that in the area of the approximately 20' of breached silt fence he would like to push the dirt back. He could use a back hoe to pull back as much as he can and then he can move the remaining dirt by hand. He stated that the dirt was brought in to create a ramp for the large equipment (concrete trucks) to get into the site. Mr. Kozloski recommended that a double row of haybales be placed to prevent further erosion and asked what the pitch of the ramp is. Mr. Shevtz reiterated that the dirt was placed for the concrete trucks to access the lots. After that he stated that the land will be graded for the house and the pitch will be far less. Mr. Fallon stated that he agrees with Mr. Kozloski with the placement of a double row of haybales to prevent further migration of the dirt into the wetland. Upon discussion the members agreed that one row of staked haybales would be sufficient. Mr. Shevtz stated that he could install the haybales tomorrow. Mr. Kozloski then stated that the hose that is draining the water from the foundation hole must be redirected away from the wetland. They cannot drain into the wetland. Mr. Shevtz apologized for that being done and stated that he did not explain it clearly enough to his works. He stated that they need to discharge the water to a "pool" that they would create with haybales. Mr. Kozloski stated that as long as it is not draining to the wetland.

Motion was made by Mr. Fallon and seconded by Mr. Meagher to issue an Enforcement Order to Oak Ridge Builders requiring the following: a single row of staked haybales is to be placed along the area of breached silt fence on Lots A and B from the intact fence to Federal Street; and no water is to be pumped into the wetland. The hose on Lot C is to be removed or redirected from wetland. This work is to be completed by June 22, 2018.

VOTE 6-0

The Commission received a memo from the Planning Board regarding a new zone change application they received for property at 466 South Westfield Street to Residence A-5 (Age Restricted Housing). This is the current Reidy farm. The members viewed the plan that was submitted and pointed out that a wetlands delineation has not been done on this land and will be required as according to GIS there is a stream and associated wetlands located on the rear of the property.

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The meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM.