

AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION
July 12, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Henry A. Kozloski, Chair
Sheryl Becker
S. Page Fallon
Frank Meagher
Jill Messick

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Magda Galiatsos

ALSO PRESENT:

Pamela Kerr
Amanda Boissonneault

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

1. Public Hearing Continued – Notice of Intent – 311 Shoemaker Lane – TJA Solar

Rich Tabaczynski, P.E. with Atlantic Design Engineers, Inc., Tim Vautour, Project Developer for TJA Solar, Attorney Joseph Pacella and Michael Mocko, Environmental Consultant, were in attendance. Mr. Tabaczynski presented an updated plan, revised on July 5, 2018, that incorporates the wetland delineation/boundaries and riverfront that were approved during the June, 28, 2018 meeting. All work is outside the 200 ft. riverfront except for an approximately 760 sq. ft. area of bvw that will be disturbed during improvements to the stream crossing. Mr. Tabaczynski said they would rather use the existing crossing instead of creating a new one to minimize impacts on the surrounding wetlands. Steel plates and gravel will cover the crossing during construction to protect the culverts.

Mr. Tabaczynski stated he received the report from Emily Stockman, dated July 12, 2018, which includes her summary of findings in regards to the July 5, 2018 revised plans and NOI. Mr. Tabaczynski went over each item with the Commission. Ms. Messick expressed concern about the use of the existing stream crossing and asked if the existing culverts have been scoped. Ms. Messick said it is a common issue in Town to have culverts appear good but not function properly. Mr. Tabaczynski answered the culverts have not been scoped, but appear to function fine. If the culverts were to fail they would have to replace them. Mr. Fallon asked how much soil would be disturbed during installation of the panels. Mr. Tabaczynski stated no fill is being brought in, the panels will be installed on posts driven into the ground, there will be a small amount of excavation for conduits and concrete pads installed for the electrical panels. There will also be some trees close to the wetlands that will be cut, stumped and removed. Mr. Kozloski expressed concern about water runoff from the panels creating ruts in the ground beneath them. Mr. Vautour said the pitch of the panels can fluctuate, and will clarify what percentage they will be set at. Mr. Tabaczynski said the grass will be mowed at approximately 12 inches, which will help to prevent impact on the area below the panels. Mr. Kozloski asked for

responses to Ms. Stockman's eleven findings in writing. Attorney Pacella and the Committee members discussed what will be needed to resolve all concerns for the next meeting. Mr. Kozloski explained the public hearing needs to remain open, per DEP, until a 401 has been issued or the Department notifies parties that a 401 will not be required.

Motion was made by Ms. Messick and seconded by Mr. Meagher to continue the public hearing to the next meeting (July 26, 2018).

VOTE 5-0

2. Enforcement Order Updates

775 North West Street – Kudlic – Mr. Mocko informed the members the last piece of debris has been removed. The members agreed to schedule an onsite visit at the end of the meeting.

Federal Street – Mr. Kozloski informed the Commission members the letter to lift the Enforcement Order was held due to a bulldozer breaching the hay bales the next day. The silt fence and hay bales have been restored, and Mr. Kozloski suggested keeping the Enforcement Order open while it is an active construction site.

Motion was made by Ms. Messick and seconded by Ms. Becker to rescind the June 28, 2018 vote to lift the Enforcement Order issued to Oak Ridge Custom Home Builders, Inc. dated June 14, 2018.

VOTE 5-0

Lenox Street – Mr. Fallon stated large amounts of the shavings have been removed. Approximately 2 cubic yards remain, but should not keep vegetation from growing.

Motion made by Mr. Fallon and seconded by Mr. Meagher to lift the Enforcement Order for 12 Lenox Street.

VOTE 5-0

5. Approval of Minutes – June 28, 2018

Motion was made by Ms. Messick and seconded by Mr. Fallon to approve the minutes of June 28, 2018.

VOTE 4-0-1 (Becker abstained)

6. Correspondence and Complaints

41 Windermere - Mr. Bretta submitted a request for a Certificate of Compliance for 41 Windermere Drive. Mr. Kozloski stated the grass has not grown in yet, and recommended \$2500.00 be held back to cover the final establishment of the lawn.

Motion was made by Ms. Messick and seconded by Mr. Meagher to issue a Certificate of Compliance for Lot 8 (#41) Windermere Drive with \$2500.00 to be held back at the closing, by the buyers attorney, to cover final establishment of the lawn.

VOTE 5-0

Hunt Street – The property owners would like to cut down trees near the detention basin. An onsite visit was scheduled for July 20th.

73 Cosgrove Street – The owner is concerned about trees that are in a gully on town property adjacent to his. He would like the Town to cut them down or receive permission to do so. An order cannot be issued until the Commission consults with the Town's Tree Warden and receives a decision in writing. A site visit was scheduled for July 20th at 1:30pm.

7. Public Hearing Continued (Continued to 9/30/18) – NOI – Spfld. Water & Sewer Commission – M Street and Connecticut River

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.