

AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION
July 26, 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., Attorney Joseph Pacella and Emily Stockman from Stockman Associates were in attendance. Mr. Tabaczynski stated a response letter was submitted July 16th in regards to the comment letter from Stockman Associates. Since their response letter, an updated existing conditions plan was submitted to the Commission and DEP. DEP reviewed the plans and determined the water quality certification can be handled through a NOI with the Commission and that no additional filings with DEP would be necessary. Mr. Tabaczynski said they have worked with Ms. Stockman over the past week, which resulted in a revised plan that was submitted to the Commission on July 25, 2018. The development footprint was cut back to provide a 25 foot no touch zone surrounding the bw. To compensate for the decreased size of the original 2 arrays, a third array, approximately 2.5 acres in size was created at the northern portion of the property. The access road was shifted slightly to the south to accommodate the new array. The only area the proposed work will be inside the 25 foot no touch zone is where the access road crosses the stream. Erosion control measures were adjusted to accommodate the new design of the arrays. Ms. Messick asked how the new array affects the access road. Mr. Tabaczynski answered the access road was shifted slightly and now runs more parallel to the property line. There was a discussion about the applicants checking with the Building Inspector about a portion of the new array being shown on Residence A3 zoned property. Ms. Stockman gave an overview of the new plan, stating the applicant has limited the impacts to the riverfront and bw. Ms. Stockman agreed there is not much topography on this site, therefore there will be little soil disturbance. She recommended the Commission consider phasing in regards to the cutting and stumping of the northwest corner of the property and to consider buffer zone regulations moving forward. Ms. Stockman stated the 25 foot no touch zone is a substantial improvement in protecting the wetlands. Mr. Tabaczynski spoke about the new array in regards to stormwater, and with the topography sloping southerly, he anticipates no change in run off. The roadway will be put exactly at grade and will not be built up. Mr.

Kozloski asked if there would be any mowing on the other side of the fence. Mr. Tabaczynski answered the only mowing that would be done would be enough to be able to maintain the fence. The applicants and Commission members agreed to have professional staff review the newly submitted revised plans and to work on writing an Order of Conditions at the next hearing. Mr. Kozloski asked for stakes to be placed where the silt fence will be installed, and said the Commission members will do period onsite visits during construction.

Motion was made by Ms. Messick and seconded by Mr. Meagher to continue the public hearing to the next meeting (August 9, 2018).

VOTE 5-0

2. Emergency Order (Ratify) - 1623 Main Street (tree removal)

Motion was made by Ms. Messick and seconded by Mr. Meagher to ratify the Emergency Order that was issued for 1623 Main Street, Six Flags New England, to remove trees in the riverfront that were in danger of damaging an amusement park ride.

VOTE 5-0

3. Enforcement Order Updates

775 North West Street – Kudlic – An on-site visit needs to be scheduled.

Federal Street – All three foundations appear to have been poured. There have been no new updates.

4. Approval of Minutes – July 12, 2018

Motion was made by Ms. Messick and seconded by Mr. Fallon to approve the minutes of July 12, 2018.

VOTE 5-0

5. Correspondence and Complaints

63 Silver Lake Drive – The Tree Warden was able to look at the trees in question and recommended removal as they are damaged and diseased and leaning towards the house.

Motion was made by Ms. Messick and seconded by Ms. Becker to ratify the Emergency Order Issued for tree removal at 63 Silver Lake Drive.

Vote 5-0

70-74 Ramah Circle – Mr. Kozloski and Mr. Fallon met with the Engineering Department at 70 Ramah Circle to look at a flooding issue. They found a drain that was clogged with a large tree stump leaving approximately 6 inches of the 24” concrete pipe clear. Large amounts of silt can be found bubbling out of the drain that then flows towards a brook/drainage ditch. Mr. Fallon went back out and found that the area was excavated and cleared, and now new silt has been

deposited (there were heavy storms for two days) and is clogging the drain. Mr. Fallon advised the Commission that the Engineering Department will be doing further evaluation.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM.