

AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION
August 9, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Henry A. Kozloski, Chair
S. Page Fallon
Magda Galiatsos
Jill Messick

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Sheryl Becker
Frank Meagher

ALSO PRESENT:

Pamela Kerr
Amanda Boissonneault

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

1. 6:00 PM – Public Hearing – Notice of Intent – 67 Hunt Street – Aspen Square Management

Katy Wilkins, with Tighe and Bond, representing Aspen Square Management was in attendance to present this Notice of Intent to remove two trees within the 200 foot riverfront area. Total impact area is approximately 75 square feet. The two trees are large oak trees that are leaning over the building. The applicant is concerned about the safety of the building and the new solar equipment that has been installed on the roof. The trees will be cut flush to the ground, stumped, ground out and the area will be revegetated. During a site visit prior to the meeting, two more dead trees in close proximity to the building were located which the Commission agreed to being removed at this time. Ms. Messick asked if it would be seeded once the trees are removed. Ms. Wilkins answered yes and that her client is open to native shrub plantings as well. Mr. Kozloski stated they could make a planting plan part of the conditions.

Mr. Kozloski opened the meeting to the public.

Christine Craig, 213 Regency Park drive expressed concern about cutting down a healthy tree and asked if the tree branches could be cut instead of removing the entire tree. Mr. Kozloski answered with the close proximity of the trees to the building, if the top of the tree were to be cut off, the tree would not be able to survive.

No one else spoke for or against.

Motion made by Ms. Messick and seconded by Ms. Galiatsos to close the public hearing on the Notice of Intent for Aspen Square Management.

VOTE 4-0

The Order of Conditions was then written.

Motion made by Ms. Messick and seconded by Mr. Fallon to issue an Order of Conditions for 67 Hunt Street, including the removal of two additional trees as written.

VOTE 4-0

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

Rich Tabaczynski, P.E. with Atlantic Design Engineers, Inc. and Attorney Joseph Pacella were in attendance. The Commission previously received draft conditions from the peer reviewer (Emily Stockman). The members reviewed the draft with the applicant.

Motion was made by Ms. Messick and seconded by Ms. Galiatsos to close the public hearing on the Notice of Intent for TJA Solar.

VOTE 4-0

The Commission then finalized the Order of Conditions. A copy of which can be obtained from the Clerk's office or the Conservation Commission office.

Motion was made by Ms. Messick and seconded by Mr. Fallon to issue an Order of Conditions for 311 Shoemaker Lane, TJA Solar, as written.

VOTE 4-0

3. Certificate of Compliance

Bridgeport National Bindery, Ramah Circle South - Mr. Kozloski made an inspection and reported that this is an old Order of Conditions and that the parking lot has been installed for quite some time. He recommended that a Certificate be issued at this time.

Motion made by Ms. Messick and seconded by Ms. Galiatsos to issue a Certificate of Compliance for Bridgeport National Bindery, Ramah Circle South.

VOTE 4-0

Calabrese, Woodside Drive - Mr. Kozloski made this inspection and recommended that a Certificate be issued as the garage has been built for some time.

Motion made by Ms. Messick and seconded by Mr. Fallon to issue a Certificate of Compliance for 15 Woodside Drive (garage).

VOTE 4-0

4. Extension Permit – Robin Ridge Estates – Order of Conditions

This item required no action as a two year extension was issued by the Commission last summer.

5. Enforcement Order Updates

775 North West Street – Kudlic – Mr. Kozloski met onsite with both Mr. Kudlic and his consultant, Mike Mocko. He stated that the tractor has been removed and vegetation is growing. He recommended that the Enforcement Order be lifted at this time.

Motion made by Ms. Messick and seconded by Ms. Galiatsos to lift the Enforcement Order for 775 North West Street.

VOTE 3-0-1 (Fallon abstained)

Federal Street – Mr. Kozloski would like to request an onsite to inspect the placement of the silt fence.

6. Approval of Minutes – July 26, 2018

Motion was made by Ms. Messick and seconded by Mr. Fallon to approve the minutes of July 26, 2018.

VOTE 3-0-1 (Galiatsos abstained)

7. Correspondence and Complaints

Kellogg Avenue – Mr. Kozloski stated in response to a correspondence the Commission received regarding flooding behind Kellogg Avenue, he met with the Engineering Department. They are in the process of evaluating the area and the Commission will review their findings once they are complete.

9. Chapter 61A – James Street - Fini

Ms. Kerr explained that property owner Mr. Fini recently subdivided his James Street property into two lots and would like to take both parcels out of Chapter 61A as they have a buyer for one of the parcels and a family member intends to build on the other. The members agreed that this parcel is important as it directly abuts Robinson State Park and contains valuable habitat. They feel that the Town should take every opportunity to preserve open space and therefore support the Town's purchase of this property.

Motion made by Ms. Messick and seconded by Mr. Fallon to submit a recommendation for the Town of Agawam to exercise their right of first refusal for properties owned by Fini at the end of James Street.

VOTE 4-0

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM.