

AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION
August 23, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

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 – Main Street / Reed Street – Agawam DPW

Raymond Cassella from Casella Design Associates, LLC, Gary Swanson, Engineer and Michelle Chase, Town Engineer were in attendance to present this Notice of Intent for work to be performed at Main Street and Reed Street to replace the drainage outfall. Mr. Swanson explained the current outfall has deteriorated which has caused erosion and instability along that area of the riverbank. Due to the instability, Mr. Swanson said the current outfall location will be abandoned and later remediated under a separate filing. A plan was presented showing a new location east of the existing outfall, approximately 100 feet east of Main Street. There is also an exposed manhole. He explained that a new manhole and 24 inch pipe will be installed at Main Street and Reed Street that will lead to the new outfall. Type 1 geo-style fabric will be installed on the slope and topped with a minimum of two inches of engineered trap rock. Discharge will flow over the trap rock and then through an energy dissipation basin. Discharge will enter the Westfield River at a lower velocity so as to not stir up the water or erode the riverbed. The plan shows an approximate road location that will be installed for construction and then gated off and left in place to be used by the Town for future maintenance. A tracking pad will be installed at the Main Street entrance with riprap used for the roadway. Any disturbed areas will have 2 inches of trap rock installed and any portions of the roadway with a steeper slope will have 6 inches of trap rock. A silt fence and 12” silt socks will be installed in the work area along the plateau. Mr. Casella explained this project is the first step in redirecting the Doering Middle School’s stormwater. Currently the school’s roof drains direct stormwater into the sewer. Ms. Chase said the Engineering Department is working with Tighe & Bond and MA DOT for the stabilization of the area of existing outfall and to rehabilitate the area. She went on to say that the Town is working to be more proactive rather than reactive in terms of maintenance of drainage structures. DEP issued comments with their file number. Mr. Kozloski stated that the DEP comments must be addressed. They include: the project type under limited project, requirement for an alternatives analysis, use of 4’ sumps in the catch basins vs. 2’ as shown and redevelopment standards. Mr. Swanson agreed to address these in writing. Ms. Messick expressed concern about the proposed construction of the outfall and the potential for erosion to

take place under the fabric and riprap. She stated that she has seen designs such as this throughout town that have failed. Mr. Swanson stated that the plan he has designed will work as long as it is constructed to plan. Mr. Fallon said he is concerned about the difficulty of maintenance if silt starts to build up at the elbow created for energy dissipation. Mr. Kozloski stated DEP had no problem with the design of the new outfall.

Mr. Kozloski opened the meeting to the public; no one spoke for or against.

Motion made by Ms. Messick and seconded by Ms. Becker to continue the public hearing on the Notice of Intent for Main Street and Reed Street to the Commission's September 13, 2018 meeting.

VOTE 6-0

2. Enforcement Order Updates

Federal Street – Nothing new to report

3. Approval of Minutes – August 9, 2018

Minutes were not prepared in time to be reviewed by the Commission members prior to the meeting. Motion made by Ms. Messick and seconded by Mr. Fallon to table the August 9, 2018 minutes until the Commission's next meeting.

VOTE 6-0

4. Correspondence and Complaints

The Commission received a letter from Anatoliy Paliy's (116 Adams Street) neighbor, Jean DeGray, giving him permission to remove a tree on her property at 130 Adams Street. Mr. Paliy expressed concern about the tree falling and causing damage to his property. This tree is located within the bvw buffer.

Motion made by Ms. Messick and seconded by Ms. Galiatsos to issue an Emergency Order for the removal of one tree at 130 Adams Street.

VOTE 6-0

The Commission received a complaint for a piece of construction equipment that seemed close to the wetland at the rear of 775 North West Street. Mr. Kozloski said at this time it does not appear to be close to the nearby wetland.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.