

AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
September 13, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Magda Galiatsos  
Jill Messick

ALSO PRESENT:

Pamela Kerr  
Amanda Boissonneault

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

1. Public Hearing Continued – Notice of Intent – Main Street / Reed Street – Agawam DPW

Raymond Casella from Casella Design Associates, LLC and Michelle Chase, Town Engineer were in attendance. Mr. Casella explained the comments from DEP that included limited project type, requirement for an alternatives analysis, use of 4' sumps in the catch basins vs. 2' as shown and redevelopment standards have been addressed. He also stated that Gary Swanson spoke directly to DEP, and they agreed the work as proposed is the best solution for the school and neighborhood. Mr. Kozloski stated that he would rather see a silt sock used throughout instead of a combination of silt fence and silt sock for erosion controls; Mr. Casella agreed and went on to say that this project would take approximately two months to complete

Mr. Kozloski opened the meeting to the public.

Will Clark, 26 High Meadow, questioned why the project is going to cost so much when this is a known problem. Mr. Kozloski answered the Conservation Commission first became aware that the outfall was in disrepair in April of this year. He further stated this will be the first step towards redirecting Doering School's stormwater.

No one else spoke for or against

Motion was made by Mr. Fallon and seconded by Ms. Becker to close the public hearing on the Notice of Intent for Main Street and Reed Street.

VOTE 4-0

The Order of Conditions was then written. A copy can be obtained through the Clerk's office or the Conservation Commission office.

Motion made by Mr. Meagher and seconded by Mr. Fallon to issue the Order of Conditions for Main Street and Reed Street as written.

VOTE 4-0

2. 6:15 PM – Request for Determination – Tennessee Gas Pipeline Co. LLC – 261 Upgrade and Loop Project – Suffield Street – Silver Street

Deborah McCartney, Senior Permitting and Compliance Specialist with Kinder Morgan was in attendance to present this Request for Determination for Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company's Line 261B Pipeline Looping Project and the Compressor Station 261 Horsepower Replacement Project. Ms. McCartney stated that the wetlands were delineated by SWCA, and the purpose of this RDA is to confirm the boundaries of the approximately 2.1 mile long project. Rebecca Weissman of SWCA was in attendance and explained that there are 17 bordering vegetative wetlands, 2 isolated wetlands, 4 perennial streams and 5 intermittent stream channels located within the project corridor. There is no proposed work at this time. The Commission members and Ms. Weissman discussed utilizing a Peer Review for this RDA due to the number of wetlands and stream crossings involved.

Motion was made by Mr. Fallon and seconded by Mr. Meagher to require a Peer Review of the wetland delineation for the Request for Determination of Applicability for Tennessee Gas Pipeline Co. LLC for the 261 Upgrade and Loop Project located between Suffield Street and Silver Street.

VOTE 4-0

Motion was made by Mr. Fallon and seconded by Mr. Meagher to continue the RDA for Tennessee Gas Pipeline Co. LLC for the 261 Upgrade and Loop Project located between Suffield Street and Silver Street until the Commission's next meeting.

VOTE 4-0

Motion was made by Mr. Fallon and seconded by Ms. Becker to take the agenda out of order.

VOTE 4-0

7. Approval of Minutes – August 9, 2018 & August 23, 2018

Motion made by Ms. Becker and seconded by Mr. Fallon to approve the minutes of August 9, 2018.

VOTE 2-0-2 (Becker and Meagher abstained)

Motion made by Ms. Becker and seconded by Mr. Fallon to approve the minutes of August 23, 2018.

VOTE 4-0

5. Chapter 61A – 1246, 1266 & Lot 0 Springfield Street – Cincotta

Ms. Kerr explained that this property is under Chapter 61A and that the property owner has received an offer for property. Under Chapter 61A, the Town has right of first refusal if they are interested in purchasing it. Mr. Kozloski said this is an important piece of open space within the Town. The members all agreed and support the Town's purchase of this property.

Motion made by Mr. Fallon and seconded by Mr. Meagher to submit a recommendation for the Town of Agawam to exercise their right of first refusal for 1246, 1266 & Lot 0 Springfield Street owned by the Cincotta family.

VOTE 4-0

#### 8. Correspondence and Complaints

The Commission received a mitigation planting plan in accordance with the Order of Conditions for 67 Hunt Street, Aspen Square Management.

Motion made by Mr. Meagher and seconded by Ms. Becker to approve the planting plan for 67 Hunt Street, Aspen Square Management.

VOTE 4-0

#### 6. Enforcement Order Updates

Federal Street – No Updates

Motion by Mr. Fallon and seconded by Ms. Becker to place the agenda back in order.

VOTE 4-0

#### 3. 6:30 PM – Public Hearing – Notice of Intent – 24 Sequoia Drive – Rosenak

Dan Frydryk from Sherman & Frydryk LLC and property owner Elsa Rosenak were in attendance to present this Notice of Intent for retaining wall replacement at 24 Sequoia Drive. Mr. Frydryk presented this NOI and explained that they propose to remove the existing timber retaining wall and replace it with a pre-cast interlocking block wall with a crushed stone foundation and a fence installed at the top. He stated that there is bordering vegetated wetland (bv) and an intermittent stream at the bottom of a steep slope on the property, and all proposed work is in the buffer zone. Mr. Frydryk stated that the slope is steep and flattens out to grade at the end. Stone will be used for drainage instead of a pipe or weep holes. Mr. Kozloski asked if a silt sock can be used near the wall, Mr. Frydryk agreed. Mr. Meagher asked if this would stabilize the area. Mr. Frydryk answered yes; some of the blocks will be installed into the slope for stability.

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

Motion made by Mr. Fallon and seconded by Ms. Becker to close the public hearing on the Notice of Intent for 24 Sequoia Drive.

VOTE 4-0

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

Motion made by Mr. Meagher and seconded by Ms. Becker to issue the Order of Conditions for 24 Sequoia Drive as written.

VOTE 4-0

4. 6:45 PM – Public Hearing – Notice of Intent – 1178 Suffield Street - Hrom

Michael Mocko, Environmental Consultant and property owner Vitaliy Hrom were in attendance to present this Notice of Intent for the demolition of the existing house and construction of a new home on the existing footprint at 1178 Suffield Street. An old shed and driveway are to be removed with a new driveway to be installed next to the garage. Mr. Mocko stated the proposed work is being applied for as riverfront development. There is a perennial stream along the north side of the property, and the entire property is within 200 riverfront area. A large portion of the lot has been cleared. There is a small patch of wetlands along the southern side of the property with a pond located just beyond the property line on the adjacent property. There are also wetlands lining the rear of the property. Mr. Mocko explained the applicant has also included an orchard area and gazebo on the plans. A naturalized planting plan has been submitted for improvements within the riverfront area and along the wetland boundary. Mr. Kozloski stated that the file number notification letter from DEP dated September 5, 2018 contains comments and concerns regarding prior violations on this property and included historical aerial photos of the property. Since there is priority habitat on this property as well, the applicant must also work with NHESP in regards to the prior violations. Mr. Mocko stated that his client was not aware of these violations as they were done under the previous ownership but is willing to work with the Conservation Commission to resolve them. The Commission members discussed utilizing a Peer Review to assist them in reviewing this filing and addressing DEP comments. They were in agreement that the issues raised by DEP are complex and professional assistance would be beneficial.

Motion made by Mr. Fallon and seconded by Mr. Meagher to require a Peer Review for the NOI for 1178 Suffield Street – Hrom.

VOTE 4-0

Motion made by Mr. Fallon and seconded by Mr. Meagher to continue the public hearing for the Notice of Intent for 1178 Suffield Street until the Commission's next meeting.

VOTE 4-0

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM.