

AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION
October 8, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Henry Kozloski
Sheryl Becker
S. Page Fallon
Magda Galiatsos
Keven Brown
Frank Meagher

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Jill Messick Ward

ALSO PRESENT:

Pamela Kerr

VIA Zoom Webinar

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

1. PUBLIC HEARING CONT. – Notice of Intent – 173 Southwick Street – Hillside Development Corp.

Filipe Cravo of R. Levesque Associates presented a revised plan for the Nicole Terrace subdivision on behalf of Mr. DePalma. He stated that they had received approval from the Planning Board. The plan has been revised for the sidewalk to continue the length of the road on the south side in front of the detention basin. It will have a curb and sidewalk but no tree belt to avoid grading impacts on the abutting property. The plans have been updated to show a number of plantings within the buffer zone behind lots 9 – 12. Mr. Kozloski noted that he and Mr. Fallon met with the owner at 78 Nicole Terrace. He referred to Engineering Department's memo stating that the current design appears to reduce the flow out of the detention pond onto the property. He also noted that the plan shows the plantings in the riverfront area west of the detention basin. The Chair opened the hearing to the public. There were no comments.

Motion was made by Ms. Becker and seconded by Ms. Galiatsos to close the Public Hearing for 173 Southwick Street – Hillside Development Corp.

ROLL CALL VOTE 6 – 0

The Order of Conditions will be written at the end of the meeting.

2. PUBLIC HEARING CONT. – Notice of Intent – 358 Corey Street – Pond View Hollow – General Construction & Environmental, Inc.

Filipe Cravo of R. Levesque Associates presented the draft of the revised plan for the proposed development at 358 Corey Street - Pine View Hollow. The draft showed the repositioning of buildings so they become farther away from the resource areas. Mr. Cravo said he will move forward with this plan and will submit the revised plan within a few weeks. Mr. Kozloski suggested another site visit. The site will be flagged, corners staked out and the trees that are proposed for removal will be marked.

Motion was made by Ms. Galiatsos and seconded by Ms. Becker to continue the Public Hearing for 358 Corey Street – Pond View Hollow to October 22, 2020.

ROLL CALL VOTE 6 -0

3. REQUEST FOR EXTENSION – Maple View Commons – Garden Street

Filipe Cravo of R. Levesque Associates requested a 2 year extension on the Order of Conditions for Maple View Commons – Garden Street. He said the units have been constructed, the pavement is in and they are working on as-builts for the Home Owners Association. Mr. Cravo added that there will be no new construction needed. With a 2 year extension they can be sure everything is done per the order of conditions.

Motion was made by Mr. Meagher and seconded by Ms. Galiatsos to grant a 2 year extension on the Order of Conditions for Maple View Commons – Garden Street.

ROLL CALL VOTE 6 – 0

4. PUBLIC HEARING CONT. – Notice of Intent – Main Street & Reed Street – Town of Agawam

Melissa Coady of Tighe & Bond spoke on behalf of the Town of Agawam. She said the updated design is based on bio-engineering techniques. She also said the DEP is satisfied with the design however it will not be put in writing.

Motion was made by Ms. Galiatsos and seconded by Mr. Meagher to close the Public Hearing for Main Street & Reed Street – Town of Agawam.

ROLL CALL VOTE 6-0

5. CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE – 745 Springfield Street – T & R Wholesale Foods

Mr. Kozloski reported that he had been on site with the Engineering Department. Mr. Kozloski and the Engineering Department agreed that the retention pond and the swale on the premises need to be cleaned. It will be done possibly as soon as Monday.

Motion was made by Mr. Fallon and seconded by Ms. Galiatsos to approve the Certificate of Compliance - 745 Springfield Street – T & R Wholesale Foods subject to a favorable inspection by the Commission and the Engineering Department.

ROLL CALL VOTE 6-0

6. Correspondence and Complaints –

Mr. Kozloski reported that he re-inspected 496 North Street and recommended that the Enforcement Order be lifted at this time.

Motion was made by Ms. Becker and seconded by Mr. Meagher to lift the Enforcement Order for 496 North Street.

ROLL CALL VOTE 6-0

Mr. Kozloski noted that he was out at 311 Shoemaker Lane with the Building Inspector and found that 3 trees, one large one, came down with the strong winds the night before.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 24, 2020

Motion was made by Mr. Meagher and seconded by Ms. Becker to approve the minutes of September 24, 2020 as written.

ROLL CALL VOTE 5-0-1 (Brown abstained)

8. PUBLIC HEARING CONT. – Notice of Intent – Springfield Water and Sewer – Connecticut River Crossing

A request to continue was received from Springfield Water and Sewer.

Motion was made by Mr. Meagher and seconded by Ms. Galiatsos to Continue the Public Hearing for Springfield Water and Sewer – Connecticut River Crossing to October 22, 2020 with the provision that if SWSC has received their CMP there will be a special meeting on October 15, 2020 at 5:00 pm.

ROLL CALL VOTE 6-0

Order of Conditions – 173 Southwick Street – Hillside Development

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The Order of Conditions for 173 Southwick Street was written.

Motion was made by Ms. Galiatsos and seconded by Mr. Meager to issue the Order of Conditions as written for 173 Southwick Street – Hillside Development.

ROLL CALL VOTE 6-0

Mr. Meagher asked about an update on the plantings at 255 & 267 South Westfield Street. Ms. Kerr said she would follow up on that.

Mr. Kozloski said that the outdoor classroom is nearing completion. The members will set up a site visit.

Motion was made by Mr. Meagher and seconded by Ms. Galiatsos to adjourn the meeting.

ROLL CALL VOTE 6 - 0

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM.