

AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION
October 22, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

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 – Springfield Water and Sewer – Connecticut River Crossing

Betsy Frederick, environmental planner for Kleinfelder, who is working with Springfield Water & Sewer Commission on the Connecticut River Crossing project gave an overall status update. She said the CMP from NHESP was signed by the Commission and recorded at the Registry. They met with the Springfield Conservation Commission and an Order of Conditions was issued. She recently spoke with the DEP. It is their expectation that their water quality certification Section 401 permit will be issued next week. They have also been in discussions with the US Army Corps of Engineers and they anticipate issuing their 404/408 permits once the water quality certification is issued. Gus O’Leary, Senior Technical Lead, said there are some changes now that they have a contractor. The first is that the trestle will be re-aligned parallel to the trench. The other change is scheduling. All they will be able to install this year is the trestle. The work will start up again in June with the access dredge. Mr. Kozloski stated that in the Order of Conditions, weekly reports are only necessary during construction. He asked how much notice is required for a site visit. Mr. O’Leary said a day is fine. Mr. Kozloski opened the hearing to the public. There were no comments.

Motion was made by Ms. Ward and seconded by Ms. Galiatsos to close the Public Hearing – Notice of Intent – Springfield Water & Sewer Commission – Connecticut River Crossing

ROLL CALL VOTE 7 - 0

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

There was no representative present yet for this item.

Motion was made by Ms. Ward and seconded by Mr. Meagher to amend the order and take Item# 3.

ROLL CALL VOTE 7 - 0

3. ORDER OF CONDITIONS – Main Street & Reed Street – Town of Agawam

The members went over the Draft Order that was prepared. There was a change made to # 13 – written progress reports are only necessary during construction. On # 11 for fill only materials specified in the NOI can be used.

Motion was made by Ms. Ward and seconded by Mr. Meager to issue the Order of Conditions for Main Street & Reed Street – Town of Agawam.

ROLL CALL VOTE 7 - 0

4. Correspondence and Complaints –

The Commission received correspondence from the Law Department concerning the purchase of certain parcels on Carr Avenue for conservation purposes. Mr. Kozloski indicated that he would like the Conservation Commission to apply for CPA funds for the purchase of these three parcels. The members were familiar with the area.

Motion was made by Ms. Ward and seconded by Mr. Meagher to support this purchase and be the applicant to CPA.

Mr. Kozloski noted that this is a large piece of land with wetlands and a wildlife corridor. Under CPA it would remain open space under the jurisdiction of the Conservation Commission.

ROLL CALL VOTE 7 - 0

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 8, 2020

Motion was made by Ms. Ward and seconded by Ms. Galiatsos to approve the minutes of October 8, 2020 as written.

ROLL CALL VOTE 6-0-1 (Ward)

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

ROLL CALL VOTE 7 - 0

It was then noted that the Order of Conditions for Springfield Water and Sewer Commission had not been issued.

Motion was made by Ms. Messick and seconded by Ms. Becker to reconvene the meeting to issue the SWSC OOC.

ROLL CALL VOTE 4-0-0

Motion was made by Ms. Messick and seconded by Ms. Becker to issue the Order of Conditions for the Springfield Water and Sewer Commission's Connecticut River crossing project.

ROLL CALL VOTE 4-0-0

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM.