

AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION
November 8, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT:
Henry A. Kozloski, Chair
S. Page Fallon
Magda Galiatsos
Frank Meagher
Jill Messick

MEMBERS ABSENT:
Sheryl Becker

ALSO PRESENT:
Pamela Kerr
Amanda Boissonneault

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

1. Public Hearing Continued – Notice of Intent – 28 Cynthia Place – Champagne

Jon Goddard of R. Levesque Associates was in attendance. A second site visit was conducted since the last meeting, and revised plans were submitted this evening. The revised plans shows the driveway shifted further away from the wetland, with a 5 foot distance from the face of the retaining wall. The 4 foot high retaining wall along the driveway has been shortened, and a handrail/guardrail can be installed if required by the Building Inspector. The revised plan also shows the restoration of a portion of the wetland that was accidentally filled in. The retaining wall near the house was straightened and shifted closer to the house, moving it 4-5 feet from the wetland. It will be a minimum of 5 feet high at its northern point. The second sheet of the revised plan shows a cross section of the proposed retaining walls and different options for materials to be used. Ms. Messick said she does not believe the retaining wall along the driveway is necessary. She suggested using plants to stabilize the slope since there is no erosion issues. Ms. Messick said she is happier with the revised plan but not happy with the concept. Ms. Galiatsos asked if other options could be explored to make the slope less substantial, such as plantings. Mr. Kozloski asked if silt socks could be used instead of a silt fence for less impact.

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

Motion made by Mr. Meagher and seconded by Ms. Galiatsos to close the public hearing.
VOTE 5-0

Motion made by Mr. Meagher and seconded by Ms. Galiatsos to approve the construction of a retaining wall adjacent to the driveway, as shown on the revised plan submitted November 8, 2018.

VOTE 4-1 (Messick opposed)

Motion made by Mr. Meagher and seconded by Ms. Galiatsos to not approve the construction of a retaining wall adjacent to the home, as shown on revised plan submitted November 8, 2018.

VOTE 3-2 (Fallon & Kozloski opposed)

The Order of Conditions for 28 Cynthia Place will be written at the conclusion of the meeting.

2. Public Hearing Continued – Notice of Intent – 1178 Suffield Street – Hrom

Mr. Mocko submitted a letter on November 7, 2018 requesting to continue the public hearing to the Commission's next meeting date.

Motion made by Ms. Messick and seconded by Ms. Galiatsos to continue the Public Hearing for 1178 Suffield Street until the Conservation Commission's next scheduled meeting.

VOTE 5-0

3. Emergency Order – 67 Charter Oak Drive (ratify)

Ms. Kerr explained Chris Golba, the Town's Tree Warden, recommended the tree in question to be removed for safety reasons. Mr. Golba stated if the tree were to fall it could damage the sidewalk and road. The property owner was advised he would need to file with the Commission for any further tree removal.

Motion made by Ms. Messick and seconded by Ms. Galiatsos to ratify the Emergency Order for 67 Charter Oak Drive.

VOTE 5-0

4. Enforcement Order Updates
Federal Street – No Update

5. Approval of Minutes – October 25, 2018

Motion made by Ms. Messick and seconded by Mr. Fallon to approve the October 25, 2018 minutes.

VOTE 4-0-1 (Galiatsos abstained)

6. Correspondences and Complaints

Garden Street – Mapleview Commons – A site visit has been scheduled for the following day with property owner Mr. Russo and the Engineering Department.

343 N. West Street – Ms. Kerr said a letter was sent but there has been no response from the property owner. A certified letter will be sent prior to the Commission's next meeting.

154 Lancaster Drive – On November 7th the Commission received a request for a certificate of compliance for 154 Lancaster Drive (lot 39, 87-271 & 87-393). Mr. Kozloski will inspect.

Motion made by Ms. Messick and seconded by Mr. Meagher to issue a partial Certificate of Compliance for Lot 39, 154 Lancaster Drive pending a favorable inspection.

VOTE 5-0

Ms. Kerr informed the Commission that the Town will be forming a committee to help update the Open Space and Recreation Plan, and asked the Commission members to consider if any of them would like to participate.

The members then wrote the Order of Conditions for 28 Cynthia Place. A copy can be obtained from the Town Clerk's office or the Conservation Commission office.

Motion made by Ms. Messick and seconded by Ms. Galiatsos to issue the Order of Conditions for 28 Cynthia Place as written.

VOTE 4-1 (Kozloski opposed)

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.