

AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION
January 25, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Henry Kozloski, Chair
Sheryl Becker
Frank Meagher
Keven Brown
S Page Fallon

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Jill Ward
Magda Galiatsos

ALSO PRESENT:

Pam Kerr
Stefanie Kesecker
Taryn Egerton

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

1. 6:00PM REQUEST FOR DETERMINATION-Route 5 On –Ramp from Route57-MassDOT.

Adrian Richmond with MassDOT was present for this agenda item. Mr. Richmond explained the proposed repair is for the on-ramp from Route 57 to Route 5. A section of piping had failure over time and has caused erosion. MassDOT is proposing to take out the malfunctioning pipes and replace them as well as establishing the proper grading. He stated the area would be filled, loamed, and seeded. Mr. Kozloski asked if the on-ramp would be shut down. Mr. Richmond stated the contractor would determine that at the time of the project, but they anticipate the work can be done from the shoulder keeping the ramp open.

Motion was made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mr. Meagher to issue a Negative Determination for Route 5 On-Ramp from Route 57-MassDOT.

VOTE 5-0-0

2. Review the Order of Conditions-497 South Westfield Street

Filipe Cravo, with R. Levesque Associates was present for this review as well as Thomas Bretta of Thomas Bretta Construction. In the Order of Conditions the proponent is to notify the Commission prior to commencing work. Mr. Cravo stated a phasing plan was created for the site work and Mr. Bretta is ready to begin phase 1. Mr. Kozloski stated there was an area of

restoration listed in the Order of Conditions that needs to be completed this year. Ms. Egerton showed the Commission the area of restoration on the map, which is on the northwest corner of the property. Mr. Kozloski asked about the number of detention basins on the plan. Mr. Cravo stated the drainage would be one of the first items completed during construction. Mr. Kozloski asked if there were changes to the plan. Mr. Bretta stated there will be minor changes with the water and sewer. Mr. Kozloski informed Mr. Bretta he would have to come before the Commission with any changes to the plan. Mr. Kozloski asked when the erosion controls would be put in place. Mr. Cravo stated there would be stakes placed at the limit of work and a silt fence installed. Mr. Kozloski stated once all the silt fences are installed the Commission will perform an onsite.

Motion was made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mr. Fallon to amend the Order of Conditions, item #27, stating the restoration plan be completed by April 2024.

VOTE 5-0-0

3. PUBLIC HEARING CONT.-NOTICE OF INTENT-South Westfield Street-DePalma

The Commission received a request to continue this public hearing to the February 8, 2024 meeting.

Motion was made by Ms. Becker and seconded by Mr. Brown to continue the PUBLIC HEARING CONT.-NOTICE OF INTENT-South Westfield Street-DePalma to the February 8, 2024 meeting.

VOTE 5-0-0

4. RESTORATION PLAN-61 Valley Street

Mr. Filipe Cravo with R. Levesque Associates was present for this agenda item. The Commission had previously issued an Enforcement Order for trees that were taken down adjacent to this location. Mr. Cravo states the restoration plan will have 10 trees/plantings and the stumps from the trees that were felled will be left untouched. Mr. Kozloski stated the Commission would do an onsite in the spring. The members agreed 5 trees and 2 bushes be planted.

Motion was made by Mr. Meagher and seconded by Ms. Becker to accept the Restoration Plan-61 Valley Street, as amended, to include 5 trees and 2 bushes.

VOTE 5-0-0

5. ENFORCEMENT ORDER UPDATES

369 Main Street-Xtreme Paintball-Joe O'Malley was present and updated the Commission that he has contracted R. Levesque Associates as well as Tunison Environmental. He stated R. Levesque was conducting a survey, but it is not completed. He stated Tunison Environmental has tested the soils and marked a portion of the area. Mr. Kozloski asked about the large pile of tires. Mr. O'Malley stated about 60% of the tires have been removed.

23 Kanawha Ave-Ms. Egerton informed the Commission that the owner had called and would like to have an onsite with the Commission to determine the affected area and how she can repair it as per the Enforcement Order that was issued.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES-January 11, 2024

Motion was made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Ms. Becker to approve the January 11, 2024 minutes.

VOTE 5-0-0

7. Correspondence and Complaints

The Commission received a complaint of a logging truck being near a stream in an area on Cosgrove Ave near South Street. Mr. Fallon performed an onsite and provided the Commission with pictures. He stated he did not see any trees that had been cut around this brook.

The Commission received a complaint today from an owner who lives at Pond View Hollow that has water in her basement. The Engineering Department was notified and will do an onsite.

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

VOTE 5-0-0

Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.