

AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION
January 27, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT:

Taryn Egerton

VIA Zoom Webinar

Mr. Kozloski called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

1. REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE – 0 Meadow and Main St

Mr. Kozloski explained this was a filing from 1980. Ms. Egerton stated they were removing topsoil from the area. Ms. Galiatsos questioned whether an onsite was necessary and Mr. Kozloski stated that this project has been completed for at least twenty years.

Motion was made by Ms. Galiatsos and seconded by Mr. Meagher to issue a Certificate of Compliance for 0 Meadow and Main St.

ROLL CALL VOTE 6 - 0

2. PUBLIC HEARING CONT. – Notice of Intent – 0 South West Street & 0 Pine Street – Town of Agawam

This agenda item was previously continued to the February 24, 2022 meeting.

3. PUBLIC HEARING CONT. – Notice of Intent – Aspenwood Associates LLC – 0 Silver Street & 0 Doane Avenue

This agenda item was previously continued to the February 10, 2022 meeting.

4. PUBLIC HEARING CONT. – Notice of Intent – Main Street – Westfield River Interceptor Sewer Relocation Project – Agawam DPW (Continued to May 26, 2022)

This agenda item was previously continued to the May 26, 2022 meeting.

5. Correspondence and Complaints

Mr. Kozloski stated there have been correspondences regarding tree cutting with 23 Walter Way being ready to take trees down next week. Ms. Egerton stated the tree warden has visited the site and approved to take the trees down.

Motion made by Ms. Ward and seconded by Ms. Becker to issue an Emergency Order for the tree cutting at 23 Walter Way.

ROLL CALL VOTE 6 – 0

Mr. Kozloski stated that an Emergency Order expires 30 days after issuance and questioned whether the Commission should wait to issue the Order, considering the impending snow storm. Ms. Ward stated the weather should be getting warmer and that the snow should melt within the 30 day timeframe.

Mr. Kozloski noted that the tree warden also visited 174 Edgewater but it seems that he does not recommend the removal of the trees as it does not pose a risk to the structure on the property. Ms. Egerton had thought an emergency order could be issued due to a risk to the kayakers on the lake, given the tree is hanging over the lake. Ms. Galiatsos noted that the memo from the tree warden stated that if this tree was by the road, it would be removed immediately. Mr. Kozloski mentioned it's not on the street and that the Commission should send a letter to the homeowner regarding filing an application. Ms. Egerton noted that the homeowner would like to take the tree down while the lake is frozen so that the tree doesn't actually fall into the water. Mr. Meagher asked whether the tree was just hanging over the water or if it is actually dead or rotting. Mr. Kozloski read the memo from the tree warden, stating that the tree is rotting but does not pose a threat to the structure on the property. Ms. Egerton stated she would get more clarification from the tree warden to see if it's a safety hazard and Mr. Kozloski mentioned possibly doing an onsite. Mr. Kozloski stated that if there is someone in a canoe and the tree falls down, that person will get hurt.

Mr. Fallon entered the meeting at 6:09pm.

The Commission received correspondence from the City of Springfield regarding Bondi's Island and Mr. Kozloski noted that he believes an RDA would be necessary. He noted that in a previous filing, the Commission determined that the Sewer Treatment Plant was not in the floodplain and they would have to make another determination for this filing.

The Commission received a correspondence from the Planning Board regarding a zoning amendment that will be before them next month, lowering the requirements of parking spaces for drive through restaurants. Ms. Galiatsos voiced her agreement to the amendment. Ms. Ward sent language notes to Barbara Bard in the City Council office to make the wording more clear, but essentially agrees with the concept of the ordinance.

Motion made by Ms. Ward and seconded by Mr. Meagher to send a letter of support regarding this zoning amendment.

ROLL CALL VOTE 7 – 0

Ms. Egerton stated she received a call from Laura Fallon at the junior high regarding an outdoor classroom project. She wishes to be on the next agenda to discuss the plans and wants to schedule an onsite with the Commission.

Ms. Egerton noted that an Order of Conditions is going to expire on 138 South St on February 14, 2022 and mentioned that the Commission should send a letter. Ms. Ward noted that some applicants may not know what the next steps are in a project, and a letter would explain their choices.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 13, 2021

Motion was made by Ms. Ward and seconded by Ms. Galiatsos to approve the minutes of January 13, 2022 as written.

ROLL CALL VOTE 7 – 0

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

ROLL CALL VOTE 7 – 0

Meeting was adjourned at 6:16pm.