

AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
July 14, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Keven Brown  
Jill Ward

ALSO PRESENT:

Taryn Egerton

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

1. PUBLIC HEARING CONT. – NOTICE OF INTENT – 497 South Westfield St. – DePalma & Tirone

The board received a request to continue the public hearing until the July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022 meeting.

Motion was made by Mr. Meagher and seconded by Ms. Becker to continue the Public Hearing – Notice of Intent – 497 South Westfield Street – DePalma & Tirone to July 28, 2022.

VOTE 5 - 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 July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022 meeting

3. PUBLIC HEARING CONT. – Notice of Intent – Main Street – Westfield River Interceptor Sewer Relocation Project – Agawam DPW (Continued to September 22, 2022)

This agenda item was previously continued to September 22, 2022.

4. Correspondence and Complaints

There was a leak in the sewer pipeline that got into the Westfield River behind the Hood facility. Agawam DPW will be hiring a contractor for the cleanup.

The Commission went onsite to 1710 Main St regarding an enforcement order and some filling taking place in or adjacent to wetlands. The measurement from the sidewalk to the filling was approximately 400 feet, which is 60-75 feet from the wetland. Mr. Fallon suggested stabilizing the steep bank and Mr. Kozloski suggested a barrier so as not to encroach any further. A letter will be sent.

The Commission went onsite to 1014 North St Ext regarding an enforcement order and work being done in or near the wetlands. The property owner stated the work would be completed by the end of next week and would send pictures in to the commission once finished. Mr. Kozloski stated that nature would reestablish the wetlands.

The Commission received notification that the scheduled treatment for Silver Lake occurred on July 12.

The silt fences for Tennessee Gas Pipeline will be removed as everything has stabilized.

The Commission and Agawam Engineering went onsite to the Dave's parking lot after receiving notification of a green liquid in the parking lot, which was most likely a tracer dye. Debris had been dumped over the drainage outfall; a trench was dug through the debris and water is being diverted through the parking lot to a catch basin.

There are trees interfering with Eversource power lines in School Street Park on the Corey St side. The tree warden recommended their removal and Eversource's tree service is ready to start the work.

Motion was made by Mr. Fallon and seconded by Mr. Meagher to issue an emergency order for 511 School St to remove the trees interfering with the power lines.

VOTE 5 – 0

David Conley, 157 Edgewater Road, was present to talk to the Commission about the possibility of constructing a footbridge over the Westfield River to connect the New England Trail. He stated he is working with AMC and the National Park Service on this possible project. Mr. Kozloski suggested talking with the Town Engineer and the bridge have a bike lane and parking. Mr. Conley will be attending other town Conservation Commission meetings to provide information and receive input.

Mr. Kozloski asked the members if they would like to pursue the proposed town wetland bylaw and the members all agreed to move forward with it.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 23, 2022

Motion was made by Ms. Becker and seconded by Ms. Becker to approve the minutes of June 23, 2022 as written.

VOTE 4 – 0 – 1 (Meagher)

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

VOTE 5 – 0

Meeting was adjourned at 6:32 pm.