

AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
October 12, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Henry Kozloski  
Sheryl Becker  
Frank Meagher  
S Page Fallon  
Jill Ward

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Magda Galiatsos  
Keven Brown

ALSO PRESENT:

Stefanie Kesecker  
Taryn Egerton

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

1. REQUEST FOR DETERMINATION CONT.– 27 Greenacre Lane – Houlihan

Elizabeth Houlihan, 27 Greenacre Lane, was present for this agenda item. She stated there is row of trees along the east side of her home that are quite tall and potentially dangerous to the two nearby homes. There is also an area in the back where she would like to remove trees. She stated there is a smaller tree in the front running through an electric line that she wants to remove. Mr. Kozloski stated there is an intermittent stream running through the property and the trees in the back are in the riverfront area, which may require a Notice of Intent. Mr. Kozloski stated the Commission would do an onsite to look at the trees at the back portion of the property. Ms. Houlihan requested a continuance until the November 9, 2023 meeting after an onsite is performed.

Motion was made by Mr. Meagher and seconded by Ms. Becker to continue the REQUEST FOR DETERMINATION CONT.-27 Greenacre Lane-Houlihan, until the November 9, 2023 meeting.

VOTE 5-0-0

2. PUBLIC HEARING CONT.-NOTICE OF INTENT-1014 North St Ext-VIP Homes & Associates LLC

The Commission received a request to continue this agenda item until the November 9, 2023 meeting.

Motion was made by Ms. Ward and seconded by Mr. Meagher to continue the PUBLIC HEARING CONT.-NOTICE OF INTENT-1014 North St Ext-VIP Homes & Associates LLC until the November 9, 2023 meeting.

VOTE 5-0-0

3. EMERGENCY ORDER-110 Edgewater Road

Mr. Kozloski informed the Commission there is one tree that was hit by lightning and two trees that are dead. The tree warden determined they should be removed.

Motion was made by Ms. Ward and seconded by Ms. Becker to issue an Emergency Order with a start date of October 15, 2023 for 110 Edgewater Road to take down 3 trees, leaving the stumps.

VOTE 5-0-0

4. Request to Extend Order of Conditions-466 South Westfield Street-Shibley

The Commission received a request to extend the Order of Conditions for one year. Mr. Kozloski stated an onsite would be performed to inspect the progress of the project.

Motion was made by Ms. Ward and seconded by Mr. Meagher to extend the Order of Conditions-466 South Westfield Street-Shibley for 1 year.

VOTE 5-0-0

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES-September 28, 2023

Motion was made by Ms. Becker and seconded by Ms. Ward to approve the September 28, 2023 minutes.

VOTE4-0-1 (Meagher)

6. Correspondence and Complaints

Mr. Kozloski informed the Commission that Xtreme Paintball gave an update that they have hired R. Levesque Associates for a survey and plan before they submit a Notice of Intent.

Mr. Kozloski updated the Commission that 69 Franklin Street (Cain's Mechanical) sent a proposal after an onsite on how he will rectify the Enforcement Order. He stated he would: excavate the bank to achieve the desired slope, install a 100 ft. concrete retaining wall, block the top of the parking lot to hold back material and prevent erosion and sediment, and install one new sapling. Mr. Kozloski stated he would like to have the bank seeded as well. Mr. Kozloski stated the work can be verified by an onsite and the Commission can gain clarification.

Motion was made by Ms. Ward and seconded by Mr. Fallon to table 69 Franklin Street until an onsite can be performed.

VOTE 5-0-0

Mr. Kozloski informed the Commission a complaint of tree cutting near the Silver Lake. Ms. Becker performed an onsite and stated that the owners had taken down about 6 to 7 trees, but the stumps remained. Mr. Kozloski asked if the trees were in bad shape. Ms. Becker stated some of the trees were and that some restoration is needed. Mr. Kozloski stated the Commission will do an onsite and decide how to rectify the situation. Mr. Kozloski stated a letter could be sent to the Silver Lake Association to advise owners that before performing any work they need to contact the Conservation Commission. Ms. Ward also suggested putting something in the Agawam Advertiser to advise the residents.

Ms. Egerton stated there is a proposed project at 100 Shoemaker Lane to construct an addition on existing pavement, seemingly out of the 100 ft. buffer at the proposed project.

Motion was made by Ms. Ward and seconded by Mr. Fallon that 100 Shoemaker Lane does not require a filing with the Conservation Commission.

VOTE 5-0-0

Mr. Kozloski stated the Tuckahoe Restoration Project that in an area where an unknown irrigation pipe was affected by the heavy rainfall and sediment went into the work area and beyond the limit of work. The contractor cleaned it up and is working with DEP on the water qualification certificate. Mr. Kozloski stated some additional stakes may be necessary, but that the Commission will wait until they hear from DEP.

Ms. Egerton informed the Commission that multiple complaints were received for 23 Moore Street. Due to the complaints the Engineering Department, Building Inspector, and Mr. Kozloski have been onsite to assess the project. Mr. Kozloski also spoke to the Water/Sewer Dept. about the property. This particular lot is not in the riverfront and there are no floodplains or wetlands.

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

VOTE 5-0-0

Meeting adjourned at 6:30pm.