

AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION
October 14, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Henry Kozloski
S. Page Fallon
Sheryl Becker
Frank Meagher
Keven Brown

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Magda Galiatsos
Jill Ward

ALSO PRESENT:

Taryn Egerton

VIA Zoom Webinar

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

1. 6:00 – PUBLIC HEARING – Notice of Intent – 233, 265 & Lot 6 Main Street – HP Hood

Filipe Cravo of R. Levesque Associates presented the Notice of Intent on behalf of HP Hood, for site improvements to the old South Worth building. There is an existing Hood building to the north. The application is for both properties but most of the proposed work is on the 265 Main Street parcel which has an existing building. Mr. Cravo went on to say that there is an intermittent stream that runs south to north bisecting the 2 parcels and also another stream on the right side of the property. All the work is outside of the 200' buffer area. He said that this was formerly an industrial site with a large parking lot in the front and a driveway that wraps around the building. There are 2 curb cuts on Main Street which will remain but be improved. There is an existing drainage system with several catch basins going to existing outfalls on the existing slopes. The elevations of the South Worth parcel are 20 – 25' higher than the Hood parcel. The catch basins at the rear of the property will not be disturbed. The proposed plan follows the existing edge of pavement. They are proposing to construct a new accessory building on the South Worth site called the Ryder building. He said this is being moved from the Hood site to the South Worth site. They are also proposing to add a fueling island. The front parking lot will be re-graded to keep water away from the new building. New catch basins will direct water to existing outfalls. He also said there will be a sub-surface filtration system to meet DEP regulations. They are proposing to add 2 new truck docks on the sides of the existing building on the South Worth site to make it easier for the trucks to maneuver in the space. Mr. Cravo said that the proposed use of the building would be warehouse and office space. They are proposing a new driveway grading down across the intermittent stream using an open bottom culvert from

South Worth to Hood. There will be standalone drainage at the bottom of the proposed driveway to avoid impacts to the existing drainage system at Hood. He discussed both the existing and proposed drainage systems. He said they will install water quality units at the existing outfalls. He said that the drainage systems on the front half of the site and the back half of the site are separate. To provide a safe driveway, there will be a 2% grade across the culvert at the bottom then up to 6% to the top of the driveway. From the edge of the pavement the runoff will go to a detention area and be treated then to the outlet control structure then to a new level spreader adjacent to the BVW but not in the delineated resource area. They are proposing a 3 – 4' earthen berm with plantings along Main Street to screen the new trailer parking. In the rear of the property anything disturbed will be loamed and seeded and rip rap will be used on the slope. Mr. Cravo gave details of the stream culvert at the crossing at the bottom of the proposed driveway. He noted that they have a DEP file# and received no comments from DEP. They are still waiting for Engineering's comments. Mr. Meagher asked that, with a 6% grade on the proposed driveway, where the runoff will go. Mr. Cravo said there will be asphalt curbs on the sides of the driveway with inlets at the bottom of the driveway to catch the runoff. Mr. Meagher asked about treating the driveway in the winter with sand or salt. Mr. Cravo said they will have to use salt or sand and keep up on the maintenance during the storms. He went on to say that the catch basins at the bottom will allow sediments to settle then it will pass through the filtration system before going to the wetlands. Mr. Kozloski said that he and Mr. Meagher did an onsite today. He took pictures and they were forwarded to the members. There were no comments from the public. Mr. Kozloski noted that Engineering did not have time to prepare their comments. Mr. Cravo asked to continue the NOI to the next meeting. Mr. Kozloski said that perhaps a special meeting will be held before the next Planning Board meeting due to the November holidays.

Motion was made by Ms. Becker and seconded by Mr. Meagher to continue the Public Hearing – Notice of Intent – 233, 265 and Lot 6 Main Street - HP Hood to the next Con Comm meeting on October 28, 2021.

ROLL CALL VOTE 5 - 0

2. PUBLIC HEARING CONT. – Request for Determination of Applicability – Lot 1 – North West Street – Gallagher

Filipe Cravo of R. Levesque Associates spoke on behalf of the Gallagher's. He said they are proposing to construct a single family home and they need to determine the wetlands to install a driveway to the new home. He said there is an isolated wetland and BVW on the property. Commission members Kozloski and Meagher did a site visit. Mr. Kozloski said they would be 100' away from the wetland. Following this plan, it is out of their jurisdiction and away from the wetlands. He said markers should be put up saying close to 100' wetland buffer. There were no questions from the members or the public.

Motion was made by Mr. Meagher and seconded by Mr. Brown to issue a Negative Determination of Applicability – Lot 1 – North West Street – Gallagher.

ROLL CALL VOTE 5 – 0

3. PUBLIC HEARING CONT. – Notice of Intent – 62 West View Lane – Santaniello

The Commission received a request to continue the Public Hearing – NOI – 62 West View Lane – Santaniello to the October 28, 2021 Conservation Commission meeting.

Motion was made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mr. Meagher to continue – Notice of Intent – 62 West View Lane – Santaniello to the October 28, 2021 Conservation Commission meeting.

ROLL CALL VOTE 5 - 0

4. PUBLIC HEARING CONT. – Notice of Intent – Main Street – Westfield River Interceptor Sewer Relocation Project – Agawam DPW

The Commission received a request to continue the Public Hearing for Westfield River Interceptor to October 28, 2021.

Motion was made by Mr. Meagher and seconded by Ms. Becker to continue the Public Hearing – Notice of Intent – Main Street – Westfield River Interceptor Sewer Relocation Project – Agawam DPW to the October 28, 2021 Conservation Commission meeting.

ROLL CALL VOTE 5 – 0

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

The Commission received a request to continue the Public Hearing for Notice of Intent – 0 South West Street & 0 Pine Street – Town of Agawam.

Motion was made by Ms. Becker and seconded by Mr. Meagher to continue the Public Hearing – Notice of Intent – 0 South West Street & 0 Pine Street – Town of Agawam to October 28, 2021.

ROLL CALL VOTE 5 – 0

6. PUBLIC HEARING CONT. – Request for Determination of Applicability – 0 (737) South Westfield Street – Mario Mazza – Agawam DPW

Emily Stockman of Stockman Associates, wetland scientist and peer reviewer, spoke saying that she provided the commission with the written comments from her review. She said that she received the revised plans from LEC with all peer review comments being addressed. She said for the specific monuments around the site, LEC is proposing to place boulders every 50’ and metal signs between the boulders which will say “no disturbance buffer to wetlands. Ms. Stockman suggested that there be a condition that the flagging be maintained. She also proposes

that the buffer zone be marked out as well. Ms. Stockman's response of October 11, 2021 says that the work is outside of the riverfront area but the boundary has not been set. She suggests a negative determination.

Motion was made by Mr. Meagher and seconded by Mr. Brown to issue a Negative Determination of Applicability – 0 (737) South Westfield Street – Mario Mazza – Agawam DPW subject to the conditions of the October 13, 2021 letter from LEC and Ms. Stockman's peer review which includes the use of monuments indicating wetlands, the work falls outside of the riverfront area and the boundary flagging is maintained.

ROLL CALL VOTE 5 – 0

7. PUBLIC HEARING CONT. – Request for Determination of Applicability – 32 Shoemaker Lane – Beach Mountain, LLC

The Commission received a request to continue the Public Hearing for 32 Shoemaker Lane.

Emily Stockman of Stockman Associates said that she went on site with Filipe Cravo of R. Levesque Associates. Her written peer review comments are 95% complete. She is waiting for a response from DEP. Her comments will be ready tomorrow or Monday.

Motion was made by Mr. Meagher and seconded by Ms. Becker to continue the Public Hearing – Request for Determination of Applicability – 32 Shoemaker Lane – Beach Mountain, LLC to October 28, 2021.

ROLL CALL VOTE 5 - 0

8. PUBLIC HEARING CONT. – Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation (ANRAD) – 311 Shoemaker Lane – Zielinski, Halladay Farms

A request was received from Jeff Smith to withdraw the ANRAD application for 311 Shoemaker Lane.

Motion was made by Mr. Meagher and seconded by Mr. Brown to accept the application withdrawal – Abbreviated Notice of resource Area Delineation (ANRAD) – 311 Shoemaker Lane – Zielinski, Halladay Farms.

ROLL CALL VOTE 5 – 0

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

Kirk MacNaughton was present. He spoke saying that he has been working with Engineering and making modifications to the plans. He submitted the newly revised plans to Engineering last week and is waiting for them to sign off on the revised plans. Mr. Kozloski noted that they are

waiting for Engineering's comments. Mr. MacNaughton said he will review Engineering's comments and revise as needed. He said he will also respond to the peer review comments. He added that there will be no impact in the wetlands at all. Mr. Kozloski asked for comments from the Public.

Lisa Patnode, noted that there was a retaining wall on the original plans but not on the revised plans. She asked if that meant the road would be re-graded and if DEP needed to review this. Mr. MacNaughton said that DEP has reviewed the plans and have indicated that they are okay with the plan as is. Ms. Stockman, peer reviewer, said she received the new plans today and will review the revised plans and comment letters to see if there are any open items.

Mr. MacNaughton requested that the Public Hearing – NOI – Aspenwood Associates LLC be continued for 2 weeks.

Motion was made by Mr. Meagher and seconded by Ms. Becker to continue the Public Hearing – Notice of Intent – Aspenwood Associates LLC – 0 Silver Street & 0 Doane Avenue to the next Conservation Commission meeting on October 28, 2021.

ROLL CALL VOTE 5 – 0

10. Discussion of November meetings

Mr. Kozloski noted that both scheduled meeting dates are holidays. He suggested that they decide at the next meeting and see if a special meeting is needed.

11. Correspondence and Complaints

South Westfield Street – Soldier On – A site visit is scheduled for October 28, 2021

12. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 23, 2021

Motion was made by Ms. Becker and seconded by Mr. Fallon to approve the minutes of September 23, 2021 as written.

ROLL CALL VOTE 3 – 0 – 2 (Fallon, Brown)

Ms. Egerton gave an update on the safety vests that the Commission voted to purchase at the last meeting. She said the Procurement Officer will be ordering them and they will say Conservation Commission on them.

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

ROLL CALL VOTE 5 – 0

Meeting was adjourned at 7:10.

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