

AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION
October 27, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Henry Kozloski
Sheryl Becker
S. Page Fallon (6:05PM)
Frank Meagher
Keven Brown

MEMBERS ABSENT

Magda Galiatsos
Jill Ward

ALSO PRESENT:

Taryn Egerton
Pam Kerr

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

1. 6:00PM PUBLIC HEARING-NOTICE OF INTENT-1014 North Street Ext-VIP
Homes & Associates LLC

David Vilkavoy, VIP Homes, 48 Carmen Ave requested a continuance to the next meeting on November 10, 2022.

Motion was made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Ms. Becker to continue the PUBLIC HEARING-NOTICE OF INTENT-1014 North Street Ext-VIP Homes & Associates LLC until the November 10, 2022 meeting.

VOTE 4-0-0

Mr. Fallon entered the meeting at 6:05PM

Motion was made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Ms. Becker to amend the order of the agenda items.

VOTE 5-0-0

5. REQUEST FOR DETERMINATION OF APPLICABILITY CONT.-67 South West
Street-Vasylyshyn

Applicant contacted the Conservation Commission and requested to withdraw the application.

Motion was made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mr. Meagher to accept the withdrawal for the REQUEST FOR DETERMINATION OF APPLICABILITY CONT.—67 South West Street-Vasylyshyn.

VOTE 5-0-0

11. APPROVAL OF MINUTES-October 13, 2022

Motion was made by Mr. Meagher and seconded by Ms. Becker to approve the minutes of October 13, 2022.

VOTE 4-0-1(Brown)

2. 6:10PM REQUEST FOR DETERMINATION OF APPLICABILITY-190 M St.-
Springfield Water and Sewer Commission

Hannah Kaminski with Kleinfelder was present for this agenda item. She stated they are designing the grit removal upgrade for Bondi's Island. The treatment facility is located within the 100 ft. mapped floodplain. The Commission in a previous project determined that due to a private levy it eliminates the need for flood storage.

Mr. Kozloski stated the dike that the City of Springfield built is not accepted by the Army Corp of Engineers because it was not built by them, but the height is about 61' ft. and surrounds it and no longer floods in a 100 year storm.

Mr. Kozloski opened the meeting to the public and there were no comments.

Motion was made by Mr. Meagher and second by Mr. Fallon to issue a Negative Determination for the REQUEST FOR DETERMINATION OF APPLICABILITY-190 M St.-Springfield Water and Sewer Commission.

VOTE 5-0-0

Motion was made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Ms. Becker to amend the order of the agenda.

VOTE 5-0-0

7. PUBLIC HEARING CONT.-NOTICE OF INTENT-0 South West Street & 0 Pine
Street-Town of Agawam

The Conservation Commission received a request to continue the public hearing to December 8, 2022.

Motion was made by Mr. Meagher and seconded by Mr. Brown to continue the PUBLIC HEARING CONT.-NOTICE OF INTENT-0 South West Street & 0 Pine Street-Town of Agawam to the December 8, 2022 meeting.

VOTE 5-0-0

9. Order of Conditions Extension-TGP 261 Upgrades

Matt Nowak with Tennessee Gas Pipeline was present for this agenda item. He stated they were looking to extend the current Order of Conditions that is set to expire this November. He said they are still monitoring per the Order of Conditions and everything looks good. Mr. Nowak said no work is anticipated, in case the Commission requests additional restoration based on their monitoring reports, they would like the Order open. Mr. Kozloski stated the Commission went onsite and asked if a plan would be submitted later this year with photographs. Mr. Nowak stated yes. Mr. Kozloski stated they looked at two sites, the brook crossing at the Tennessee Gas Facility and the brook crossing by the trucking facility on Silver Street. Mr. Nowak stated the yard waste had been removed.

Motion was made by Mr. Fallon and seconded by Mr. Meagher to extend the Order of Conditions-TGP 261 Upgrades for 3 years.

VOTE 5-0-0

12. Enforcement Order Updates

721 Springfield Street-Ms. Egerton stated she spoke with Steve Salvini who stated he is finishing up the survey this week and hopefully with submit the plan to the Commission next week.

3. 6:20PM PUBLIC HEARING-NOTICE OF INTENT-10-24 Main St, 23 Suffield St.-
Route 75/Main Street AGA LLC

Mr. Fallon recused himself from the meeting at 6:20PM.

Peter LaPointe with the Colvest Group was present for this agenda item. The proposed site is 1.5 acres and formerly housed a motel, gas station, and 3 story family home with a garage, which have all been demolished, the tanks have been removed, and the site graded. The Colvest Group is proposing two structures on this site; a Starbucks and a medical urgent care facility. The front half of the Starbucks is within the 200 ft. riverfront. The driveway curb cuts exist and the utilities have been brought into the site. The Mass DOT recently did the curb cuts with the bridge reconstruction. Tim Coon with JR Russo Associates was present and they are the project engineer for the location. Mr. Coon stated no work is within the 100' riverfront. He stated that previous facilities at this location had no formal drainage and all the runoff flowed to Main Street and into the Westfield River. He stated now there is an onsite stormwater management system, which will consist of catch basins and sub-surface infiltration system under the parking lot. It will provide the necessary treatment for groundwater recharge and retention in accordance with

stormwater guidelines. The overflow will go to Suffield Street, but will be less than the current runoff. The .39 acres that was previously disturbed will have vegetation added there will be a 2,403 sq. ft. reduction in the impervious area. The impervious area was 72.6% and is now about 60.5%. Mr. Coon stated the project does qualify as a redevelopment in a previously developed area. He stated they will not be encroaching any closer to the river than what was previously developed. He stated the redevelopment will have no adverse impacts to the area and will in fact enhance the area.

Mr. Kozloski asked Mr. Coon to go over the DEP comments. The original NOI mistakenly referenced the riverfront area as a buffer zone. The DEP wanted the applicant to identify the resource area boundary delineations and methodology. Mr. Coon stated they took the delineation from record mapping from the DOT for the reconstruction of Main Street and the riverfront is located across the street from the subject parcel. The DEP also wanted the proponents of this project and the stormwater management standards to be environmentally sensitive. The Colvest Group proposed infiltration chamber meets both the groundwater recharge and water quality treatment volume and this system is significantly improved from what currently exists. There is no natural vegetation to preserve and therefore no impact to habitat. Mr. Coon stated the project will improve the vegetation, impervious coverage, and water quality treatment.

Mr. Kozloski asked where the plantings will be. Mr. LaPointe stated most are along Main Street. Mr. Meagher asked who would care for the plantings on the corner, and maintain them for height. Mr. LaPointe stated The Colvest Group would be maintaining the landscaping. Mr. Meagher asked for a maintenance schedule. Mr. Lapointe stated he could provide that to the Commission. Mr. Brown asked about the detention basin and if the outfall would go to the River. Mr. LaPointe stated the water would dump into the Town stormwater system which then dumps into the state water system, through a 12" pipe. Mr. LaPointe stated that a change of use permit had been submitted to DOT. Mr. Kozloski stated safety is a major concern. Mr. LaPointe stated he was willing to come back with a detailed landscaping plan and asked that this hearing be continued to the next meeting November 10, 2022.

Mr. Kozloski opened the meeting to the public. No comments given.

Motion was made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mr. Meagher to continue the PUBLIC HEARING-NOTICE OF INTENT-10-241 Main St, 23 Suffield St.-Route 75/Main Street AGA LLC until the November 10, 2022 meeting.

VOTE 4-0-0

Mr. Fallon returned to the meeting at 6:42PM.

4. PUBLIC HEARING CONT.-NOTICE OF INTENT-395 Main & Rear Main Street-
Pride Operating LLC.

Rebecca Li with R. Levesque Associates Inc. was present for this agenda item. Ms. Li stated the Engineering comments were addressed and that she had been before Zoning Board of Appeals for the initial hearing. She stated they received a memo from the Engineering Department today

and they were satisfied with how they incorporated them. They also incorporated the Commissions' requests for a silt sock, rather than a silt fence and it is now shown on the revised drawings. Mr. Kozloski asked where the soil borings would be. Ms. Li stated the requested borings would be in the vicinity with the sub-surface drainage system. Ms. Li stated additional soil testing will be done prior to construction and they have reached out to OTO Associates, a geotechnical firm. Ms. Li stated the soil testing will test for the groundwater levels as well as the rate of infiltration. The soil is mainly fill and has a lot of inorganic materials and they need to make sure based on their analysis that the infiltration calculation they used is realistic. Mr. Kozloski asked what would happen if they encounter a problem in their testing with the infiltration. Ms. Li stated if it is adversely affected they will move it up front if needed, near Main Street. Mr. Kozloski asked if plantings would be provided. Ms. Li said shrubs will be in the front, Inkberry and Rhododendrons and they have proposed more Inkberries in the center island and trees towards the back of the slope are Ginkgo trees. Ms. Li said a letter of map amendment was submitted to FEMA. Mr. Kozloski asked about possible plantings in the buffer (reserve parking area). Ms. Li stated this reserve area had to be here for open space for the reduction in parking they are asking ZBA for. Mr. Kozloski thinks plantings in the reserve area would be beneficial and can be a condition in the order. Mr. Kozloski asked if ZBA doesn't approve the parking reduction, what would happen. Ms. Li stated they may have to change the plans or possibly do away with the drive-thru. Rob Levesque stated they must show this parking area. Mr. Kozloski stated he wanted a condition added that allows the Commission to look additional plantings in the future.

Motion was made by Mr. Fallon and seconded by Mr. Brown to close the PUBLIC HEARING CONT.-NOTICE OF INTENT-395 Main & Rear Main Street-Pride Operating LLC

VOTE 5-0-0

Order of Conditions will be written at the November 10, 2022 meeting.

6. PUBLIC HEARING CONT.-NOTICE OF INTENT-497 South Westfield St.-Depalma & Tirone

Rob Levesque with R. Levesque Associates Inc. and petitioner Joe Tirone were present for this agenda item. Mr. Levesque stated there were three comments from Engineering. One comment was related to catchment area (an area where water runs from street) they wanted this expanded to make sure the area could handle the water traveling across the site and from the street. Mr. Levesque said an 18" inch pipe was changed to 24". The second item was where the wetland had previously been disturbed. He said they have submitted plans to show replanting in the disturbed area, which will include 15 Red Maples, 26 Black Willow, and 24 Speckled Alder trees, all native species. Mr. Levesque said they would monitor this for 2 growing seasons. The third comment was that the HydroCAD file needed to be submitted, and he said it now has been. Mr. Kozloski asked about the markers for the wetland boundaries and how they would be identified. Mr. Levesque stated there would be bird houses with signs on them on 4x4 posts about 6' ft. high. Mr. Kozloski asked if there would be something in the homeowners' association that would limit the mowing. Mr. Levesque stated he had spoken to the owner and

realtor and this could be put in place. Mr. Levesque stated a sweep path analysis was requested to make sure Fire Department vehicles could enter and it was submitted today and approved by the Fire Inspector.

Motion made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mr. Fallon to close the PUBLIC HEARING
CONT.-NOTICE OF INTENT-497 South Westfield St.-Depalma & Tirone.

VOTE 5-0-0

The Order of Conditions will be written at the November 10, 2022 meeting.

10. Correspondence and Complaints

The Commission did a site visit to 106 North West Street and bird houses have been put along the 100' buffer. Mr. Meagher stated there is plenty of regrowth as well. Mr. Kozloski shared the pictures from the site visit with the Commission. Per the Order of Conditions this area will be monitored for two growing seasons, with yearly reports and photos required.

Motion was made by Mr. Fallon and seconded by Mr. Brown to lift the Enforcement Order.

VOTE 5-0-0

Corey Street- They would like to cut down a cluster of three Sumac and replace with Birch. They will submit a letter in writing to the Commission, proposing what the owner wants to do.

A site visit is set for the Crowley appeal on Friday, November 4, 2022.

The Commission went onsite for Order of Conditions on Poplar Street. Where the fence is located is very narrow. Water and sewer need to be put in. If Engineering/DPW requests he has to put the lines in outside the work area the Commission would have to act on it.

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

VOTE 5-0-0

Meeting was adjourned at 7:25PM.