

AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION
October 28, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Sheryl Becker

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 – 0 Shoemaker Lane – Eversource Energy Service Company

David Askew from Eversource and Melissa Coady from Tighe & Bond were present. Ms. Coady explained that Eversource is proposing to restore wetlands adjacent to the access road from Shoemaker Lane to a land locked site owned by Crowleys. She said there were recent gravel improvements done along the BVW and they are proposing to reduce the width of those gravel improvements and restore the footprint of the wetlands. They have received DEP file # 87-672. There was a site visit today. DEP comments were discussed on site. Ms. Coady said they are waiting to hear from Natural Heritage concerning endangered species. There was discussion regarding potentially installing markers to minimize further encroachments. Ms. Ward asked what the rare species might be. Ms. Coady said turtles. Mr. Kozloski noted that they have to wait to hear from NHESP before acting. There were no comments from the Public.

Motion was made by Ms. Ward and seconded by Mr. Meagher to continue the Public Hearing – Notice of Intent – 0 Shoemaker Lane to November 10, 2021.

ROLL CALL VOTE 6 - 0

2. CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE – Connecticut River – Eversource Gas Company

Mr. Kozloski explained that Eversource had applied for clean-up years ago and are now asking for a Certificate of Compliance. As one of the conditions they were required to do samples. Ms.

Egerton explained that Columbia Gas, in 2011, had done the sampling and the results have been received and accepted. They just never asked for a C of C.

Motion was made by Ms. Ward and seconded by Mr. Fallon to issue a Certificate of Compliance – Connecticut River – Eversource Gas Company.

ROLL CALL VOTE 6 - 0

3. PUBLIC HEARING CONT. – Notice of Intent – 233 & 265 & Lot 6 Main Street – HP Hood

Filipe Cravo of R. Levesque Associates was present to give an update as to the NOI. He said he received Engineering's comments yesterday and met with Engineering this morning. He asked to continue the Public Hearing for HP Hood to further address the comments from Engineering. There were no comments from the Public.

Motion was made by Ms. Ward and seconded by Ms. Galiatsos to continue the Public Hearing – Notice of Intent – 233 & 265 & Lot 6 Main Street – HP Hood to November 10, 2021.

ROLL CALL VOTE 6 – 0

Mr. Kozloski suggested a site visit with the members.

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

Robin Casioppo of GZA, said that at the last meeting they were asked to provide a grading plan which they have done. A site visit was done on October 7, 2021. The corners of the house, the wetlands and the limit of work were staked. She said there would be very minor grading. Mr. Kozloski asked if the setback to the house was correct. Ms. Casioppo said it was 30'. Ms. Egerton added that the plan had been sent to Engineering and they had no problems. Ms. Casioppo verified that the stream is intermittent. There were no comments from the Public.

Motion was made by Ms. Ward and seconded by Mr. Fallon to close the Public Hearing – Notice of Intent – 62 West View Lane – Santaniello

ROLL CALL VOTE 6 – 0

The Order of Conditions will be done at the end of the meeting.

5. 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 May 26, 2022. Mr. Kozloski noted they were having difficulty acquiring the necessary easements.

Motion was made by Ms. Ward and seconded by Mr. Fallon to continue the Public Hearing – Notice of Intent – Main Street – Westfield River Interceptor Sewer Relocation Project – Agawam DPW to the May 26, 2022 Conservation Commission meeting.

ROLL CALL VOTE 6 – 0

6. 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. Ms. Egerton noted that the MEPA site walk will be held next week and they are working on the delineation issue.

Motion was made by Ms. Ward and seconded by Mr. Brown to continue the Public Hearing – Notice of Intent – 0 South West Street & 0 Pine Street – Town of Agawam to November 10, 2021.

ROLL CALL VOTE 6 – 0

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

Mr. Kozloski noted that the peer review was received from Stockman Associates. Filipe Cravo, R. Levesque Associates, said that the site has been delineated and peer reviewed by Emily Stockman. He said adjustments were made to the filing plan and confirmed with Ms. Stockman. There were minor wetland flag modifications to the BVW and stream. Ms. Stockman said she reviewed the RDA application and did a site visit on September 17, 2021 with RLA. She received a revised site plan which she reviewed and issued her comments on October 15, 2021. She went on to say that the plan before the board addresses the comments issued by Ms. Stockman on October 15, 2021. She said she reviewed the soil logs submitted by RLA. There were 13 test pits excavated and evaluated supporting the accuracy of the westerly BVW boundary. Her recommended findings for the determination are that there are 2 isolated wetlands on the property and she recommends that the Commission finds that wetland 3 does not meet the criteria for BVW therefore is not subject to the Wetland Protection Act. She also recommended a second finding that isolated wetland M has been determined to be isolated and the boundary was previously reviewed and approved under the TGP order which was MA DEP file# 87-644. Her third recommendation is that, with the determination, the Commission site that the boundaries of BVW 1 & 2 have been previously approved and deemed accurate. Mr. Kozloski stated that the Commission is approving wetland boundaries M & 3 and BVW sites 1 & 2.

Motion was made by Ms. Ward and seconded by Mr. Brown to issue a Positive Determination of Applicability – 32 Shoemaker Lane – Beach Mountain, LLC – with 3 findings. Wetland 3 is isolated and not subject to the Wetland Protection Act, wetland M has been determined to be an isolated wetland and was previously approved as part of the TGP project and that BVW boundaries for W1 & W2 are accurate and approved.

ROLL CALL VOTE 6 - 0

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

Mr. MacNaughton requested that the Public Hearing – NOI – Aspenwood Associates LLC be continued to November 10, 2021.

Motion was made by Ms. Ward and seconded by Mr. Meagher to continue the Public Hearing – Notice of Intent – Aspenwood Associates LLC – 0 Silver Street & 0 Doane Avenue to the next Conservation Commission meeting on November 10, 2021.

ROLL CALL VOTE 6 – 0

9. Discussion of November meetings

The Commission set their November meeting date for November 10, 2021.

10. Correspondence and Complaints

Ms. Egerton explained that the Commission received an RDA application on Wednesday. That would need to be addressed at a special meeting of the Commission and the date would be November 12, 2021 at 11:30 AM for 1 RDA for 414 North Street.

The Commission wrote the Order of Conditions for 62 West View Lane. The Order of Conditions is on file in the Planning Department for those wishing to review it.

11. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 14, 2021

Motion was made by Ms. Ward and seconded by Mr. Brown to approve the minutes of October 14, 2021 as written.

ROLL CALL VOTE 4 – 0 – 2 (Galiatsos, Ward)

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

ROLL CALL VOTE 6 – 0

Meeting was adjourned at 6:52.
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