

AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION
November 10, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Henry Kozloski
Sheryl Becker
S. Page Fallon
Frank Meagher

MEMBERS ABSENT

Keven Brown
Magda Galiatsos
Jill Ward

ALSO PRESENT:

Taryn Egerton
Stefanie Kesecker

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

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

Michael Mocko, with Mocko Environmental, was present for this agenda item. He stated he would be asking the Commission for a continuance, but wanted to address a few things. He said the MA DEP review had asked for an addendum to the narrative to show how they met the performance standards and he said it was submitted October 26, 2022. Mr. Kozloski asked if it was documented and if the elevations were the same. Mr. Mocko stated yes. Mr. Kozloski asked if they had mapped all of the wetlands on the parcel. Mr. Mocko stated no it was a large parcel and they are only mapping the areas within the project. He said there are wetlands on the parcel that will not be disturbed. Mr. Mocko stated this area was disturbed during early agriculture work. He said the wetlands are connected by drainage ditches which are 3 ft. wide and drain towards the wetlands shown on the Town map. Mr. Kozloski asked about Engineering Comments (Engineering is concerned that the wetland soils present on the project site are not structurally sufficient to support the proposed structures and recommends a test pit be performed to verify the soils onsite and seasonal high water table) and where would the house be placed. Mr. Mocko said the only structure in the wetlands is the driveway, which is planned with reinforcement fabric in the detail, both a coarse and fine layer of aggregate. He stated there is supporting native material to hold a driveway. Mocko said the house is in a non-wetland area, both the soil maps and hand auguring confirm that. He went on to say he would be happy to perform test pits with Engineering onsite to delineate this. Ms. Egerton suggested having peer reviewer Emily Stockmen conduct a peer review. Mr. Fallon asked about the wetland boundary

on the east side of the replication area and to show where it extends into the driveway and to say where the wetlands are they will be replicating and what the area is. Mr. Mocko said the replication wetlands are about 120% to 130% of the area that is disturbed by the driveway. He went on to say the boundary of the wetland replication runs right up to the boundary of the wetland.

Mr. Kozloski opened the meeting to the public. There were no comments.

Motion was made by Mr. Meagher and seconded by Ms. Becker to require a peer review for PUBLIC HEARING CONT.-NOTICE OF INTENT-1014 North St Ext-VIP Homes & Associates LLC and to show the extent of the wetlands on the western portion of the lot.

VOTE 4-0-0

Motion was made by Mr. Fallon and seconded by Ms. Becker to continue the PUBLIC HEARING CONT.-NOTICE OF INTENT-1014 North St Ext-VIP Homes & Associates LLC to the December 8th, 2022 meeting.

VOTE 4-0-0

Mr. Fallon recused himself from the meeting at 6:38PM

2. PUBLIC HEARING CONT.-NOTICE OF INTENT-10-24 Main St, 23 Suffield St-Route 75/Main Street AGA LLC.

Due to Mr. Fallon recusing himself for this matter and the Commission did not have a quorum to discuss or act on this item.

A special meeting will be held on November 17, 2022 at 5:30PM.

Mr. Fallon returned to the meeting at 6:52PM.

3. Write Order of Conditions-395 Main & Rear Main Street-Pride Operating LLC

Motion was made by Mr. Meagher and seconded by Mr. Fallon to issue the Order of Conditions-395 Main & Rear Main Street-Pride Operating LLC-as written.

VOTE 4-0-0

4. Write Order of Conditions-497 South Westfield St-Depalma & Tirone

Motion was made by Mr. Meagher and seconded by Ms. Becker to issue the Order of Conditions 497 South Westfield St-Depalma & Tirone-as amended.

VOTE 4-0-0

5. Correspondence and Complaints

Emily Stockman is going to go out with Tennessee Gas on November 14, 2022 for her annual site visit with them.

Michael Theroux notified the Commission that the beavers are at May Hollow and South Westfield Street. He is mainly concerned about the ones at May Hollow as they are blocking the culvert. They will be going out next week to look at the trees that the beavers have damaged, that may need to come down. Mr. Kozloski said the tree warden would also need to be informed. Ms. Becker asked if there were other alternatives. Mr. Egerton stated the Beaver Solutions LLC went onsite with them and recommended they be trapped.

6. Enforcement Order Updates

721 Springfield Street-Beaver Camper-the Commission received an email from Salvini Associates and they are hoping to submit the NOI by November 21st, 2022.

1710 Main Street-they have not returned calls about putting up the fence.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES-October 27, 2022

Motion was made by Ms. Becker and seconded by Mr. Fallon to approve the minutes for October 27, 2022.

VOTE 4-0-0

8. PUBLIC HEARING CONT.-NOTICE OF INTENT-0 South West Street & 0 Pine Street-Town of Agawam (continued to December 8, 2022).

This item was previously continued.

9. PUBLIC HEARING CONT.-NOTICE OF INTENT-Main Street-Westfield River Interceptor Sewer Relocation Project-Agawam (continued to March 23, 2023).

This item was previously continued.

10. Disc.-Amended Plan-Poplar St.-Savonin

Viktor Savonin, 131 Cornett Circle, was present to discuss this Amended Plan. Mr. Savonin stated after the survey plotted the proposed home, issues arose such as where fire hydrant was located. He stated he spoke to John Decker with DPW and they, as well as him, proposed flipping the plan to maintain the 5,000 sq. ft. that is already approved. The driveway would then be on the left side and away from the fire hydrant. Mr. Kozloski asked where the sewer line

would be placed. Mr. Savonin stated the DPW Superintendent stated the sewer and driveway would have to be separated a minimum of 2 ft. Mr. Savonin can manipulate the sewer to where it is gravity fed and prevent sewage backups and unnecessary maintenance. Mr. Savonin is willing to perform the work with the Commission. Mr. Kozloski asked about the tree on the corner of the property, near the edge of the driveway. The tree warden had looked at the tree and recommended removal as any work done around it, as it would compromise the tree.

Motion was made by Mr. Fallon and seconded by Mr. Meagher to require an amendment to the Order of Conditions for 0 Poplar Street.

VOTE 4-0-0

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

VOTE 4-0-0

Meeting adjourned at 7:30PM.