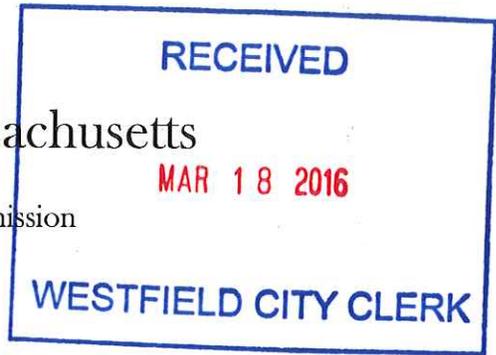




City of Westfield, Massachusetts

Municipal Conservation Commission

February 9, 2016
MEETING MINUTES



Conservation Commission members attending: Dr. David Doe, Chairman, Henry Bannish, Jr., Vice-Chair, James R. Murphy, Thomas Sharp, Dr. Jim Phillips, Jason Bean and Cheryl Koval. Also in attendance: Karen Leigh, Conservation Coordinator & Ruth Dunn, Administrative Assistant.

1. CALL TO ORDER
The Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

2. OPEN PARTICIPATION – N/A

Commissioner Bannish recused himself for item 3A and left the room.

3. PUBLIC MEETINGS

A. 139 Rider Road – Jeff Richardson

Project: Removal of 2 trees, along with stumps, and re-grading the area.

The meeting was continued from 1-26-16.

Mr. Richard is present with a revised plan which proposes the creation of a rain garden that will allow for street run off water excess to flow into pond. He is also proposing a dry well to catch water from the house downspout which runs over the slope into the pond.

He displayed a presentation from UCONN regarding the specifics of creating a rain garden.

The commissioners praised the work Mr. Richardson put into his proposal.

Commissioner Phillips motioned and Commissioner Koval second to close the public meeting. AIF

Commissioner Sharp motioned to recommend a determination of:

a. Negative 3 (work) with conditions:

- i. Prior to any work, silt fence/straw bales shall be installed;
- ii. All debris and excess materials generated from this project shall be removed off site;
- iii. As part of the project, the homeowner shall remove and properly dispose of the Japanese barberry shrub as noted in the field;
- iv. Any grading shall not cause erosion or migration of soils towards the pond;

b. Positive 5 (ordinance) with “No Notice of Intent required”

Commissioner Murphy seconds the determination and conditions. AIF

Commissioner Bannish returned to the meeting for the next item.

- B. 403 West Road – Mark & Evelyn Strasfeld
The applicant requests approval of wetland delineation.
Rob Levesque of RLA is present and displayed a plan illustrating the delineation of the property. The delineation was performed for developing an Open Space Subdivision as suggested by the City Planner. The applicants wish to sell a portion of the property to a neighbor. The City Planner said that a special zoning permit for open space would enable a reduced frontage allowance for the sold parcel.
Land owner, Mark Strasfeld of 392 West Road said that 150 ft. of frontage is normally required for development but the donation of land would permit 100 feet of frontage for the new house.
A site visit is needed to review the delineation.
Commissioner Sharp motioned and Commissioner Bannish second for a continuance to February 23, 2016 at 6:30pm. AIF

Chairman Doe recused himself for item 4A and left the room.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. 0 Fairfield Avenue (Parcel #71-1) – Slavik Pylypenko DEP File #333-733
Project: Construction of a single family residence, driveway & wetland replication. The hearing was continued from 1-12-16.
Coordinator Leigh performed a site visit last week and moved flags at least 20 feet and asked for a revised site plan. She was expecting the consultant, Michael Mocko to attend tonight's meeting, but he is not present.
Audience member, Julieanne Gamache of 65 Fairfield Avenue addressed the commission to say that a lot of trees have been cleared on the property and she is concerned about wildlife and water problems on the lot.
Coordinator Leigh displayed photos of the site and identified a culvert and stream on the property. She showed evidence of many violations including dumping in wetlands; and tree cuttings from a forestry plan that needs to be cleaned up.
She told Mr. Mocko that she needs the following:
- a revised delineation plan
 - identification of the stream on the plan
 - compliance with stream crossing standards (no pipes)
 - a detailed narrative on replication
 - to know where groundwater is in the replication area
- She provided the commissioners with copies of email letters from neighbors regarding the construction project.
Commissioner Phillips motioned and Commissioner Bean second to a continuance to February 23, 2016 at 6:30pm. AIF

Chairman Doe returned to the meeting.

5. ENFORCEMENT

- A. 19 Fairview Street – Raymond Brodowski
Violation: Dumping in wetland
The homeowners were to appear tonight with two cost estimates for removal but are not present.
Coordinator Leigh showed photos of the barrier Mr. Brodowski installed.

- B. 45 Wyben Road – Mary Hultay
Violation: Dumping in a wetland
Coordinator Leigh reports that a final report was provided by Stan Tenerowicz and asked the commissioners to review it.
Commissioner Sharp asked that scanned copies of the report be sent to them.
Coordinator Leigh said that Atty. Moir sent her a copy of a restriction on the deed.

6. DISCUSSION – None at this time.

7. COMMISSION DISCUSSION

- A. Regulations & Procedures Q & A
- B. Minutes
Commissioner Phillips motioned and Commissioner Murphy second to approve the minutes of January 26, 2016. AIF

8. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Commissioner Murphy motioned Commissioner Sharp second to adjourn at 7:26pm. AIF

A true record, Attest:

Ruth Dunn

Westfield Conservation Administrative Assistant