



City of Westfield, Massachusetts

Municipal Conservation Commission

March 8, 2016
MEETING MINUTES

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WESTFIELD CITY CLERK

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

1. CALL TO ORDER
Chairman Doe called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.
2. OPEN PARTICIPATION
Chairman Doe asks if anyone would like to address the commission regarding items not currently on the agenda. There being no items brought forward the Chairman proceeds to their next agenda item.
3. PUBLIC MEETINGS
 - A. 403 West Road – Mark & Evelyn Strasfeld
The applicants request approval of wetland delineation. This meeting was continued from 2-23-16.
Coordinator Leigh reports that members of the commission reviewed the delineation today. She said that flags IVW1-4 need to be revised, everything else looked fine. Jon Goddard from RLA was present and said that the flags would be corrected as soon as possible.
Commissioner Bannish motioned and Commissioner Phillips second to close the public meeting. AIF
Commissioner Bannish recommends a determination of:
 - a. Positive 2a (boundaries) listing flag numbers on the plans;
 - b. Positive 5 (ordinance) with “No Notice of Intent required”Commissioner Murphy seconds the recommendation. AIF
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 2-23-16.
The applicant requests a continuance to March 22, 2016 at 6:30pm.
Commissioner Bannish motioned and Commissioner Murphy second to approve the continuance. AIF
 - B. Abandoned Rail ROW – south of Westfield River – Aaron Bean/Westfield Gas & Electric Cooperative DEP File #333-734
Project: Natural Gas pipeline installation.
The hearing was continued from 2-23-16.

Alec MacLeod, from Northeast Land & Water is present representing the applicant. He said that this is a buffer zone project, with no wetland alteration proposed. Pipe line work will be continued on the side slope of the bike trail on the west side. Drilling beneath the trail and streets will be accomplished by directional drilling methods.

Mr. MacLeod identified the streets involved as East Silver Street and Main Street. Audience member, City Council member Mary Ann Babinski commented that the pipe line is destined to a power plant which has not been approved by the city council.

Audience member Barbara Rokosz asked about an extended permit which Coordinator Leigh said was issued and extended by DEP.

Commissioner Bannish motioned and Commissioner Phillips second to close the public hearing. AIF

Commissioner Bannish motioned and Commissioner Murphy second to approve the Order of Conditions and a performance bond of \$1,000. AIF

5. ENFORCEMENT

A. 19 Fairview Street – Raymond Brodowski

Violation: Dumping in a wetland

Coordinator Leigh spoke with DEP and they all agreed that the violation goes back twenty five years and would be difficult to enforce.

It was suggested that non organic debris be removed from the wetland and a permanent physical barrier be installed.

Coordinator Leigh will update the enforcement order in a letter to the home owners.

B. 0 Fowler Road – Yuriy & Eugene Rudenko

Violation: Non-compliance with Determination of Applicability.

Coordinator Leigh said that the enforcement order required a restoration plan to be submitted for approval by March 8, 2016, however, since she was out sick and didn't get the paperwork to them until March 2nd, she recommends giving them more time. She will call them and request the paperwork for the next meeting on March 22nd at 6:30pm.

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 February 23, 2016. AIF

8. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Commissioner Bannish motioned and Commissioner Murphy second to adjourn the meeting at 7:08pm. AIF

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A true record, Attest:

Ruth Dunn

Westfield Conservation Administrative Assistant