



City of Westfield, Massachusetts

Municipal Conservation Commission

May 24, 2016
MEETING MINUTES

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WESTFIELD CITY CLERK

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Doe called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

2. OPEN PARTICIPATION – N/A

3. PUBLIC MEETINGS

A. First Street (Parcel #278-34) – City of Westfield Police Department

Project: Installation of a temporary boat dock.

Police Chief John Camerota is present to describe the proposed installation of a removable 24 foot dock to store the police department water patrol boat.

Commissioner Bannish motioned and Commissioner Sharp second to close the meeting. AIF

Commissioner Bannish motioned for a recommendation of:

- a. Negative 2 (work)
- b. Positive 5 (ordinance) with “No Notice of Intent required”

Commissioner Phillips seconds the recommendation. AIF

B. 85 Pequot Point Road – Duane Garrigan

Project: Construction of a 12' x 14' stand-alone deck and removal of 3 trees.

Sacha Wing of Wing Design and Contracting is present as representative to the applicant. He described the area and work to be performed and referred to the photos displayed on the Smart Board. He will be installing 5 sonic tubes.

Coordinator Leigh recommends no stumping; replacing trees in-kind; and the use of sock erosion controls.

Commissioner Bannish motions and Commissioner Phillips second to close the public meeting. AIF

Commissioner Bannish motions to recommend:

- a. Negative 3 (work) with conditions:
 - i. **Prior to any work**, erosion controls shall be installed between all work and the wetlands;
 - ii. At no time shall any materials from the project be allowed to migrate into the wetlands;
 - iii. To mitigate the removal of the 3 mature trees, the applicant shall plant three trees
- b. Positive 5 (ordinance) with “No Notice of Intent required”

Commissioner Bean 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 applicant is not in attendance at this time.
Coordinator Leigh said that Engineers stamped plans are needed to issue a permit.
Commissioner Murphy motioned to table the item until the end of the meeting.
Commissioner Sharp seconds the motion. AIF
- B. 403 West Road – Roger Martineau – DEP File #333-735
Project: Construction of a single family residence.
The hearing was continued from 4-26-16.
NHESP comments are needed before closing application.
The applicant requests a continuance to June 14, 2016 at 6:30pm.
Commissioner Bannish motioned and Commissioner Murphy second to approve the continuance. AIF
- C. 146 Main Street (easement within parcel) – Mark Cressotti & City of Westfield Engineering Department
Project: Installation of a river gauge station associated with the Williams Riding Way Pump Station.
Chairman Doe opened the public hearing by reading the legal language.
The applicant requests a continuance to June 14, 2016 at 6:30pm.
Commissioner Bannish motioned and Commissioner Murphy second to approve the continuance. AIF

5. ENFORCEMENT

- A. 0 Fowler Road – Yuriy & Eugene Rudenko
Violation: Non-compliance with Determination of Applicability.
No action required – ongoing restoration
- B. 0 North Road – Gary Boisseau
Violation: Fill in a wetland.
Mrs. Boisseau told the commission that G & H Landscaping would be removing the wood chips without using heavy equipment.
She proposes a change to the signage for the five interior signs to read “Do Not Disturb” versus “Police Take Notice” which is more appropriate for the one sign facing North Road.
The commissioners agree to the suggested change of text for the interior property signs.
- C. 264 Union Street – Doug Fuller/Fuller Construction
Violation: Cutting vegetation in a wetland and buffer zone.
Mr. Fuller is present and had expected Rob Levesque to submit the required delineation by today.
Coordinator Leigh reports that she has not received any paperwork.
Commissioner Sharp motioned and Commissioner Murphy second to a continuance until June 14, 2016 at 6:30pm. AIF

- D. 495 East Main Street – Gomes Construction
Violation: Paving in a floodplain without a permit.
Mr. Gomes submitted a letter stating that 90 cubic yards of material was removed and replaced.
Commissioner Sharp motioned and Commissioner Murphy second to close the Enforcement Order. AIF

6. DISCUSSION

- A. 160 Sanders Road – Walter Goulet
Coordinator Leigh received a request for Emergency Certification for dangerous tree removal of one tree.
Commissioner Bannish motioned and Commissioner Murphy second to ratify the Certification. AIF

- B. 0 Medeiros Way/Summit Lock (parcel 70R-1) DEP File 333-711
The applicant had requested a reduction of bond.
Coordinator Leigh reports that the request was withdrawn.

- C. 185 Main Street – Dolores Einarson
Coordinator Leigh received a request for Emergency Certification for dangerous tree removal.
Chairman Doe and Coordinator Leigh went to the property to view the damage. Ms. Einarson is requesting removal of 4 dead trees, one large live pine (problematic) and a damaged maple (to be removed by Asplundh)
WG&E has requested their contractor to take the maple tree in the front -Brian Hines at Asplundh 203-640-0470.
Kerry Granfield from Granfield Tree Service proposing using a bobcat, bucket truck and crew to remove limbs and fell trees on the steep slope of the bank.
Coordinator Leigh suggests including:
- a. No stump removal allowed;
 - b. All materials generated from tree removal shall be removed outside all jurisdictional areas;
 - c. All cuttings and tree debris that fall down the embankment shall be picked up and removed outside all jurisdictional areas;
 - d. All disturbed soils shall be graded, loamed and seeded;
 - e. After removal is complete, the tree service shall meet with the Commission and/or the Coordinator on site to determine if additional stabilization and/or restoration is necessary;
 - f. If additional stabilization and/or restoration is necessary, the work shall commence within 2 weeks of the site visit.
- She also suggests issuing the certification when the contractor is ready, and ratifying the certification at the next meeting.

- D. Contract Signature Authority Sign-Off request from purchasing department.
The commissioners signed the form, giving Coordinator Leigh approval to sign contracts.

The commissioners return to Public Hearings, item A, which was continued to the end of the meeting.

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Commissioner Murphy motioned and Commissioner Bannish second to a continuance until June 14, 2016 at 6:30pm. AIF

7. COMMISSION DISCUSSION

- A. Regulations & Procedures Q & A
- B. Minutes
Commissioner Phillips motioned and Commissioner Bannish second approval of the May 10, 2016 minutes. AIF

8. MOTION TO ADJOURN

- Commissioner Murphy motioned and Commissioner Bannish second to adjourn the meeting at 7:25pm. AIF

A true record, Attest:

Ruth Dunn

Westfield Conservation Administrative Assistant