



City of Westfield, Massachusetts

Municipal Conservation Commission

August 9, 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.
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 – N/A

3. PUBLIC MEETINGS

A. 56 City View Boulevard – Joseph & Valerie Zelez

Project: Construction of single family residence, driveway, septic system and site grading.

The meeting was continued from 7-12-16. The applicant requests a continuance to 8-23-16 at 6:30pm.

Commissioner Bannish motioned and Commissioner Murphy second to approve the continuance. AIF

B. City wide – City of Westfield/ Casey Berube

Project: Vegetation Management Plan.

The meeting was continued from 7-12-16. The applicant requests a continuance to 8-23-16 at 6:30pm.

Commissioner Bannish motioned and Commissioner Phillips second to approve the continuance. AIF

C. Montgomery Road – Assessor's Parcel 54R-26-1 – Andrey Rudin

Project: Construction of single family residence.

The applicant requests a continuance to August 23, 2016 at 6:30pm.

Commissioner Bannish motioned and Commissioner Phillips second to approve the continuance. AIF

D. 994 Western Ave – Stephen & Susan Oleksak

The applicant requests a continuance to August 23, 2016 at 6:30pm.

Commissioner Bannish motioned and Commissioner Phillips second to approve the continuance. AIF

- E. 110 Union St – Full Gospel Church of Westfield
Project: Construction of parking lot.
The applicant requests a continuance to August 23, 2016 at 6:30pm.
Commissioner Bannish motioned and Commissioner Murphy second to approve the continuance. AIF
- F. 264 Union Street – Doug Fuller Construction, Inc.
Project: Installation of a garden.
The applicant requests a continuance to August 23, 2016 at 6:30pm.
Commissioner Bannish motioned and Commissioner Phillips second to approve the continuance. 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 7-12-16. The applicant requests a continuance to August 23, 2016 at 6:30pm.
Commissioner Bannish motioned and Commissioner Murphy second to approve the continuance. AIF
- B. 403 West Road – Roger Martineau – DEP File #333-735
Project: Construction of a single family residence.
The hearing was continued from 6-28-16.
Rob Levesque from RLA is present representing the Martineau's. They have received a NHESP letter with conditions.
A site visit revealed a large pile of grass clippings in the Resource Area which will need to be removed.
Commissioner Bannish motioned to close the public hearing. Commissioner Murphy seconds. AIF
The commissioners reviewed and agreed on the general orders of conditions, and the special conditions:
 - a. **Prior to any work**, the pile of grass clippings and yard waste shall be removed from all resource areas. The area shall be stabilized by loaming and seeding with an appropriate seed mix. **No work shall commence until the Commission has seen and approved of the restored area.**
 - b. Applicant shall comply with all conditions listed in the July 29, 2106 letter from NHESP.Commissioner Bannish motioned and Commissioner Murphy second to accept the Order of Conditions and a bond amount of \$2,500. AIF

C. 112 City View Road – City of Westfield - DPW
Project: Culvert replacement.
Chairman Doe said that a site visit is needed at this time.
The applicant requests a continuance to August 23, 2016 at 6:30pm.
Commissioner Bannish motioned and Commissioner Phillips second to approve the continuance. AIF

5. ENFORCEMENT - None at this time.

6. DISCUSSION

A. Montgomery Road – Assessor Parcels 60R-2 & 60R-4
Subject: Request to approve and accept Conservation Restriction
The Commissioners signed the restriction document; and Karen Leigh notarized their signatures.

B. Guest Speaker – Nick Nelson, Fluvial Geomorphologist
Chairman Doe read an introduction of Mr. Nelson and turned the meeting over to him.
Mr. Nelson provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding rivers and watersheds. He explained that fluvial geomorphology is a science devoted to understanding rivers, both in their natural setting as well as how they respond to human-induced changes in a watershed. One goal is to predict what changes will occur to a stream channel in response to alterations in watershed conditions; and, in turn, how these changes will impact human infrastructure and fish habitat.
He also discussed fences in floodplains and wetland replications with the commissioners.

Note for the record: At various times during the course of the presentation, Commissioners Bannish, Phillips and Bean left for the remainder of the meeting.

The following items were tabled for the next meeting:

7. COMMISSION DISCUSSION

- A. Regulations & Procedures Q & A
- B. Minutes of July 12, 2016

8. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Commissioner Murphy motioned and Commissioner Sharp second to adjourn at 8:25pm.

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A true record, Attest:

Ruth Dunn

Westfield Conservation Administrative Assistant

