



City of Westfield, Massachusetts

Municipal Conservation Commission

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MEETING MINUTES

WESTFIELD CITY CLERK

Conservation Commission members in attendance: David Doe, Chairman, Henry Bannish, Vice Chairman, Tom Sharp, Jim Murphy, Jason Bean and Carl Grobe. Also in attendance: Karen Leigh, Conservation Coordinator and Colleen Fegan-Nunez, Administrative Assistant.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Doe calls the meeting to order at 6:31 pm.

2. OPEN PARTICIPATION – Chairman Doe asks if there are any audience members that would like to address anything not on the agenda. There are none at this time.

3. PUBLIC MEETINGS

None at this time

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None at this time

5. ENFORCEMENT

- A. 0 Fowler Road-13R-42-1A
Cutting trees in a wetland/buffer zone.

Coordinator Leigh states that she sent a letter to the owner of the property. Pastor Walley is present representing the owner. He states that the owner wanted to clean up the property because many of the trees were dead. Coordinator Leigh requests a site visit by the Commission and at the next meeting the Commission can decide if there should be restoration.

6. DISCUSSION

- A. 232 Montgomery Road-Conservation Restriction
Request to convert lots D, E F and G into residential use.

Commissioner Bannish motions to continue to February 27, 2018 at 6:30 PM and is second by Commissioner Grobe. AIF

B. WalMart-salt alternative proposal

Mr. Michael Bogdanovich and Ms. Jessica Obrzut are present representing WalMart.

Mr. Bogdanovich states that he moved in to the new procedures that were approved of in the last meeting. Mr. Bogdanovich presents a different deicer, Clearlane, but states he will continue to use the Ice B' Gone (IBG) that was approved in the meeting of January 23, 2018. He states the WalMart is very happy with the results of IBG during the last storm. Commissioner Murphy then asks for a letter from WalMart as to what the snow removal plan is and who the vendor will be. Commissioner Doe asks that the letter be very specific and to include a map of where the four parts sand, one part IBG will be used as opposed to the full strength IBG. Commissioner Bean asks what the visual difference of IBG and road salt. Mr. Bogdanovich states that IBG is brown and looks like sand, road salt is white. Commissioner Murphy asks for "no salt" signs near the resource area. Ms. Obrzut states that she will check with the WalMart legal department to determine feasibility.

C. Westfield State University intern-CR internship

Coordinator Leigh introduces Colleen Andrews who is doing an internship. She will be compiling and inspecting all of the properties that have a CR associated with them. Coordinator Leigh asks if the Commission would help out with the property inspections in the event that she is unable attend. Coordinator Leigh then asks the Commission if they will look over the list of properties to see if there are any properties that have been forgotten or missed. Commissioner Murphy asks if Ms. Andrews will also be investigating the properties that have been deeded to the City of Westfield. Coordinator Leigh states that Ms. Andrews will look in to this.

D. 115 Servistar Industrial Way

Existing conditions and regulations

Mr. Dan Nitzsche and Mr. Joe Brosseau are present.

Mr. Nitzsche states that Mr. Brosseau is looking to purchase 115 Servistar Industrial Way. (Mr. Nitzsche presents a 1997 map of said property) Mr. Nitzsche states that there is a fore bay detention basin. It is completely filled with vegetation. Mr. Nitzsche states "It looks like a wetland, smells like a wetland and acts like a wetland." He called DEP asking how to approach it. In 2014 DEP changed storm water management, if it was constructed, installed and maintained as a storm water feature post 1996, then the detention basins are not wetlands. David Fowlis from DEP is stating that unless there is a continuing OOC that maintenance is permitted that this detention basin could convert to a wetland. Mr. Nitzsche states that he would like to fill in the existing detention basin and add on to the existing building. There will be a new and compliant storm water system for the whole site. Mr. Nitzsche asks the Commission if would entertain the prospect of filling in the wet land that was designed as a storm water feature and replace it with a storm water feature that is in full compliance. He states that he could design one that is a constructed wetland. Coordinator Leigh clarifies that Mr. Nitzsche is asking the status of the wetland, meaning is it a wetland or not. Commissioner Doe suggests a

site visit.

7. COMMISSION DISCUSSION

- A. Coordinator Leigh states that she met with City Councilman Burns at the Fowler Road project. She states that the neighbors still have concerns about the water runoff.
- B. Regulations and Procedures Q & A
None at this time
- C. Minutes of January 23, 2018.

Commissioner Grobe requested more details be added to the minutes regarding the Ice B'Gone product use at WalMart.

8. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Commissioner Bannish motions to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 pm and Commissioner Bean seconds. AIF

A true record, Attest:
Colleen Fegan-Nunez
Westfield Conservation Administrative Assistant

APPROVED

