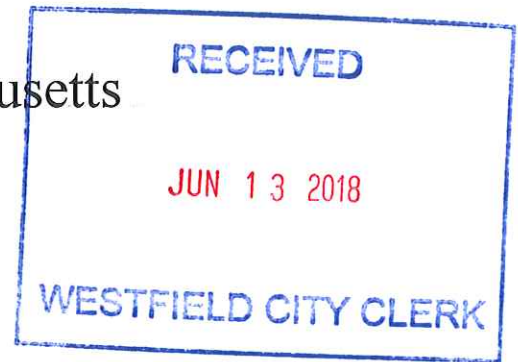




City of Westfield, Massachusetts

Municipal Conservation Commission

May 22, 2018
MEETING MINUTES



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

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Doe calls the meeting to order at 6:30 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

A. 270 Fowler Road-Kevin Czarnecki
Project: Proposed shed in buffer zone.

Mr. Czarnecki is present.

Coordinator Leigh states that Mr. Czarnecki has removed most of the unpermitted materials in the buffer zone. The existing shed is 65 feet from the wetlands. Commissioner Bean asks if the shed is on sauna tubes. Mr. Czarnecki states that it is on patio blocks.

Commissioner Bannish motions to close the public meeting and is second by Commissioner Murphy. AIF

Commissioner Bannish recommends:

- a. Negative 3 (work)
- b. Positive 5 (ordinance) with “No Notice of Intent required” language and is second by Commissioner Murphy. AIF

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Granville Road-City of Westfield Department of Public Works/Casey Berube-DEP File #333-758
Project: Road improvement, storm water drainage improvements, headwall repair, shoulder stabilization and road paving.

Mr. Berube of the DPW and Mr. Arthur Allen of Ecotec Inc. are present.

Mr. Allen states that after the site visit there are a couple of revisions and he gives the

Commission updated plans. They will be relocating a loose boulder from the middle of the stream to protect the loose bank near bottom of the stream and they will be stabilize the eroded slope with native soil, seed and matting or as determined by the field engineer. Mr. Allen states that he sent his response to DEP. He states that DEP was concerned for Cook Brook being a cold water fishery resource to be protected. Mr. Allen states that the project will provide storm water improvements and resurfacing of Granville Road as well as stabilization of the bank of Cook Brook located directly adjacent to Granville Road. These improvements will enhance water quality by controlling and treating storm water prior to discharge to the brook. And by preventing erosion and sediment into the brook. He states that this should also help with ice control in the winter time. He states that some of this project is exempt but for transparency, they submitted all aspects of the project. Chairman Doe asks that a consultant be present during the project. Mr. Berube agrees to this condition. Commissioner Sharp asks if there is enough room between the road and stream that could be left vegetated. Mr. Berube states that the shoulder is not maintained past the shoulder of the road.

Commissioner Bannish motions to close the public meeting and is second by Commissioner Bean. AIF

The Commission discusses a bond amount. They decide on \$10,000.00.

Commissioner Bannish motions to accept Order of Conditions as written and is second by Commissioner Murphy. AIF

- B. 1515 Granville Road – Springfield Water & Sewer Commission/Robert Stoops-DEP File #333-761
Project: Reconstruction/renovation of existing bridge.

Mr. Robert Stoops of the SWSC and Ms. Melissa Coady and Ms. Libby Baldwin of Tighe and Bond are present.

Ms. Coady states that the Commission visited this site while at a site visit for another project in anticipation of this filing. She states that SWSC is looking to replace bridge number 3. They are going place a pre-engineered span across the existing structure. The proposed span is 17.25 feet wide so one of the existing head walls will be cut flush and removed. Most of the work is in riverfront area. There are several non-native Yucca plants that will be removed and replaced with native shrubs. SWSC is suggesting several clusters of the same shrub for mitigation. Ms. Coady states that there will be fifteen cubic yards of fill brought in. There will be an additional 225 feet of impervious area. Run off will be directed away from the stream to an area where the water can infiltrate. The new abutments will be placed fifteen on the south side and twenty feet on the north side away from the existing abutments.

Commissioner Bean expresses concern about the fifteen feet from the riverfront. Mr. Stoops states that it is a straight down dig, it is not sloping off and it is not sand. Commissioner Bean states that he feels that the area is rather tight. Mr. Stoops states

that they will be bringing in a crane to lay the steel bridge. Commissioner Murphy asks what will happen to the removed soil. Ms. Coady states that if it is suitable it will be used elsewhere, if not, it will be removed. Commissioner Murphy asks how long the project will take. Ms. Baldwin states that it will take about a month.

Commissioner Bannish motions to close the public meeting and is second by Commissioner Murphy. AIF

The Commission discusses a bond amount. They decide on \$5,000.00.

Commissioner Murphy motions to accept Order of Conditions as written and is second by Commissioner Sharp. AIF

- C. 240 Union Street-City of Westfield Department of Public Works/David Billips-DEP File #333-758
Project: Installation of GAC treatment system at Well 2.

Ms. Heather Miller of the DPW and Ms. Melissa Coady of Tighe and Bond are present.

Ms. Coady states that currently Well 2 is off line. This treatment is due to be in place for one year allowing the water to serve the north side of Westfield. Riverfront encompasses the entire developed area of this site. There will be approximately 264 cubic feet of fill in the flood plain. The proposal includes removal of a portion of a former building foundation to offset both the impervious area associated with that concrete slab and the volume of the concrete slab. There will be a granular activated carbon treatment tank installed, this tank will be on legs that will sit on top of the new concrete slab. There will be a wood frame building around the tank. This will be designed specifically not to be water tight so that in the event of a flood water will flow through the building and there will be a chain link fence around the existing building and water lines. Between elevations 128 and 129 they will be cutting 700 cubic feet of fill. Allowing a net increase in flood storage capacity, so Ms. Coady asks the Commission to grant Limited Project Status. Ms. Coady states that they are proposing installation of native trees. Ones that would be tolerant of potential flooding. Commissioner Sharp asks what the property was used for in the past. Ms. Coady states that it was likely a mill. Commissioner Sharp asks why a temporary treatment is being installed. Ms. Miller states because of the summer demands for water, the City of Westfield needs to have Well 2 to be up and running. Chairman Doe ask if these are the same contaminates that are in Wells 7 and 8. Ms. Miller states that they are. Commissioner Bean asks why it cannot be moved completely out of flood plain. Ms. Coady states that this option will not destabilize the slope by removal of trees. Coordinator Leigh asks if there can be more specifics as to where the trees will be planted. Ms. Coady requests that locations be decided when the Coordinator does a site inspection. Coordinator Leigh agrees. Commissioner Murphy asks how long this project will take. Ms. Miller states that it should be four to six weeks depending on delivery of the GAC contactor. Commissioner Murphy asks if there will be underground piping. Ms. Coady states that it will be very shallow and within the footprint of work. Commissioner Murphy ask about silt fence and hay

bales. Ms. Coady states that the proposal includes typical erosion controls including compost filter tubes. Commissioner Murphy asks if there is a staging area. Ms. Coady states that there is a gravel area on site that will be utilized.

Commissioner Bannish motions to close the public meeting and is second by Commissioner Murphy. AIF

The Commission discusses a bond amount. They decide on \$15,000.00.

Commissioner Sharp motions to allow Limited Project Status and is second by Commissioner Murphy. AIF

Commissioner Murphy motions to accept Order of Conditions as written and is second by Commissioner Sharp. AIF

- D. Western Circle-City of Westfield Department of Public Works/Casey Berube-DEP File #333-758
Project: Reconstruction of storm water swale and outfall.

Mr. Casey Berube of the DPW, Mr. Arthur Allen of Ecotec Inc. and Scott Medeiros of Woodard & Curran are present.

Mr. Allen states that this project consists of a replacement of an existing storm water outfall at the end of Western Circle. The outfall exits between 126 and 134 Western Circle into an existing asphalt lined slues way. It is currently a two to one slope. This is causing an erosion problem in it failure. As a replacement they are proposing a series of drop inlet structures and underground pipes to get water to the bottom of the slope and into a stabilized plunge pool. There is minimal tree cutting, and the entire project is within city owned property. Commissioner Murphy ask if the plunge pool will slow the velocity of the water. Mr. Allen states that the inlet structures will do this. Commissioner Murphy asks how far from the river the plunge pool is. Mr. Medeiros states that it is not close it is near an intermittent stream. The plunge pool will sheet flow through the woods or dissipate in to the ground. Chairman Doe asks if the restored area will be mowed. Mr. Mdedrios states that he doesn't think the city will be mowing with any regularity. Commissioner Bean asks if Coordinator Leigh is happy with the wetland flags. Coordinator Leigh states that she did not have the plans with her on the site visit. Chairman Doe states that they should continue.

Commissioner Sharp motions to continue until June 12, 2018 and is second by Commissioner Bannish. AIF

5. ENFORCEMENT-None at this time.

6. DISCUSSION

- A. 12 Delmont Avenue – DEP File #333-692
Request for Certificate of Compliance.

Mr. John Goddard of R. Levesque Assoc. is present.

Mr. Goddard states that the building was reconstructed. The one discrepancy is that there is a shortage by one cubic yard of compensatory storage. Chairman Doe asks if everything else is correct. Mr. Goddard states that everything is the same or better than permitted. Chairman Doe asks Coordinator Leigh if she is happy with the project. Coordinator Leigh states that she is. Chairman Doe asks if Mr. Goddard can present a historical narrative for compensatory storage. Mr. Goddard states that he will present it for the next meeting.

- B. Employee evaluation discussion.

Commissioner Murphy states that he feels a committee should be formed to fill in the evaluation in the future. He feels that there are others on the Commission that have much more contact and have more knowledge of Coordinator Leighs day to day job. This would provide one evaluation from the whole board.

7. COMMISSION DISCUSSION

- A. Regulations & Procedures Q & A

There is nothing at this time.

- B. Minutes April 24, 2018 and May 8, 2018.

Commissioner Bannish motions to accept the Minutes of April 24, 2018 and is second by Commissioner Sharp. AIF

Commissioner Bannish motions to accept the Minutes of May 8, 2018 and is second by Commissioner Murphy. AIF

8. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Commissioner Bannish motions to adjourn the meeting at 8:31pm and Commissioner Murphy seconds. AIF

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

