



City of Westfield Municipal Conservation Commission

OCTOBER 25, 2022 AT 6:30PM
WESTFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES

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Conservation Commission members in attendance: Chairman David Doe (DD), Vice Chairman James Murphy (JM) Lauren DiCarlo (LD), Robert Florek (RF), Carl Grobe (CG), and Thomas Sharp (TS). Also, in attendance: Anna Meassick, Conservation Coordinator

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Doe calls the meeting to order and takes attendance. Commissioner Alex Fagnand is not present.

2. OPEN PARTICIPATION

Chairman Doe asks if any members of the public who would like to address the Commission concerning items not on the agenda.

Ryan Nelson, of R. Levesque Associates, addressed the Commission on the project at 558 and 590 Granville Road.

Commissioner Florek recuses himself.

Mr. Nelson asks to amend the order of conditions because the applicant won't be able to satisfy Condition 47 for loam and seeding prior to October 30th of this year as work will begin after this date. Mr. Nelson addresses that the 401 WQC was not required by DEP.

Commissioner Grobe motions to amend the Order of Conditions to permit them to work without loam and seed needing to be planted prior to October 30th, 2022 on the schedule they need. Commissioner Sharp seconds. TS-yes, LD-yes, JM-yes, CG-yes, DD-yes.

The motion passes.

Commissioner Florek returns.

3. PUBLIC MEETINGS (RDAs)

There are none at this time.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS (NOIs)

- A. Old Long Pond Road Culvert – DEP File #333-821 – DPW
Proposal: Replacement of culvert at Old Long Pond Rd

A continuance was requested.

Commissioner Grobe motions to continue to November 8, 2022. Commissioner DiCarlo seconds. TS-yes, LD-yes, RF-yes, JM-yes, CG-yes, DD-yes.
The motion passes.

- B. 280 & 282 East Main Street (Starbucks) – DEP File #333-825 – Peter LaPointe

Proposal: Drive-thru changes in flood zone

A continuance was requested because the applicant is still waiting for a COC from DEP.

Vice Chairman Murphy motions to continue to November 8, 2022. Commissioner Grobe seconds. TS-yes, LD-yes, RF-yes, JM-yes, CG-yes, DD-yes.

The motion passes.

- C. 310 East Main Street – Metrolube Realty LLC c/o Robert Ladas
Proposal: Construction of a Valvoline building and site improvements in flood zone

Ryan Nelson from RLA is present as the representative.

Chairman Doe reads the legal language.

Mr. Nelson speaks on the plan to build the new Valvoline service building with office space in the flood zone. The old building will be demolished and a new one will be built with paved parking and drive aisles, landscaping, and the proposed building to be able to flood.

Discussion is had on the location of the project. The Commission would like to do a site visit.

Commissioner Sharp motions to continue to November 8, 2022 for site visit. Vice Chairman Murphy seconds. TS-yes, RF-yes, LD-yes, CG-yes, JM-yes, DD-yes.

The motion passes.

5. ABBREVIATED NOTICE OF RESOURCE AREA DELINEATION

- A. 0 Timberswamp Road and 121 Medeiros Way (63R-14 & 63R-15) – DEP File #333-823
– Sovereign Builders c/o Todd Cellura
Proposal: To evaluate and accept the delineated wetland resource areas

A continuance was requested.

Commissioner Grobe motions to continue to November 8, 2022. Vice Chairman Murphy seconds. TS-yes, LD-yes, RF-yes, JM-yes, CG-yes, DD-yes.

The motion passes.

6. ENFORCEMENTS

- A. 2 Delancey Street – Potential Violation of debris near Westfield River

The Commission asks Coordinator Meassick to send a letter to the homeowner requesting a site visit.

Commissioner Grobe motions to send letter requesting a site visit. Commissioner Sharp seconds. TS=yes, LD=yes, RF=yes, CG=yes, JM- yes, DD=yes.

The motion passes.

7. CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

A. 457 E. Main St (Chipotle) – DEP File # 333-811- Massfield LLC

Ryan Nelson from RLA is present as the representative.

Mr. Nelson presents the as-built plans. Coordinator Meassick asks if the excess space not used in construction will be used for anything else. Mr. Nelson states the building is slightly smaller and the space won't be used anywhere else.

Commissioner Grobe motions to give Certificate of Compliance. Commissioner DiCarlo seconds. TS=yes, LD=yes, RF=yes, JM=yes, CG=yes, DD=yes.
The motion passes.

B. 0 Plantation Circle – DEP File #333-757 – City of Westfield Engineering

Conservation Coordinator Meassick explains that the work has been done in compliance and recommends issuing a certificate of compliance.

Commissioner Grobe motions to issue Certificate of Compliance. Vice Chairman Murphy seconds. TS=yes, LD=yes, RF=yes, JM=yes, CG=yes, DD=yes.

The motion passes.

C. Elm and Sackett Street – DEP File #333-764 – City of Westfield Engineering

Conservation Coordinator Meassick explains that the work has been done in compliance and recommends issuing a certificate of compliance.

Vice Chairman Murphy motions to issue Certificate of Compliance. Commissioner Grobe seconds. TS=yes, LD=yes, RF=yes, JM=yes, CG=yes, DD=yes.

The motion passes.

D. Springfield Rd – DEP File #333-777 – City of Westfield Engineering

Conservation Coordinator Meassick explains that the work has been done in compliance and recommends issuing a certificate of compliance.

Commissioner Grobe motions to issue Certificate of Compliance. Commissioner Florek seconds. TS=yes, LD=yes, RF=yes, JM=yes, CG=yes, DD=yes.

The motion passes.

E. Arm Brook Assistant Living Facility – DEP File #s 333-647 and 333-747

Coordinator Meassick, states that no updates have been received after a few attempts at contacting.

Commissioner Sharp motions to issue a letter to the building manager and continue to November 22, 2022. Commissioner Grobe seconds. TS-yes, LD-yes, RF-yes, JM-yes, CG-yes, DD-yes.

The motion passes.

8. COMMISSION DISCUSSION

A. Regulations & Procedures Q&A

a. Bonds:

Coordinator Meassick has some questions for the Commission on how to move forward with older bonds that haven't had any attention. Vice Chairman Murphy states that it's an administration issue that came before she was in office. The Commission discusses how to move forward with holding applicants to paying their bonds and closing them. Commission discusses how to move forward, site visits, cease and desists letters for projects in progress.

b. Old enforcement orders:

The Commission discusses the process of keeping track of EO going forward, keeping a list and dividing it up to the Commission members to do site visits to close the EO's. Working with the most recent EO's because the older ones will be harder to close.

c. Coordinator Meassick talks to the Commission about her hope to begin outreach this winter within the community, starting with local high schools and college students.

B. Review and Approval of October 11, 2022 Minutes

Commissioner Grobe motions to approve the minutes of October 11, 2022 . Vice Chairman Murphy seconds. TS-yes, LD-yes, RF-yes, JM- yes, CG-yes, DD-yes,

The motion passes.

C. Review of any additional administrative items

Commissioners to sign all above Certificates of compliance.

9. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Commissioner Grobe motions to adjourn at 7:35pm. Vice Chairman Murphy seconds. TS-yes, LD-yes, RF-yes, JM-yes, CG- yes, DD-yes.

The motion passes.

Upcoming Meeting Dates (subject to change): 11-8-2022, 11-22-2022, 12-13-2022

A true record, Attest:

Conservation Clerk Christina Ramos

