



# City of Westfield Municipal Conservation Commission

JANUARY 10, 2023 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), Carl Grobe (CG), Robert Florek (RF) and Thomas Sharp (TS). Also, in attendance: Anna Meassick, Conservation Coordinator and Christina Ramos, Conservation Clerk

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Doe calls the meeting to order at 6:30 PM and takes attendance. Commissioners DiCarlo and Fagnand are not present. Commissioner Fagnand arrives at 6:32pm.

## 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. Seeing none, he moves onto item 3, Public Meetings.

## 3. PUBLIC MEETINGS (RDAs)

- A. 0 Medeiros Way – Jay Virgillio  
Proposal: Review and confirmation of delineation

Mike Pietras from ELS, Inc. is present as the representative.

Coordinator Meassick explains they are asking boundaries and ordinance. The Commission and Coordinator did a site visit today and the discussion is about the stream being perennial or intermittent. Coordinator Meassick reached out to Mark Stinson from DEP to review the stream. She deems it perennial.

Mr. Pietras explains USGS map drainage area, StreamStats report which was provided by Coordinator Meassick the applicant and Mr. Pietras agree with the findings. They agree with the stream being perennial from the culvert, once the drainage hits a half square mile the stream becomes perennial near buck pond. Mr. Pietras explains the Rivers Act doesn't apply to this parcel, and it starts perennial status 30 feet before the culvert. Mr. Pietras explains that he is willing to set up a meeting with Coordinator Meassick and Mr. Stinson from DEP. to discuss further.

Commissioner Sharp makes a Motion to continue January 24, 2023 to allow Coordinator Meassick and Mr. Pietras to meet with Mr. Stinson from DEP. Commissioner Fagnand Seconds. CG-yes, RF- yes, TS-yes, JM-yes, AF-yes, DD-yes.

The motion passes.

- B. 240 Russellville Road – Oscar Naula  
Proposal: Installation of septic system within buffer zone  
Coordinator Meassick explains there is no update, application hasn't come back with any changes or been withdrawn.

Ryan Nelson from RLA is present as the representative along with property owners Mr. and Mrs. Rafalskiy.

Mr. Nelson explains he has been working with the owners on assessing the river front area to determine, current/existing limits of storage on the property and going back and looking at the history of usage. Mr. Nelson delineated 11 Neck Rd., 44 Delancey St. Mr. Nelson explains the complete parcel is in the flood zone and portion is within endangered species habitat. Mr. Nelson explains the site has been used historically as a junk yard. The only new disturbance he found was logs stacked. If you look back to 1995 things were stored right up to the water. There is a very old chain link fence.

Commissioner Sharp asked if there were any storage occurring in the open dirt area? Mr. Nelson explains there was just an empty area that looked like it was missing vegetation.

Vice Chairman Murphy brings up if the site ever served as an old compensatory storage area? Mr. Nelson is unsure of any history of the compensatory storage on site.

Coordinator Meassick explains previously there was enforcements to this parcel for the same issues in 2008, 2010 and 2016.

Mr. Nelson explains degrading of site existed as of 1997 and there are no standards that says that needs to clean up these areas.

Chairman Doe aske the property owners what is being stored and are the vehicles being worked on site?

Property owners Mr. and Mrs. Rafalskiy explains trailers and cars, vehicles are only being stored to be moved again no more than a couple weeks.

The Commission discuss the need of an evacuation plan of the vehicles during a flood, the owners need to move tree logs and plant some vegetation possibly red maple or cotton wood trees.

Vice Chairman Murphy motions to continue to February 14, 2023 to allow the home owners to prepare an evacuation plan, re-vegetation and removal of the logs.

Commissioner Fagnand seconds. CG-yes, RF- yes, TS-yes, JM-yes, AF-yes, DD-yes.

The motion passes.

B. 0 East Mountain Road – Mark Dupuis  
Violation: Clearing of land without a permit

Chairman Doe explains Coordinator Meassick, Commissioner Florek and Vice Chairman Murphy were out there that day (1/10/2023) and it looks like vegetation has really grown back nicely. The owner has done everything we asked them to do.

Commissioner Fagnand makes a motion to appoint Vice Chairman Murphy as acting Chairman during the discussion of 231 East Main Street. Commissioner Grobe seconds. CG-yes, RF- yes, TS-yes, AF-yes, JM-yes.

The motion passes.

Coordinator Meassick explains she went out to the compensatory storage field and gave them permission to remove the erosion controls. She emailed RLA throughout December for the auto-cads and just received a release form for the city engineer to sign for them and would recommend to continue to February 14, 2023 as the engineer is out sick.

Commissioner Fagnand makes a motion to continue to February 14, 2023. Commissioner Grobe seconds. AF-yes, TS-yes, RF-yes, CG-yes, JM-yes.

The motion passes.

*Chairman Doe returns.*

*Vice Chairman Murphy relinquish the position of Chair to Doe.*

- B. 17 New Broadway – DEP File #333-671  
Permit: Development of single-family home – 2010

Coordinator Meassick discusses the site visit. There are no current violations.

Commissioner Fagnand makes a motion to issue COC and release bond. Commissioner Florek seconds. CG-yes, RF- yes, TS-yes, JM-yes, AF-yes, DD-yes.

The motion passes.

- C. 15 New Broadway – DEP File #333-663  
Permit: Development of single-family home – 2009

Coordinator Meassick discusses the site visit. There are no current violations.

Commissioner Fagnand makes a motion to issue COC and release bond. Commissioner Grobe seconds. CG-yes, RF- yes, TS-yes, JM-yes, AF-yes, DD-yes.

The motion passes.

## 8. COMMISSION DISCUSSION

- A. Reissue Order of Conditions with original signatures

- a. 110 Union Street – Full Gospel Church – DEP File #333-793

The motion passes.

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A true record, Attest:

Conservation Clerk Christina Ramos

APPROVED