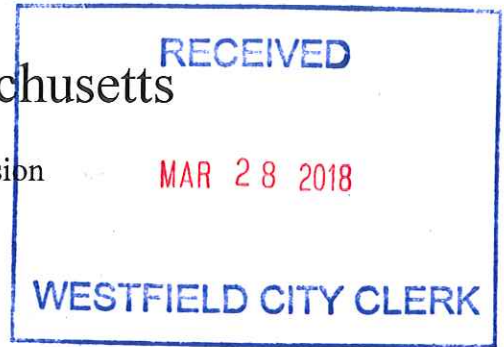




# City of Westfield, Massachusetts

Municipal Conservation Commission

January 23, 2018  
MEETING MINUTES



Conservation Commission members in attendance: David Doe, Chairman, Henry Bannish, Vice Chairman, Jim Phillips, 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

A. 0 Fowler Road (13R-45)-Richard Conroy

Project: Construction of single family residence.

Mr. Forrest Devine is present representing Mr. Conroy

Mr. Devine states that the plans are now finalized. He is asking for permission to do a temporary incursion within the two hundred feet of the river front. After work is complete the area would be restored to as is conditions. The area has been maintained as a hay field and the owner wishes this to remain. Chairman Doe asks about the back yard. Mr. Devine states that the two hundred foot line will be marked out in boulders as discussed with Coordinator Leigh to delineate the riverfront area. Commissioner Phillips asks if the trucks will compact the dirt. Mr. Devine states that there will be a ramp so the truck will not be directly on the field. Mr. Devine states that he is only looking for a temporary work area in the two hundred foot. He would do the restoration as soon as the work is done. Commissioner Bean asks if the forty foot setback is a zoning thing. Mr. Devine states that it is. Chairman Doe asks if the owner is aware of how close the house is to the resource area. Mr. Conroy states that he is. Chairman Doe suggest that the limit of work be thirty feet from the back of the house. Coordinator Leigh suggests four monuments along the two hundred foot line.

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

Commissioner Bannish recommends:

a. Negative 3 (work) with conditions:

- i. Representatives of the Conservation Commission and its coordinator shall have the right to enter and inspect the area(s) subject to this

Determination at reasonable hours to evaluate compliance with the conditions stated in this Determination;

- ii. Prior to any work, erosion controls shall be installed at the LOW (limit of work);
- iii. Prior to any work, the Coordinator shall approve of the installed erosion controls;
- iv. Applicant may work within 30' from the back of the proposed house, as this allows for movement of equipment during construction. This disturbance is temporary, and all disturbed soils in the riverfront area shall be loamed and seeded prior to removing the erosion controls;
- v. After final grading, 4 permanent boundary markers shall be installed along the 200' riverfront area on the southern portion of the lot. Boundary markers to be determined by applicant and Coordinator; and
- vi. After final grading and after soils have been loamed and seeded, applicant shall have the Coordinator review and approve of the riverfront area restoration.

- b. Positive 5 (ordinance) with "No Notice of Intent" required and referencing conditions under negative 3.

and is second by Commissioner Phillips. AIF

#### 4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. 141 Springfield Road-WalMart Non-REBT Properties-DEP File #333-750  
Project: Construction of concrete pedestrian ramp.

Applicant requests continuance to April 24, 2018 at 6:30 pm.

Commissioner Bannish motions to continue to April 24, 2018 at 6:30 pm and is second by Commissioner Phillips. AIF

- B. 11 Neck Road-Vyacheslav Rafalskiy  
Project: Proposed vehicle storage lot in floodplain.  
Jeff Smith of Salvini Associates is present representing Mr. Rafalskiy.

A narrative of the work is submitted. After review of the proposal, it is agreed it does not constitute any alteration of the resource area. Applicant requests to withdraw application without prejudice.

Commissioner Sharp motions to accept withdraw and is second by Commissioner Murphy. AIF

#### 5. ENFORCEMENT

- A. 74 Old Holyoke Road-John Prenosil.  
Clearing in Riverfront Area.

Commissioner Bannish and Coordinator Leigh conducted a site visit. The commission recognizes the clearing was necessary for safety of the utility lines. The

area is also shown as a utility easement on GIS. Therefore maintenance of this area is allowed. Mr. Prenosil planted apple trees in the disturbed area. The commission asks that he loam and seed the area to prevent the vines from growing back.

6. DISCUSSION

A. WalMart-salt alternative proposal

Mr. Michael Bogdanovich is present representing WalMart.

Mr. Bogdanovich proposes the use of Ice B'Gone which is Magnesium Chloride. He asks if salt can be applied to the front side walk to avoid accidents. Commissioner Murphy asks what other towns are using the Ice B'Gone. Mr. Bogdanovich states that it is South Hadley. Commissioner Murphy then asks Coordinator Leigh if she will call South Hadley to ask about Ice B'Gone. The Commission agrees to allow the use of Ice B'Gone as a "non salt" product. Mr. Bogdanovich states that he will use a four parts sand to one part Ice B'Gone on the side of the parking lot closest to the resource area and a pure Ice B'Gone on the concrete pad directly in front of the store and the other side of the parking lot as a test for one season.

Commissioner Bannish motions that Mr. Bogdanovich will use a four parts sand to one part Ice B'Gone on the side of the parking lot closest to the resource area and a pure Ice B'Gone on the concrete pad directly in front of the store and the other side of the parking lot as a test for one season and is second by Commissioner Murphy. AIF

B. 0 Southampton Road (70R-10)

Commission discusses the Conservation Restriction document proposed by DEP, and the changes proposed by Coordinator Leigh. Commission accepts the edits and additions.

C. Bonds

Coordinator Leigh has reviewed the list of permits where bonds were required and subsequently sent letters to the expired permit holders requesting updates on projects.

7. COMMISSION DISCUSSION

A. Regulations and Procedures Q & A  
None at this time

B. Minutes of January 9, 2018.

Commissioner Sharp motions to approve the minutes of January 9, 2018 and is second by Commissioner Murphy. AIF

8. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Commissioner Bannish motions to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm and Commissioner  
Murphy seconds. AIF

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

APPROVED