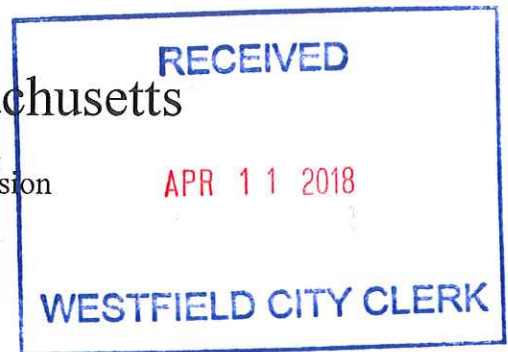




City of Westfield, Massachusetts

Municipal Conservation Commission

March 27, 2018
MEETING MINUTES



Conservation Commission members in attendance: David Doe, Chairman, Henry Bannish, Vice Chairman, 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 6:30 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. 12 Dewey Avenue – David Carlson
Construction of garage in buffer zone.
Mr. David Carlson is present.

Mr. Carlson states that he would like to construct an unattached two car garage. It will be twenty four by twenty six feet. Coordinator Leigh states that the resource area is a BVW. She states that the construction will occur ten to twenty feet from the BVW. Commissioner Grobe asks if there will be any heavy equipment or infringement into the BVW. Mr. Carlson states that he will be using all small equipment that will not infringe in the wetland. Mr. Carlson states that the building site is currently his driveway. Commissioner Grobe asks if there is a road between the building site and the BVW. Mr. Carlson states that it was a proposed road but the hill to connect to the roads off of Mill Street is too steep to build. Commissioner Bean asks if Mr. Carlson actually owns the property. Both Commissioner Bean and Coordinator Leigh state that Mr. Carlson should check with the Building Department to ensure that he will be building on his owned property.

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. Prior to any work, piles of debris shall be removed from the resource area by hand.
 - ii. Prior to any work, once debris has been removed the applicant

shall contact Coordinator Leigh to look and approve of the removed materials.

- iii. Prior to any work, erosion controls shall be installed between the work area and the tree line;
- iv. Erosion controls shall be maintained throughout the project.
- v. Erosion controls may be removed after any exposed soils are loamed and seeded with at least 75% growth.
- vi. Negative 5 (ordinance) with "No Notice of Intent required" and referencing conditions in Negative 3.

and is second by Commissioner Murphy. AIF

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

Applicant requests to withdraw without prejudice.

Commissioner Bannish motions to accept withdraw without prejudice and is second by Commissioner Murphy. AIF

5. ENFORCEMENT

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

After a site visit Coordinator Leigh states that there are twenty to twenty five stumps. She states that replication is necessary. She recommends fifteen trees be planted by October 1, 2018. They should be one and half to two inches in diameter and four and a half feet high. Species should be based on what is already there and the list should be provided by the property owner. Chairman Doe asks for a planting plan for approval. Commissioner Bean states that the debris piles should be left in place to benefit wildlife.

Commissioner Murphy motions to approve the enforcement order and is second by Commissioner Grobe. AIF

6. DISCUSSION

- A. 232 Montgomery Road – William Reed Family Trust
Request to convert lots D,E,F & G into residential use.

Coordinator Leigh will contact Atty. Brad Moir about attending the next meeting.

- B. 0 Montgomery Road – Brandon Osborne – DEP File #333-743
Request to review Baseline requirement for CR.
Mr. Brandon Osborne is present.

Mr. Osborne requests to be relieved of the requirement to submit a Baseline

Document for the Conservation Restriction. Coordinator Leigh states that, because of the extent of the review of the property and project during permitting, she is comfortable with the reports in the NOI from Emily Stockman. Commissioner Murphy asks what is different between the Baseline Document and the NOI. Coordinator Leigh states that the Baseline Document is more detailed on plant species and numbers, habitat and to identify elements that the owner wants to maintain in the future such as paths.

Commissioner Bean motions to waive Baseline Document for the CR after further consultation with Natural Heritage and is second by Commissioner Bannish. AIF

- C. 551 North Road – BDMG Westfield Armbrook Village
Request for (partial) Certificate of Compliance - 333-647

Because there are two open OOC's on the property and two permits are complicated, Coordinator Leigh will ask if they are willing to withdraw this request until a later time

- D. 199 Servistar Industrial Way
Request for Certificate of Compliance – 333-591

Coordinator Leigh states that there were significant changes made to the project after permitting. Coordinator Leigh recommends denying this request in order to get more information as to the changes that were made. Chairman Doe questions the loading dock configuration and how it changes impervious numbers and storm water flows. Coordinator Leigh asks if there is sufficient basin capacity because the storm water basin is smaller than what had been permitted. Commissioner Murphy requests stamped calculations for the new basin. Commissioner Bean is concerned that the commission cannot issue a COC if the original plan does not look like the as built plans. Chairman Doe states that a letter should be sent asking for clarification as to why the extensive changes took place.

Commissioner Grobe motions to deny the request and is second by Commissioner Bean. AIF

7. COMMISSION DISCUSSION

- A. Regulations & Procedures Q & A

Coordinator Leigh discusses the Forestry Seminar that she attended.

- B. Minutes January 23, 2018 & February 13, 2018

Commissioner Grobe motions to accept the Minutes of January 23, 2018 and February 13, 2018 and is second by Commissioner Bannish. AIF

8. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Commissioner Bannish motions to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 pm and Commissioner Bean seconds. AIF

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

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