



City of Westfield, Massachusetts

Municipal Conservation Commission

April 24, 2018
MEETING MINUTES



Conservation Commission members in attendance: David Doe, Chairman, Henry Bannish, Vice Chairman, Jim Murphy, 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 6:31 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-None at this time.
4. PUBLIC HEARINGS
 - A. 1515 Granville Road – Springfield Water & Sewer Commission/Robert Stoops-DEP File #333-756
Project: Replace buried chlorine feed lines.

Mr. Robert Stoops of the SWSC and Ms. Melissa Coady and Ms. Darleen Buttirde of Tighe and Bond are present.

Continued from April 10, 2018. Ms. Coady states that a site visit was performed by Vice-Chairman Bannish, Commissioner Grobe and Coordinator Leigh. Ms. Coady presents the Commission with a current set of drawings. SWSC has changed the plans to allow native plants that will not interfere with the existing utilities. They will also plant some native shrubs adjacent to Cook Brook. SWS will cease all mowing and cutting in the areas adjacent to the brook allowing it to re-vegetate naturally. Commissioner Sharp asks if six shrubs will be enough. Ms. Coady states that these shrubs spread. The goal is to enhance the area. Chairman Doe asks if the brook is tested for chemicals. Mr. Stoops states that it is, he is not sure how frequently. Commissioner Grobe asks if SWS can have a three to six foot buffer along the stream. Ms. Coady states that three feet on both sides only cutting once a year is an acceptable condition. Commissioner Grobe asks how long the flow of the stream will be interrupted. Ms. Coady states two weeks during the low flow period. Chairman Doe asks if Tighe and Bond will be on site during the entire project. Mr. Stoops states that they will be and also there is staff from SWS. Chairman Doe asks what will happen if the contractor wants to do the stream crossing in a different way. Ms. Coady states that they are given the choice to re-permit at their own expense. Ms.

Coady asks that the Commission be very clear as to where the non-mowing area will be asking if they can specify flag numbers. Coordinator Leigh states between flag 1A1 to 1A12 and 1B1 to 1B11 and 1C1 to 1C6 and 1D1 to 1D7.

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

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

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

B. 0 Plantation Circle (4R-118 & 4R-120)-Mark Cressotti/City of Westfield-DEP File #333-757

Project: Construction of wastewater pumping station and 1200 feet of force main.

Mr. Mark Cressotti of the City of Westfield and Ms. Magdalena Lofstedt and Mr. William Lengyel of CDM Smith are present.

Mr. Cressotti states that this is a plan to get sewer connection for Plantation Circle to Radisson Drive. Commissioner Sharp asks if these plans are going to be more environmentally sensitive than the last plans. Mr. Cressotti states that most of the work in buffer zone will be in already modified terrain. Mr. Lengyel states that the gravity sewers will connect to a pump station. The pump station will be below grade, wet well, below grade valve vault and a backup natural gas generator. Mr. Lengyel states that the well would be large enough to accommodate Jessie Lane and some of Sunnyside. Mr. Lengyel states that the force main is a four inch ductile iron pipe. Coordinator Leigh asks if the pipe at the crossing will be buried in the road. Mr. Lengyel states that it will be. Coordinator Leigh then asks the condition of the culvert. Mr. Lengyel states that it has not been looked at yet, but he will investigate its condition. The pump station is precast. Ms. Lofstedt states that the drive way will be impervious paved surface that is thirty feet long. They will be putting a three foot by two foot deep infiltration basin around the building and a one foot deep swale. Total impervious area is 600 square feet. Chairman Doe asks how often people will be going to the building. Mr. Cressotti states that it is monthly or by monthly. Mr. Lengyel states that there is an alarm system on the control panel if a pump faults it will alarm the city. Coordinator Leigh asks how close the LOW is to the Isolated Wetland. Ms. Lofstedt states that they are right inside the hundred foot buffer zone, maybe five feet. Coordinator Leigh states that she would like to take a look at it. Chairman Doe asks what the time line is for this project. Mr. Cressotti states that he would like to put it out to bid in June to get the project started sometime after July 1, 2018. Mr. Tom Skroy, resident of Plantation Circle, states that he is very happy to have this project occurring. Chairman Doe states that a site visit by Coordinator Leigh is necessary.

Commissioner Murphy motions to continue until May 8, 2018 and is second by Commissioner Grobe. AIF

5. ENFORCEMENT-

- A. 30 Meadowbrook Lane-Doug Thayer
Cutting vegetation in riverfront area.

Mr. Doug Thayer is present.

Coordinator Leigh states that there was a complaint by a neighbor. Mr. Thayer had cut approximately twenty trees within 200 feet of the riverfront area. She states that there is an area much closer to the river that is lawn that the homeowner is willing to re-vegetate. Mr. Thayer states that he would like to grind the stumps of the cut trees. Coordinator Leigh states that it is better than pulling them out. Commissioner Grobe states that three or four trees and four shrubs would grow well there. Coordinator Leigh will provide a list of approved trees and shrubs. Vice Chairman Bannish suggests that Mr. Thayer contact Coordinator Leigh after the stumps are ground and before the plantings are installed.

Commissioner Murphy motions to issue enforcement and is second by Commissioner Grobe. AIF

- B. 270 Fowler Road-Kevin Czarnecki
Alteration of riverfront area.

Coordinator Leigh states that in 2007 there was a filing for a single family home that shows an existing bar. Subsequently, piles of wood, debris and a shed were put within the buffer zone. Mr. Czarnecki called Coordinator Leigh and states that he has removed the piles of debris. Coordinator Leigh will review what has been removed. She did advise Mr. Czarnecki that if he wants to keep the shed where it is he will have to file. Commissioner Sharp asks how far the shed is away from the resource area. Coordinator Leigh states that it is forty feet. Mr. Czarnecki will file an RDA for the shed.

6. DISCUSSION

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

Coordinator Leigh states that Ms. Ceresia asked her to table this.

- B. 387 Russellville Road-Westfield DPW
Request for Emergency Certification (culvert failure)

Coordinator Leigh states that a culvert needed to be repaired immediately. Chairman Doe asks if the stream is intermittent. Coordinator Leigh states that it is. The culvert pipe was replace in kind, the road was repaved and the shoulders were loamed, seeded and stabilized. Because the new pipe elevation was above the stream channel, terraced plunge pools of natural river stone were installed to prevent scour and erosion.

Commissioner Sharp motions to approve the Emergency Certification and is second by Commissioner Grobe. AIF

- C. 0 Southampton Road-333-749
Commission to sign Grant of Restriction

Commission signs the Grant of Restriction.

7. COMMISSION DISCUSSION

- A. Regulations & Procedures Q & A

The Commission discusses the result of the Earth Day clean up.

- B. Minutes April 10, 2018

Commissioner Grobe motions to accept the Minutes of April 10, 2018 and is second by Commissioner Sharp. AIF

8. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Commissioner Bannish motions to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 pm and Commissioner Murphy seconds. AIF

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

APPROVED