



# City of Westfield, Massachusetts

Municipal Conservation Commission

May 8, 2018  
MEETING MINUTES



Conservation Commission members in attendance: David Doe, Chairman, Henry Bannish, Vice Chairman, Jim Murphy, Jason Bean, 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 6:30 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-None at this time.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. 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 of CDM Smith are present.

Coordinator Leigh states that after a site visit she determined that the delineation is correct. While there they inspected the culvert. Some Silt Fence left from the previous project was left in the culvert. She asks that as part of the OOC, this be removed. Chairman Doe asks if there will be trees taken down. Coordinator Leigh states that none will be removed; the area is all grass and flat.

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

The Commission decides on a \$5000.00 bond.

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

- B. Granville Road-Casey Berube/City of Westfield DPW-DEP File #333-758  
Project: Road improvements, storm water drainage improvements, headwall repair, shoulder stabilization and road paving.

Mr. Casey Berube of the City of Westfield, DPW and Mr. Arthur Allen of EcoTec are present.

Mr. Allen states that the area of repair is just east of the Granville town line. Cook Brook runs adjacent to the road. Mr. Berube states that there are two culverts that are bad and need to be replaced. Mr. Berube states that the drainage needs to be fixed before the road can be fixed. Mr. Allen states that the mill and overlay are exempt but work in the culverts and area where the road will be realigned are not. Mr. Allen states that there is one area that the stream is eroding the base of the shoulder of the road and that more armor will be added. There will be curbing added to the road to help direct drainage and stop the erosion. Chairman Doe asks if the culverts will be replaced or repaired. Mr. Berube states that they will be replaced with precast structures. Commissioner Sharp asks if fixing the drainage will help with icing problems. Mr. Berube states that it should reduce them at the very least. Commissioner Murphy asks if the stream will need to be diverted at all. Mr. Allen states that it will not because the road will be moved away from the stream. Chairman Doe asks how sediment will be controlled to keep it from entering the stream during the project. Mr. Berube States that straw bales and straw waddles will be installed. And any disturbed slopes will be covered in straw matting. Chairman Doe asks if sediment will enter the stream during a big storm. Mr. Allen states that the storm water will be directed more effectively with the new swales and curbing. Chairman Doe asks if the water coming out of the culverts will go through wood or some terrain before entering the stream. Mr. Berube states that it is a short distance but will not enter the stream directly. Coordinator Leigh states that a site visit is needed.

Commissioner Sharp motions to continue until May 22, 2018 and is second by Commissioner Murphy. AIF

## 5. ENFORCEMENT

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

Coordinator Leigh states that she did a site visit and all of the debris and piles of wood have been picked up. She states that he will be filing a RDA for the shed.

- B. 0 Fowler Road (13R-42-1A)-Halina Czerniejewski & Tayna Shvetsov  
Cutting trees in wetland/buffer zone.

Coordinator Leigh states that Pastor Walley presented her with a planting plan. The trees consist of White Pines, Red Maples and Black Birch. She states that he has expressed interest in developing the land in the future. Coordinator Leigh states that the trees need to be planted by October 1, 2018.

Commissioner Grobe motions to accept the planting plan and is second by Commissioner Murphy. AIF

6. DISCUSSION

- A. 366 Prospect Street Extention-Westfield DPW  
Request for Emergency Certification (culvert blockage).

Coordinator Leigh states that the culvert has filled in over the years. Last week the water overflowed the road. Mr. Casey Berube of the Westfield DPW needed to use a backhoe to clear the debris from the culvert, he did this from the road. She states that on the other side of the road the DPW is going to loam and seed. Chairman Doe asks if it is a stream. Coordinator Leigh states that it may be an intermittent stream.

Commissioner Murphy motions to approve the Emergency Certification and is second by Commissioner Bean. AIF

- B. 16 Angelica Drive (Angelica Estates)-Jeannine Ruccio (local permit only)  
Request for (partial) Certificate of Compliance

Coordinator Leigh states that there is no resource area on this property. She states that she did a site visit and the property looks stable.

Commissioner Bannish motions to issue the partial Certificate of Compliance and is second by Commissioner Sharp. AIF

7. COMMISSION DISCUSSION

- A. Regulations & Procedures Q & A

There are none at this time.

- B. Minutes April 24, 2018

Clerk Nunez states that the minutes were not completed in time for the meeting.

- C. Contract Signature Authority

Commissioner Sharp motions to appoint both Chairman Doe and Coordinator Leigh as Contract Signing Authority and is second by Commissioner Bannish. AIF

- D. Coordinator Performance Evaluations

Chairman Doe states that the Commission should fill this out in time for the next meeting or give them directly to the Personnel Department.

8. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Commissioner Bannish motions to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 pm and is second by Commissioner Grobe. AIF

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

APPROVED