



City of Westfield, Massachusetts

Municipal Conservation Commission

June 26, 2018
MEETING MINUTES

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Conservation Commission members in attendance: David Doe, Chairman, Henry Bannish, Vice Chairman, Jim Murphy, Jason Bean and Tom Sharp. 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

A. 226 Russellville Road-Andrei Modirca
Project: Request to approve delineation only.

Coordinator Leigh states that she and Commissioner Bannish walked the property. There was only one small change. She has received the revised plans.

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

Commissioner Sharp motions:

- a. Positive 2a (confirms boundary) with (revised) flag numbers.
And is second by Commissioner Murphy. AIF

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS-There are none at this time.

5. ENFORCEMENT-

A. 0 Pochassic Road-Bonnieventure Farms Inc.-William and Jeremy Sorel-assessor's parcel 39R-17
Alteration of wetlands.

Coordinator Leigh states that while inspecting a future Eversource Project she noticed that there had been work done in a wetland area not done by Eversource. She states that all of the vegetation has been removed and pushed into the stream. It appears that many trees were cut down and dumped into the stream bed. A small wetland in the front of the property had been completely filled in. She asked the owner to place some erosion controls. The owner did comply. She did invite the owner to the meeting. Coordinator Leigh recommends requirement of a consultant, an erosion

control plan and a delineation. Chairman Doe asks if the owner explained why he did this. Coordinator Leigh states that he said he was expanding for his cows and grapes. Commissioner Murphy asks about placing a Cease and Desist. Coordinator Leigh states that they should. She states that the Commission should order a consultant and an erosion control plan within a week. Commissioner Murphy asks if this is the only area on the property that was damaged. Coordinator Leigh states that she stayed on the easement for Eversource. Commissioner Murphy recommends that a consultant be hired/in place and a plan for erosion controls in two weeks and the consultant and Mr. Sorel must attend the next meeting. The Erosion Controls must be implemented, delineation must be submitted, and restoration plan must be submitted within 30 days. Once the restoration plan is accepted, it must be implemented by the end of the growing season.

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

6. DISCUSSION

A. Granville Road-DEP File #333-758-Casey Berube
Request to change bond requirement.

Chairman Doe states the he, Coordinator Leigh, Tammy Tefts and Shanna Reed had a meeting regarding the "On Call" contractor for the DPW. The DPW is asking that the Commission not put an additional bond on RH White because this company is already covered for 100 percent of the project by a Surety Bond with the City of Westfield. Chairman Doe asks that we update our OOC to reflect that the "On Call" contractor will not have an additional bond. Coordinator Leigh states that for now the DPW is asking the Commission to accept the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) presented in lieu of the cash bond.

Commissioner Sharp motions to accept the MOU between RH White and The City of Westfield for the Granville Road project (333-758) and is second by Commissioner Murphy. AIF

Vice Chairman Bannish recuses himself.

B. 54 Sunnyside Road-Lawrence Bannish
Request to accept "grant of Restriction Limiting Discharge of Dredged and Fill Material" document.

Coordinator Leigh has requested additional information to be submitted.

Commissioner Murphy motions to continue until July 10, 2018 at 6:30 PM and is second by Commissioner Bean. AIF

C. 405 North Road & Root Road

Project: Request for Emergency Certification for water chestnut removal.

Coordinator Leigh states that she received a request for an Emergency Certification (EC) from Cynthia Boettner to continue the removal of water chestnuts from Brickyard Ponds since the determination had expired. The scope of work is the same as was approved under the determination. Hand pulling from canoes and all materials will be removed off site.

Commissioner Sharp motions to issue the EC and is second by Commissioner Bean. AIF

7. COMMISSION DISCUSSION

A. Regulations & Procedures Q & A

There are none at this time.

B. Minutes June 12, 2018

Commissioner Bannish motions to approve the minutes of May 22, 2018 and is second by Commissioner Bean. AIF

8. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Commissioner Bean motions to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 pm and is second by Commissioner Bannish. AIF

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

