



City of Westfield Municipal Conservation Commission

AUGUST 9, 2022 AT 6:30PM
WESTFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES

Conservation Commission members in attendance: Chairman David Doe (DD), Tom Sharp (TS), Robert Florek (RF), Carl Grobe (CG), and Alex Fagnand (AF). Also in attendance: Anna Meassick, Conservation Coordinator

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chairman Doe calls the meeting to order at 6:30 PM and takes attendance. Vice Chairman Murphy and Commissioner DiCarlo are not in attendance.

2. OPEN PARTICIPATION

Chairman Doe asks if there are any audience members that would like to address anything not on the agenda. Seeing none, Chairman Doe moves to item 3.

3. PUBLIC MEETINGS

There are none at this time.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. 558 & 590 Granville Road (26R-20 and 26R-21) – John Patterson
Proposal: Maintenance of existing drainage ditch

The applicant requested an extension until August 23, 2022

Commissioner Grobe motions to continue to August 23, 2022. Commissioner Fagnand seconds. RF-yes, CG-yes, TS-yes, AF-yes, DD-yes
The motion passes.

- B. 216.5 Belanger Road (269-10, Lot 9B) DEP File # 333-816 – Gregory Boisvere
Proposal: Installation of Nitrex I/A nitrogen removal system

Chairman Doe explains there was a site visit and the proposed septic system is beyond 100ft from the abutter's well. Coordinator Meassick recommends an Order of Conditions be issued.

Chairman Doe asks for questions from the Commission. Seeing none he asks for questions from the audience. Seeing none he entertains a motion to close the public hearing.

Commissioner Fagnand motions to close the public hearing. Commissioner Grobe seconds. RF-yes, CG-yes, TS-yes, AF-yes, DD-yes
The motion passes.

The special conditions are reviewed.

Commissioner Fagnand motions to approve the order of conditions with the special conditions applied by the Commission. Commissioner Grobe seconds, RF-yes, CG-yes, TS-yes, AF-yes, DD-yes.
The motion passes.

- C. 300 Union Street (35R-22) – Armand Cote
Proposal: Buffer Zone restoration and parking improvements

Rob Levesque from RLA is present on behalf of the applicant.

Mr. Levesque explains that he is standing in for Ryan Nelson, the lead consultant on the project. Some revisions have been made that were mentioned on the site visit. Coordinator Meassick explains there is still uncertainty about where the wetland is due to the amount of fill present. She would like to review the delineation in the field with Mr. Nelson.

Commissioner Sharp motions to continue to September 13, 2022. Commissioner Grobe seconds. RF-yes, CG-yes, TS-yes, AF-yes, DD-yes.
The motion passes.

- D. Old Long Pond Road – Westfield Department of Public Works – Joe Keitner
Proposal: Replacement of existing culvert

Chairman Doe reads the legal language. There is no representative from DPW. Brief discussion is had on what is required of the applicant. Coordinator Meassick recommends continuing until August 23, 2022.

Commissioner Grobe motions to continue till August 23, 2022. Commissioner Fagnand seconds. RF-yes, CG-yes, AF-yes, TS-yes, DD-yes
The motion passes.

5. ENFORCEMENT

- A. 0 Bayberry Lane (46R-68) - Sergey Novenko
Violation: Removal of trees near an intermittent stream.

They request an extension till August 23, 2022.

Commissioner Fagnand motions to continue to August 23, 2022. Commissioner Grobe seconds. RF-yes, CG-yes, TS-yes, AF-yes, DD-yes
The motion passes.

- B. 240 Russellville Road – Oscar Naula
Violation: Working outside the permanent limit of work

No one is present to represent the property. Coordinator Meassick suggests issuing a third letter requiring that Mr. Naula attends the next meeting and take action on the enforcement order issued in May.

Commissioner Sharp motions to issue the letter and continue till August 9, 2022.
Commissioner Grobe seconds. RF=yes, CG=yes, TS=yes, AF=yes, DD=yes
The motion passes.

- C. 191 Servistar Industrial Way
Violation: Clearing vegetation within the 100ft buffer zone

Photos are presented showing the finalization of the restoration process. Coordinator Meassick recommends lifting the enforcement order.

Commissioner Fagnand motions to life the enforcement order. Commissioner Grobe seconds. RF=yes, CG=yes, TS=yes, AF=yes, DD=yes.
The motion passes.

6. CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

- A. 109 North Road – Local Ordinance Only – Yevgeniy Yunikov
Permit: Single family home

Photos were presented showing shrub planted every 10ft along the slope. Coordinator Meassick suggests issuing a certificate of compliance.

Commissioner Fagnand motions to issue a certificate of compliance. Commissioner Grobe seconds. RF=yes, AF=yes, CG=yes, TS=yes, DD=yes

- B. Arm Brook Assistant Living Facility – DEP File #333-647 – Gail Ceresia
Permit: Construction of Arm Brook Assistant Living Facility

The applicant requests an extension till August 23, 2022.

Commissioner Grobe motions to continue to August 23, 2022. Commissioner Florek seconds. RF=yes, CG=yes, TS=yes, AF=yes, DD=yes
The motion passes.

- C. Arm Brook Assistant Living - DEP File # 333-747
Permit: Storm water management system

The applicant requests an extension till August 23, 2022.

Commissioner Grobe motions to continue to August 23, 2022. Commissioner Florek seconds. RF=yes, CG=yes, TS=yes, AF=yes, DD=yes
The motion passes.

7. COMMISSION DISCUSSION

- A. Regulations & Procedures Q & A

Coordinator Meassick recommends to update the legal language of the special conditions. The words "if necessary" are removed from condition 107.

Commissioner Fagnand motions to approve the edit. Commissioner Grobe seconds.
RF-yes, CG-yes, TS-yes, AF-yes, DD-yes
The motion passes

B. Tree Policy

Waiting for Vice Chairman Murphy to return from medical leave

C. DPW Notice of Noncompliance

Coordinator Meassick explains the noncompliance DEP issued to Westfield DPW and their requirements to meet standards from now on

9. MOTION TO ADJORN

Commissioner Fagnand motions to adjourn at 7:16pm. Commissioner Florek seconds.
RF-yes, CG-yes, AF-yes, TS-yes, DD-yes The motion passes.

A true record, Attest:
Anna Meassick
Westfield Conservation Coordinator