

AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION
January 14, 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Henry A. Kozloski, Chairman
Sheryl Becker
Magda Galiatsos
Fred Harpin
Jill Messick

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Steven Douglas
Mark Soticheck

ALSO PRESENT:

Deborah S. Dachos
Pamela R. Kerr

Mr. Kozloski called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 10, 2009

Motion was made by Ms. Messick and seconded by Ms. Becker to approve the minutes of December 10, 2009 as written.

VOTE 5-0

2. PUBLIC HEARING CONT. – Notice of Intent – WMECO – Greater Springfield Reliability Project

Bob Young of Burns & McDonnell was in attendance as well as Ashley Beluzo of AECOM. Mr. Kozloski stated that upon further review of the Notice of Intent and plans that were submitted he found a vernal pool noted on the plan. He stated that he contacted AECOM and was informed that they were aware of that and were meeting the next day to discuss it. This evening, Mr. Young stated that the access road in this area has been removed to minimize work in the vicinity of the vernal pool. He stated that there will be some trimming that will occur in the area but that the access road will not be constructed here. He submitted revised sheets showing the removal of the access road in this location. Ms. Becker brought up the DEP comments, in particular #2. That comment states "...all temporary and permanent crossings of waterbodies shall be suitably culverted, bridged or otherwise designed to withstand and to prevent the restriction of high flows, and so as not to obstruct the movement of aquatic life indigenous to the waterbody beyond the actual duration of construction." The members agreed to add that as a special condition in the Order. There was discussion regarding whether Agawam

should issue their Order of Conditions prior to the other towns involved as the mitigation for the entire project will occur in Agawam. Ms. Messick asked if there were any issues with the proposed mitigation with the other towns. Mr. Young stated they are working with the individual towns to satisfy their concerns and that there is no outstanding issue with the proposed mitigation.

The members agreed that this Order should be extended beyond the normal three year period. Per DEP, the Commission can give an extended expiration date if the reasons are listed as special conditions in the Order. It can be extended beyond three years but must be less than five years. The members agreed to a four year Order of Conditions. If the work is not complete, an extension request can be entertained. Mr. Kozloski asked for public input. There being none, the public hearing was closed.

Motion was made by Mr. Harpin and seconded by Ms. Galiatsos to issue the Order of Conditions as written for the WMECO Greater Springfield Reliability Project.

VOTE 5-0

A copy of the Order of Conditions can be obtained from the Town Clerk's office or the Commission office.

3. CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE – Lots 3 & 9 Windermere Estates

Mr. Kozloski stated that he looked at these lots and recommended that a Certificate be issued on each.

Motion was made by Mr. Harpin and seconded by Ms. Becker to issue a Certificate of Compliance on Lots 3 and 9 Windermere Estates.

VOTE 5-0

4. REQUEST FOR EXTENSION – Windermere Estates

The developer (Thomas Bretta) has requested a one year extension to his Order of Conditions. This Order expires at the end of March. An extension request can't be acted upon until within 30 days of the expiration date. This item will be placed on a February agenda.

5. ENFORCEMENT ORDER UPDATES

There was nothing new to report on the outstanding Enforcement Orders.

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM.