

AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION
January 27, 2011

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Henry A. Kozloski, Chairman
Sheryl Becker
Magda Galiatsos
Jill Messick
Mark Soticheck

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Steven Douglas
Fred Harpin

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

1. REQUEST FOR DETERMINATION – Main Street – Columbia Gas of Massachusetts

Jesse Moreno of the ProTerra Design Group was in attendance to present this RDA as well as Robert Tatro of Columbia Gas of Massachusetts. Mr. Moreno explained that this filing involves the replacement of the existing gas main with a new 6” intermediate pressure natural gas pipe in Main Street approximately 6,550 lf between Adams Street and Six Flags. The work will involve excavating and restoring a shallow trench in the road shoulder, paved roadway surface or bridge structure to install the gas main. In two locations between River Road and adjacent to South Street the work will occur in the vicinity of the existing bridge/culvert crossings of the Three Mile and Worthington brooks. The work will occur in the existing disturbed right of way and will not result in any permanent impacts to any resource areas or buffer zones. Mr. Kozloski asked if any borings were taken. Mr. Moreno stated no, there were existing flags that had been previously placed by VHB for a different project. Those flags were used. Mr. Moreno explained that silt soxx will be placed around catch basins and may be used as erosion control. Mr. Kozloski asked if they intend to use silt fences too. Mr. Tatro explained that he prefers the silt soxx and stated that they can also be staked. Mr. Kozloski stated that the silt soxx would probably be better for this type of project. He then asked where the backfill material will be put as there will be no room to stockpile it. Mr. Tatro stated that it is his policy when working in the vicinity of resource areas that material be loaded into a truck and taken from the site. He stated that he will submit a letter to the Commission stating that they will be using silt soxx for erosion control and that the backfill material will be removed by truck and not stockpiled on the site. Ms. Becker asked when this work would take place. Mr. Tatro stated that it is pending a Mass. DOT permit and it will not be done until the snow has melted. Ms. Messick asked if erosion controls would be used on the opposite side of the road. Mr. Moreno explained that the road is pitched and erosion shouldn’t be a problem, however, they will have silt soxx around the catch

basins. Mr. Tatro stated that if necessary, they could also place filter fabric over the catch basins.

Motion was made by Mr. Soticheck and seconded by Ms. Galiatsos to issue a Negative Determination of Applicability for Columbia Gas of Massachusetts work on Main Street.

VOTE 5-0

2. PUBLIC HEARING CONT. – Mark Drive – Langone

Motion was made by Mr. Soticheck and seconded by Ms. Messick to continue the public hearing for Langone on Mark Drive as DEP has not yet issued a file number.

VOTE 5-0

3. PUBLIC HEARING CONT. – St. Jacques Avenue – W&I Construction

The applicant's representative requested a continuance of this hearing to the next meeting. The Commission received a memo from Deborah S. Dachos, Director of Planning and Community Developing, stating that she has been informed by the Building Inspector that this project must go through site plan approval. The applicant's representative relayed that information to the applicant and they will be contacting the Building Inspector.

Motion was made by Mr. Soticheck and seconded by Ms. Becker to continue the public hearing for St. Jacques Avenue to the next meeting as requested by the applicant's representative.

VOTE 5-0

4. PUBLIC HEARING CONT. – Garden Street – Russo

This item has been continued to February 10, 2011.

5. ENFORCEMENT ORDERS (updates)

There was nothing new to report on the Enforcement Orders.

6. Correspondences & Complaints

A complaint was received regarding a swale that had been dug on property in the vicinity of the Indian Restaurant on Main Street. The woman that complained now owns this property and the swale goes through the existing driveway. Mr. Kozloski stated that he went out to the site and the swale has existed for years. He stated that he's not sure when it was dug. He contacted the complainant and informed her of his findings.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 13, 2011

Motion was made by Mr. Soticheck and seconded by Ms. Messick to approve the minutes of January 13, 2011 as written.

VOTE 5-0

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.