

AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMISSION

March 10, 2011

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Steven Douglas
Fred Harpin

ALSO PRESENT:

Deborah S. Dachos
Pamela R. Kerr

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

1. PUBLIC HEARING – Request to Amend Order of Conditions –
WMECO – Greater Springfield Reliability Project

Robert Young of Burns and McDonnell was in attendance as well as Dave Cameron of AECOM. Mr. Young stated that since the issuance of a final permit on this project, some changes were made to the plans which result in a decrease of 25,000 SF in temporary impacts, a decrease of 100 SF in permanent impacts and an increase in the amount of tree clearing which is mainly along the right of way. Mr. Cameron went over the invasive species control and explained that machinery used for invasive species removal will be cleaned and decontaminated prior to being moved and data forms will be submitted each time that process is used. He explained as part of the Monitoring Program, yearly monitoring will be performed and reports submitted including qualitative mapping and comparisons, for five years. Mr. Young stated that per DEP there will be a wetland scientist on-site during all active clearing. Mr. Kozloski stated that since the last meeting a subcommittee meeting was held to go over the invasive species and

monitoring program. He pointed out that all invasive species removal will take place within the right of way only.

There being no public input, the Commission closed the public hearing. Mr. Kozloski stated that the Amended Order will be written at the end of the meeting.

2. PUBLIC HEARING CONT. – Notice of Intent – St. Jacques Avenue – W&I Construction

This hearing had already been continued to April 14th.

3. PUBLIC HEARING CONT. – Notice of Intent – Mark Drive – Langone

Motion was made by Mr. Soticheck and seconded by Ms. Messick to continue the public hearing for the Mark Drive Notice of Intent to the next meeting as DEP has still not issued a file number.

VOTE 5-0

4. PUBLIC HEARING CONT. – Notice of Intent - Garden Street – Russo

Rob Levesque and Jon Goddard of R. Levesque Associates were in attendance this evening to present this NOI which shows the construction of a professional office building with a walk-out basement and with a footprint now of approximately 2,000 SF (original submittal showed 2600 SF footprint). Twenty-one parking spaces are shown. Mr. Goddard explained that there will be approximately 4100 SF of disturbance in the 50' to 100' buffer and that the drainage will be collected in the southeast corner of the parcel and will flow to infiltration chambers and then through an overflow pipe which then sheet flows toward the wetland. Ms. Messick asked what the impacts would be on the slope in the back of the site which slopes down to the wetland. Mr. Levesque explained that the rear will be graded with a 3:1 slope and then it's a gradual slope to the wetland. He then measured and found that there will be 55' from the flared end of the pipe to the edge of wetland. Ms. Messick they asked for more clarification on the grades in the back. Mr. Levesque stated that parking lot is at elevation 177'; there is a 3:1

slope and the toe of the slope is at 171' which means there will be a drop of approximately 6' from the back of the parking lot to the toe of the slope. Mr. Kozloski stated that the information in the NOI does not match what Mr. Goddard previously stated in terms of erosion controls. Mr. Levesque stated that they could use whatever technique the Commission prefers (i.e. bark mulch within fabric tubes or haybales and silt fence). Locations for erosion controls were discussed as follows: place silt fence at the limit of work line and then silt soxx or mulch logs halfway down the hill. Mr. Levesque stated that they are also showing the use of erosion control blankets. Mr. Kozloski asked how far apart the stakes would be on the silt fence. Mr. Levesque stated that the stakes will be 8' to 10' apart. Mr. Kozloski then asked about the test pits that the Engineering Department is requiring. Mr. Levesque stated that test pits have been done in the area but not at the actual locations of the proposed infiltration systems. He stated that the Engineering Department has agreed these additional test pits can be done later in the spring. Mr. Kozloski stated that he would prefer they be done prior to the Commission issue an Order of Conditions in order to avoid having to amend the Order. Mr. Levesque stated that he would like a continuance to the next meeting. Mr. Kozloski then asked if there is a plan to check the infiltration systems. Mr. Levesque stated yes there is an operation and maintenance plan in the NOI submittal. Mr. Kozloski asked who these reports would go to. Mr. Levesque stated that could be addressed in the Order of Conditions. Ms. Messick stated that the parking lot should be swept four times per year. After discussion, it was agreed that the four sweepings be based on visual inspections. Mr. Kozloski asked about the roof drains. Mr. Levesque stated that they tie in beyond the infiltration system. Ms. Becker asked what type of curbs would be used. Mr. Levesque stated that they would be cape cod style berms. Ms. Dachos then asked Mr. Levesque to explain the roof drains again and where they drain to. Mr. Levesque then checked the plan and found that the roof drains do tie into the infiltration system and not beyond it as previously stated. The members agreed that they would like to see the test pit information that was requested by the Engineering Department prior to closing the public hearing.

Motion was made by Mr. Sotichack and seconded by Ms. Messick to continue the public hearing for Russo on Garden Street to the next meeting as requested.

VOTE 5-0

5. ENFORCEMENT ORDERS (updates)

There was nothing new to report on the Enforcement Orders, however, Mr. Kozloski stated that he received a phone call from a representative of Robinson Park regarding their plans to do tree cutting around the office building. He stated that he will meet onsite to view the area.

6. Correspondences & Complaints

The Commission received a letter from a property owner on Ramah Circle North regarding the temporary access road that WMECO will be constructing on the property and requested that the Town allow that road to remain. The members were in agreement that the property owner should first contact WMECO. A copy of this letter was forward to Mr. Young of Burns & McDonnell earlier in the meeting.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 24, 2011

Motion was made by Ms. Messick and seconded by Ms. Becker to approve the minutes of February 24, 2011 as written.

VOTE 5-0

8. CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE – 167 Coyote Circle

Motion was made by Mr. Sotichack and seconded by Ms. Messick to issue a Certificate of Compliance on 167 Coyote Circle pending a favorable inspection by a Commission member.

VOTE 5-0

Ms. Dachos informed the members that she has spoken with a homeowner on South Street who wishes to demolish her existing home and rebuild further back on her lot. She asked if the members could meet on-site with the homeowner to view the area and give her any guidance they could. She explained that the site contains floodplain and riverfront area as well as the home is on the Town's Historic Inventory and would come under the Demolition Delay Ordinance.

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The members then voted on the Amended Order for WMECO.

Motion was made by Mr. Sotichack and seconded by Ms. Messick to issue an Amended Order of Conditions for WMECO's GSRP.

VOTE 5-0

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.