

AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
May 13, 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Henry A. Kozloski, Chairman  
Sheryl Becker  
Steven Douglas  
Magda Galiatsos  
Fred Harpin  
Jill Messick  
Mark Soticheck

ALSO PRESENT:

Pamela R. Kerr

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

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 8, 2010

Motion was made by Ms. Messick and seconded by Mr. Soticheck to approve the minutes of April 8, 2010 as written.

VOTE 7-0

2. REQUEST FOR DETERMINATION – Perry Lane – Town of Agawam

Michelle Chase, Town Engineer, was in attendance to present this RDA for adding additional parking at the Town's Perry Lane School. She stated that the Town has received many safety complaints regarding the current parking situation and that they are proposing to widen the existing driveway and repave the current lot and extend it 5' to 10' maximum, closer to the woods. Mr. Kozloski stated that he has been out there and that the work will take place approximately 90' to the wetland line. Mr. Harpin asked if this expansion would provide enough parking for future needs. Ms. Chase stated that they expect a three to five year lifespan with this expansion. Todd Oberheim of 62 Perry Lane was in attendance to get information on the proposed work.

Motion was made by Ms. Messick and seconded by Mr. Soticheck to issue a Negative Determination of Applicability for the Town of Agawam's proposed work on Perry Lane.

VOTE 7-0

Motion was made by Mr. Soticheck and seconded by Ms. Becker to amend the order of the agenda and to include the "add-on's".

VOTE 7-0

5. REQUEST FOR EXTENSION - Shoemaker Lane Self Storage

An extension was requested for the completion of the Shoemaker Lane Self Storage facility. The members agreed to a one year extension and felt it would be beneficial to hold a site visit with the new owner and his contractor.

Motion was made by Mr. Soticheck and seconded by Mr. Douglas to extend the Order of Conditions for Shoemaker Lane Self Storage for one year.

VOTE 7-0

8. CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE - lots 4 & 5 Connor's Cove

Partial Certificates have been issued with holdbacks on these lots. Mr. Kozloski made a recent inspection and recommended that full Certificates be issued and the holdbacks be released.

Motion was made by Mr. Soticheck and seconded by Ms. Galiatsos to issue Certificates of Compliance on lots 4 and 5 Connor's Cove, releasing the holdbacks on each lot.

VOTE 7-0

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE – Lots 3 & 15 Elizabeth Street

Motion was made by Ms. Messick and seconded by Ms. Becker to issue a partial Certificate on Lot 3 Elizabeth Street, requiring the buyer's attorney to hold back \$2,000 at the closing to cover final establishment of the lawn.

VOTE 7-0

Motion was made by Mr. Soticheck and seconded by Ms. Galiatsos to issue a partial Certificate on Lot 15 Elizabeth Street, requiring the buyer's attorney to hold back \$2,000 at the closing to cover final establishment of the lawn.

VOTE 7-0

3. REQUEST FOR DETERMINATION – 116 Hunter's Greene Circle – Sullivan

Jim Sullivan was in attendance this evening to present his RDA for the construction of a 26' x 28' garage behind the existing house. Mr. Kozloski stated that he made a site visit and that the area of the proposed garage is an existing grassed area and that the back of the yard drops off. He suggested that a row of staked haybales be placed during

construction. He asked Mr. Sullivan if there will be a foundation. Mr. Sullivan stated it will be built on slab.

Motion was made by Mr. Soticheck and seconded by Mr. Douglas to issue a Negative Determination of Applicability for a garage at 116 Hunter's Greene Circle, requiring that staked haybales be placed prior to and during construction.

VOTE 7-0

4. PUBLIC HEARING CONT. – Notice of Intent – Six Flags New England – warehouse

John Furman of VHB and Chuck Davis of Six Flags New England were in attendance. Mr. Furman explained that the plan has been revised to show a retaining wall to be constructed in front of the existing sound wall (approximately 12' off back of the building). Dave Pickart of VHB, Inc. was also in attendance and presented the Commission with a written letter explaining the proposed design changes and how the redesigned plans will meet the performance standards for work within Riverfront Area. He stated that the proposed project originally included work in approximately 15,800 SF of Riverfront Area and that the revised plans include approximately 9,890 SF of work in Riverfront Area, an overall reduction of 5,910 SF. Of this, approximately 40 percent of the work (4,045 SF) will occur in previously developed Riverfront Area. Only 390 SF of permanent alteration is proposed in undeveloped Riverfront Area. Mr. Kozloski pointed out what a mess exists on the other side of the wall at Riverview Avenue. Michelle Chase, Town Engineer, stated that the DPW has recently brought in gravel and improved the situation. Mr. Pickart stated that restoration for this project will be at 10:1 or 3,480 SF. There being no public input, Mr. Kozloski closed the public hearing. The Order was written at the end of the meeting.

9. DISCUSSION – Hendom Drive/Paul Revere Drive –

The Commission received a memo from the DPW outlining proposed stream improvements at Paul Revere/Hendom Drive, based upon numerous complaints received regarding flooding of property. Michelle Chase, Town Engineer, addressed the Commission and stated that as a result of the complaints, inspections were made and they found that pipes were installed and a bridge was constructed. She went on to say that the pipes are clogged. As the Town has a drainage easement in this area, they are proposing to remove the pipes and bridge; place riprap; and block the area and post signs. They would like to start this work next week that the properties affected are experiencing flooding during heavy rains.

Motion was made by Mr. Soticheck and seconded by Ms. Messick to issue an Emergency Order to the DPW to perform the corrective measures/stream improvements at Paul Revere Drive/Hendom Drive and to notify the Commission 24 hours prior to the start of

work; work to include removal of pies and bridge, placement or riprap, and block and post signs in the area.

VOTE 7-0

5. ENFORCEMENT ORDER UPDATES – Anvil Street

Ms. Messick stated that she recently inspected this area and stated that a problem exists behind the yellow house and is contributing to erosion down the hill. There was a lengthy discussion regarding how to correct this ongoing erosion problem. The Commission did not receive a filing for this phase of the subdivision, however, the Planning Board is holding a bond on the project. There was no decision or action taken on this item this evening.

River Road (trucking co.) – Ms. Chase stated that the drainage pipe was installed but has been blocked off temporarily until the Stormceptor has been installed.

Robin Ridge Drive – Ms. Messick stated that she recently inspected this site and found it to be in good shape and no problems were noted.

Liquori Drive – The “no dumping” sign has not been posted yet and dumping is continuing. The members asked that a memo be sent to the DPW informing them of the sign and continued dumping.

Walnut Street – Calabrese – Ms. Messick, Ms. Becker and Ms. Galiatsos met with Mr. Calabrese on-site two weeks ago and informed him to level off the area, grade and seed. Ms. Messick stated that this work has not yet been done and asked that a letter be sent to Mr. Calabrese stating that the work must be completed within seven days.

9. COMPLAINT – Robinson Park

A complaint was received regarding the brook “running brown” as it passes under the old stone bridge. Ms. Messick stated that she went to the Park and was not sure where the old stone bridge is but found that work had begun on dredging the pond and that perhaps the recent rains and the work on the pond resulted in the brook running brown. She did not note any violations or problems with the pond work.

10. DISCUSSION – Springfield Street – Coyote Realty

Ms. Becker stated that she made a recent inspection of the Springfield Street site next to Stop & Shop and found that the silt fence is in need of repair again and there is a large pile of dirt on the back of the site as well. Mr. Harpin stated that the Town is using this site as a staging area for the sewer project and that work on the actual approved project has not begun. Ms. Becker stated that debris and grass clippings that have been dumped in the area. Ms. Messick stated that it appears that people that walk through the area are stepping on the silt fence. They asked that a letter be sent to the property owner stating that he must repair the silt fence and clean up the debris (grass clippings).

11. CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE – 5 Twoifby Street

Motion was made by Mr. Soticheck and seconded by Ms. Messick to issue a Certificate of Compliance on 5 Twoifby Street pending a favorable inspection by a Commission member.

VOTE 7-0

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE – 61 Rugby Road

Motion was made by Ms. Messick and seconded by Mr. Soticheck to issue a Certificate of Compliance on 61 Rugby Road pending a favorable inspection by a Commission member.

VOTE 7-0

Mr. Kozloski stated that he would make the two Certificate inspections.

The Commission then wrote the Order for Six Flags new warehouse. A copy can be obtained from the Town Clerk's office or the Commission office.

Motion was made by Ms. Messick and seconded by Ms. Becker to issue the Order of Conditions for the new warehouse at Six Flags New England as written.

VOTE 7-0

Motion was made by Ms. Messick and seconded by Mr. Soticheck to add a complaint regarding Tracy Drive to the agenda.

VOTE 7-0

Ms. Messick stated that she had been contacted regarding dumping on Tracy Drive. She made an inspection and found that pallots have been piled; a tree has fallen on the detention area; and it appears that trees have been pushed (by a bobcat). The members agreed to send a letter to the property owner stating that all debris in the riverfront area must be removed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.