

AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION
May 26, 2011

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Henry A. Kozloski
Sheryl Becker
Magda Galiatsos
Fred Harpin

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Jill Messick
Mark Sotichack

ALSO PRESENT:

Pamela R. Kerr

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

1. PUBLIC HEARING CONT. – Notice of Intent – School Street – Town of Agawam

Motion was made by Mr. Harpin and seconded by Ms. Galiatsos to continue the public hearing for the Town of Agawam's Notice of Intent for School Street once again as the state DOT has not completed their review.

VOTE 4-0

2. CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE – Robinson Park – DCR

Mr. Kozloski stated that he has made a follow-up inspection and found the work to be complete. He recommended that a Certificate be issued at this time.

Motion was made by Ms. Galiatsos and seconded by Ms. Becker to issue a Certificate of Compliance for the dredging work at Robinson Park.

VOTE 4-0

3. CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE – 72 Elizabeth Street

The Commission had issued a partial Certificate of this lot with a \$2,000 holdback previously. The developer would now like a full release on this lot. Mr. Kozloski stated that he made an inspection but found some areas where the grass is not growing. He also stated that there was additional work done on the back of the lot. Mr. Tirone, the builder, has informed the office that the homeowners had a sprinkler system installed and that they did work in their backyard. Mr. Kozloski suggested that he make another inspection next week. Mr. Harpin agreed to go out to the site next week with Mr. Kozloski.

Motion was made by Ms. Becker and seconded by Ms. Galiatsos to issue a full Certificate of Compliance on 72 Elizabeth Street pending a final inspection by a Commission member.

VOTE 4-0

4. ENFORCEMENT ORDERS – updates

Robin Ridge – Mr. Kozloski stated that he had visited this site earlier in the week and recommends that the Enforcement Orders remain in place. He also suggested that when the homeowners request Certificates, they be required to provide the Commission with proof of NHESP's approval.

43 South West Street. – Mr. Kozloski stated that he also went by this site and found that the area has been seeded but that grass is not yet growing. Another inspection will be made prior to the next meeting.

South West Street – Town of Agawam – Mr. Kozloski stated that the work has been started and should be finished next week.

Optasite – Main Street – Nothing new to report.

92 ½ Paul Revere Drive – Mr. Kozloski stated that he drove by this house and found that the blueberry bushes have been planted and the area looks nice with the exception of a large pile of branches. He stated that he will re-inspect in two weeks.

5. Correspondence and Complaints

The Commission received a letter from Hansmann on Colonial Avenue regarding the shed that was built at 44 Colonial Avenue. Mr. Kozloski explained that he sent a letter to the Mayor with a chronology of events regarding 44 Colonial Avenue.

The Commission received an email from Melissa Coady of Tighe and Bond requesting that they be able to remove the silt fences along South Westfield Street and Route 57 (sewer project). Mr. Kozloski and Mr. Harpin stated that the area has been re-established and that the silt fences should now come down.

Motion was made by Ms. Galiatsos and seconded by Ms. Becker to allow the silt fences on South Westfield Street and Route 57 as part of the Phase I Sewer Project be removed and the Commission shall be notified when removed so that a follow-up inspection can be made.

VOTE 4-0

Open Classroom – Mr. Kozloski informed the members that the Engineering Department has prepared a plan for the Open Classroom behind the High School.

Motion was made by Ms. Galiatsos and seconded by Ms. Becker that the Commission move forward with a CPA application for funding of the Open Classroom at the Agawam High School.

VOTE 4-0

Complaint – Main Street (near Indian Restaurant) – Mr. Kozloski stated that he was informed by Mr. Langone that the area next to the restaurant on Main Street had been cleared. Mr. Kozloski stated that he made an inspection and took pictures and then contacted DEP. He was told that the Conservation Commission should handle this matter. He suggests that an Enforcement Order be issued requiring that a restoration plan be submitted. He went on to say that there is a cement bridge that crosses over the stream and that area has been partially clear cut.

Motion was made by Ms. Galiatsos and seconded by Ms. Becker to issue an Enforcement Order to the property owner on Main Street where the violation occurred with a cease and desist and requiring that a Restoration Plan of the area be submitted to the Commission for their approval within 30 days of receipt of Enforcement Order.

VOTE 4-0

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 12, 2011

Motion was made by Mr. Harpin and seconded by Ms. Galiatsos to approve the minutes of May 12, 2011 as written.

VOTE 4-0

7. PUBLIC HEARING CONT. – Mark Drive – Langone

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

VOTE 4-0

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.