

AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION
June 24, 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Henry A. Kozloski, Chairman
Sheryl Becker
Fred Harpin
Mark Soticheck

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Steven Douglas
Magda Galiatsos
Jill Messick

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

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Jun 10, 2010

Motion was made by Mr. Soticheck and seconded by Ms. Becker to approve the minutes of June 10, 2010 as written.

VOTE 4-0

2. REQUEST FOR DETERMINATION CONT. – Garden Street – Russo

Rob Levesque was in attendance to present a revised plan which now shows the perennial stream and associated riverfront area. This plan was revised as a result of a site walk that was conducted prior to the last meeting. Mr. Levesque stated that they do not plan on going into the 200' riverfront area and that this will not have an impact on Mr. Russo's future plans for the site.

Motion was made by Mr. Soticheck and seconded by Ms. Becker to issue a Positive Determination of Applicability for Russo on Garden Street, approving the resource areas as delineated.

VOTE 3-0-1 (Harpin abstained)

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

VOTE 4-0

5. ENFORCEMENT ORDER UPDATES:

Anvil Street – nothing new to report.
River Road (trucking co.) – nothing new to report.

Liquori Drive – Town of Agawam

The area has been cleaned (although additional dumping has occurred) and the Town has posted a “no dumping” sign as per the Enforcement Order.

Motion was made by Mr. Harpin and seconded by Mr. Soticheck to lift the Enforcement Order issued to the Town of Agawam for dumping along a stream bank on Liquori Drive.

VOTE 4-0

Robin Ridge Estates (2) – nothing new to report.

Walnut Street – Calabrese

Mr. Calabrese has completed the work required and the grass is now growing.

Motion was made by Mr. Harpin and seconded by Mr. Soticheck to lift the Enforcement Order issued to Calabrese on Walnut Street.

VOTE 4-0

Ellington Street – Truong

Mr. Kozloski has re-inspected this lot and found all work to be completed per the Enforcement Order.

Motion was made by Mr. Soticheck and seconded by Ms. Becker to lift the Enforcement Order issued to Truong on Ellington Street as the work has been completed.

VOTE 4-0

1744 Main Street – Cirillo

Mr. Kozloski informed the members that he and Ms. Messick recently met on-site with Mr. Cirillo and that he will be constructing a fence at the top of the embankment to avoid future dumping in the area.

23 Kanawha Avenue – this item will remain on the agenda until the work has been completed.

6. CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE – Lot 3 Elizabeth Street

Mr. Kozloski made this inspection and recommended that the final \$1,000 holdback now be released.

Motion was made by Mr. Harpin and seconded by Mr. Soticheck to issue a Certificate of Compliance for lot 3 Elizabeth Street – releasing the final holdback.

VOTE 4-0

7. COMPLAINT – Friends of Robinson Park

Mr. Kozloski stated that another complaint was received regarding a brook within the Park “running brown” and that now the siltation is reaching the Westfield River. He stated that he did some research and went out the pump station at May Hollow and could not find a source. He then contacted the Engineering Department and will be walking the area sometime next week to look at the Town’s sewer lines to determine if there is a problem where it crosses the brook.

3. PUBLIC HEARING – Amendment to Order of Conditions – Agawam Housing Authority – Wright Street

Rick Misiaszek of Reinhardt Associates was in attendance to present the revised plan for the Agawam Housing Authority which shows the addition of 10 parking spaces – five each at the northeast and southwest portion of the site, and associated walkways. Calculations show that there will be a net decrease in impervious area of 4,957 square feet within the Riverfront Area. The members had no concerns with the proposed changes. There being no public input, the public hearing was closed.

Motion was made by Mr. Harpin and seconded by Ms. Becker to issue an Amended Order of Conditions for the Agawam Housing Authority on Wright Street as presented this evening.

VOTE 4-0

A copy of the Amended Order can be obtained from the Town Clerk’s office or the Conservation Commission office.

8. CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE – Lot 13 Elizabeth Street

Mr. Kozloski made this inspection and recommended that \$2,000 be held back at the closing as the lawn was graded and seeded but the grass was not yet growing.

Motion was made by Mr. Sotichack and seconded by Ms. Becker to issue a Certificate of Compliance for Lot 13 Elizabeth Street with \$2,000 to be held back by the buyer’s attorney to cover final establishment of the lawn.

VOTE 4-0

4. PUBLIC HEARING – Notice of Intent – Slope Stabilization – Six Flags New England

John Furman of VHB was in attendance to present this NOI for work that was performed under the Emergency Order the Commission previously issued. The work under the Emergency Order was necessary due to a washout behind the Blizzard River Ride. Mr. Kozloski made a recent inspection and took photos of the area which he showed this evening. He stated that they are proposing plantings within the mitigation area and that

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all other work has been done. Since DEP has not yet issued a file number the Commission continued the public hearing to the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM.