

AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
July 14, 2011

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Fred Harpin  
Mark Soticheck

ALSO PRESENT:

Deborah S. Dachos  
Pamela R. Kerr

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

1. PUBLIC HEARING CONT. – Notice of Intent – South Street – Herzog

Joseph Petronino of Environmental Services was in attendance as well as the applicants, Susan and Tom Herzog. Mr. Petronino explained that as a result of a Commission site visit last week, they have proposed additional mitigation on the site. They now are proposing to remove the yard and grass clippings and re-establish the area; provide a “no mow” zone approximately 20’ from the stream bank; remove the existing chain link fence; and remove the stump that exists and re-establish that area. Mr. Kozloski suggested that they also provide low bush plantings on the embankment. The Herzog’s agreed to that suggestion. They have a public hearing with the Historical Commission on July 27<sup>th</sup> regarding their demolition permit. There being no public input, the Commission closed the public hearing. The Order was written at the end of the meeting.

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

John Dietrich and Rich Bertolli of Fuss & O’Neal were in attendance this evening. He went over the comments from DEP. The first comment was that the Commission shall wait 30 days for a response from NHESP (endangered species). The second comment is in regards to the stream at station 53-50 and the boundaries that were approved under the School Street Park NOI and the fact that at that time it did not appear perennial. Mr. Kozloski stated that later on in the meeting the Commission will be voting on a Certificate of Compliance for the School Street Park and that stream is intermittent. Comment #3 was that the Commission carefully review the retaining wall work along

School Street and its proximity to the BVW line. Comment #4 is a correction to be made on the plan by removing the reference to the 200 Foot Riverfront Buffer as there is no such resource area. Comment #5 requires a table of cut and fill. Mr. Bertolli explained that information has already been submitted. Comment #6 asked for additional information on the work proposed at station 53+50. Mr. Bertolli explained that no additional work is proposed on that bank or culvert. Comment #7 asks for additional details on the work at station 58+00 as it appears that a point source discharge will be replaced and would trigger the requirement for a stormwater report for that point source. Mr. Bertolli explained that pipe drains the wetland at the School Street Park, not just roadway drainage. He went on to say that the 42" CMP is regulated and is not a point source discharge. Mr. Kozloski agreed with that. Mr. Bertolli then suggested that they move the catch basin in this area and add a deep sump. The members agreed that would be better.

There was no public input this evening. The Commission continued the public hearing for two weeks as a response from NHESP has not yet been received.

3. PUBLIC HEARING – Notice of Intent – AMEC – The Connecticut River

Steve Herzog of AMEC and Russell Johnson of Columbia Gas were in attendance this evening to present the Notice of Intent for the collection of sediment samples from the Connecticut River as part of an environmental assessment. Mr. Herzog stated that the only resource area disturbance will be to land under water and the work will take place south of the South End Bridge. He went on to say that the work will not be within 100' of a shore line and therefore no abutters were notified. NHESP received a copy of the NOI but a response has not yet been submitted. Ms. Messick asked if there would be any public notification when the work will be taking place. Mr. Herzog state no, not typically. He went on to say that the work be done from a motor boat. The Commission continued the public hearing for two weeks as a NHESP response has not yet been received.

4. PUBLIC HEARING CONT. – Mark Drive – Langone

Joseph Petronino of Environmental Services was in attendance this evening as well as Mr. Langone. Mr. Petronino submitted a revised plan this evening which shows concrete monuments being placed at the 101' contour line; additional plantings of five apple trees and one tree is to be moved for the placement of the driveway. He went on to say that all excavated material will be trucked across the street to lot 10 to be stockpiled. Mr. Kozloski brought up the November, 2010 Engineering Department comments, one of which is the request for drainage calculations for the dry well. Mr. Petronino stated that the dry well has been installed and that the soils are very sandy. There being no further questions or input from the public, the Commission closed the public hearing. The Order was written at the end of the meeting.

5. REQUEST FOR EXTENSION – Optasite Towers – Main Street

The tower owner, SBA, has requested a one year extension to the Order of Conditions.

Motion was made by Ms. Messick and seconded by Ms. Galiatsos to extend the Order of Conditions for Optasite on Main Street for one year as requested.

VOTE 4-0

6. ENFORCEMENT ORDERS (updates)

Robin Ridge – nothing new to report, however, the Order of Conditions will expire in August.

Main Street - Drenzek – nothing new to report.

South West Street – Town of Agawam – Mr. Kozloski stated that he made a site visit today and found that the work has been completed. He recommended that the Enforcement Order now be lifted. He also stated that the work under the Emergency Order has been completed as well.

Motion was made by Ms. Messick and seconded by Ms. Galiatsos to lift the Enforcement Order issued to the Town of Agawam for work on South West Street.

VOTE 4-0

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 23, 2011

Motion was made by Ms. Messick and seconded by Ms. Becker to approve the minutes of June 23, 2011 as written.

VOTE 4-0

7. Correspondences and Complaints

The Commission received a request for a Certificate of Compliance on the School Street Park. Mr. Kozloski made the inspection and recommended that a Certificate be issued.

Motion was made by Ms. Messick and seconded by Ms. Galiatsos to issue a Certificate of Compliance on the School Street Park.

VOTE 4-0

Mr. Kozloski stated that there are grass clippings in the detention pond and the gate is not locked. The members agreed to send a letter to Chris Golba and Chris Sparks informing them of this matter.

Mr. Kozloski then explained that he issued an Emergency Order on 82 Joanne Circle for the removal of trees that came down in the recent heavy rainstorm. He stated that trees had fallen on the pool and part of the house. There were also several trees on the edge of

the buffer zone that needed to come down. He marked which trees he allowed the owners to take down. That next day he received a call that the work had been completed.

Motion was made by Ms. Messick and seconded by Ms. Galiatsos to ratify the Emergency Order issued for 82 Joanne Circle.

VOTE 4-0

The Commission then wrote the Order of Conditions for Herzog on South Street. A copy can be obtained from the Town Clerk's office or the Conservation Commission office.

Motion was made by Ms. Messick and seconded by Ms. Becker to issue the Order of Conditions for Herzog as written.

VOTE 4-0

The Commission then wrote the Order of Conditions for Langone on Mark Drive. A copy can be obtained from the Town Clerk's office or the Conservation Commission office.

Motion was made by Ms. Messick and seconded by Ms. Becker to issue the Order of Conditions for Langone on Mark Drive as written.

VOTE 4-0

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.