

AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

July 22, 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Fred Harpin, Acting Chairman
Sheryl Becker
Jill Messick
Mark Soticheck

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Henry A. Kozloski, Chairman
Steven Douglas
Magda Galiatsos

ALSO PRESENT:

Deborah S. Dachos
Pamela R. Kerr

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

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 24, 2010

Motion was made by Mr. Soticheck and seconded by Ms. Messick to approve the minutes of June 24, 2010 as written.

VOTE 3-0-1 (Messick abstained)

2. PUBLIC HEARING – Notice of Intent – Federal Street – Tirone Dev. Corp.

Mr. Harpin announced that this hearing will be rescheduled for the next meeting as there will not be a quorum for that item this evening.

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

Dave Pickart of Vanasse Hangen Brustlin was in attendance this evening. He stated that he has now received a file number from DEP. The Commission also received that correspondence. All work under this NOI was done under an emergency order issued by the commission with the exception of the plantings. Mr. Pickart stated that they will be installing the plantings later in the year, as it is too hot now. He also stated that the erosion control barriers must be removed. The members had no further questions on this filing and closed the public hearing. The Order will be written at the end of the meeting.

4. REVIEW ORDER OF CONDITIONS – Agawam/West Springfield Project – WMECO

Rob Young of Burns & Mc Donnell was in attendance as well as Tom Deagan, also of Burns & McDonnell and Frank Bianca of Longfellow Drilling. Mr. Young stated that they are here this evening to fulfill a requirement of the Order of Conditions. He went on to explain the construction sequence: Right of way clearing; construction of access roads; placement of sediment/erosion controls; install crane pads; drilling crew to set new foundations and remove old ones; then install new structures. He stated that they anticipate the work beginning within two weeks. Ms. Messick asked if they would work through the winter. Mr. Young stated that depends on how much they get completed this Fall and what the winter weather is. He stated that they will not be working during the Big E. Ms. Messick asked about public notification. Mr. Young stated that the initial notices will be going out soon and that there will be a website as well as a 1-800# for information. Ms. Dachos asked if the erosion controls would be installed in stages. Mr. Young stated yes and that they will contact the Commission after each stage. There were no questions posed regarding the Order of Conditions.

Motion was made by Mr. Soticheck and seconded by Ms. Messick to amend the agenda to include the “add-on’s”.

VOTE 4-0

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE – 121 Elizabeth Street

Ms. Messick made this inspection and found that the grass is growing. She recommended release of the \$2,000 holdback.

Motion was made by Ms. Messick and seconded by Mr. Soticheck to issue a Certificate of Compliance on 121 Elizabeth Street, releasing the \$2,000 holdback.

VOTE 4-0

DISCUSSION – Engineering Department correspondence – School Street

The Commission received a memo from the Engineering Department regarding two existing catch basins that are “old and in disrepair” in the vicinity of 321 School Street. Significant erosion is occurring at the outfall of these two basins. This situation is threatening the integrity of the roadway shoulder. They are proposing to replace the two existing catch basins and 10” pipe with new catch basins and an 18” pipe.

Motion was made by Mr. Soticheck and seconded by Ms. Messick to issue an Enforcement Order to the Town to replace the two exiting basins and pipe and install new basins with an 18” pipe; riprap is to be placed at the outfall and erosion and sediment controls shall be used as needed; all disturbed areas are to be loamed and seeded a the completion of the work; and the Conservation Commission is to be notified 24 hrs. in advance of the work taking place.

VOTE 4-0

5. ENFORCEMENT ORDERS (update)

Anvil Street – nothing new to report.

River Road – Ms. Messick will check on the status of completing this work.

1744 Main Street – Cirillo – Mr. Soticheck stated that Mr. Cirillo has installed the fence as agreed to at the most recent site visit.

Motion was made by Mr. Soticheck and seconded by Ms. Messick to lift the Enforcement Order issued to Cirillo for dumping in a wetland/buffer zone at 1744 Main Street.

VOTE 4-0

23 Kanawha Avenue – Forrester

Mr. Harpin stated that he will make a follow-up inspection to see if this work has been completed as agreed to.

Robin Ridge Estates (2)

Ms. Messick stated that there are two Enforcement Order issued on this project. One of them is for work on lot 2 which she stated has been completed. The outstanding issue on this lot is that when the grading plan is prepared, a means of transporting the water from one side of the driveway to the other be provided. She recommended that this Enforcement Order be lifted at this time.

Motion was made by Ms. Messick and seconded by Mr. Soticheck to lift the Enforcement Order issued for work on Lot 2 Robin Ridge Estates.

VOTE 4-0

Ms. Messick stated that the other Enforcement Order has not been fully adhered to as the riprap basin in the back is to be made bigger. This Enforcement Order will remain in place.

The members then wrote the Order of Conditions for Six Flags N.E. Slope Stabilization Project. A copy can be obtained from the Town Clerk's office or the Conservation Commission office.

Motion was made by Mr. Soticheck and seconded by Ms. Becker to issue the Order of Conditions for Six Flags New England Slope Stabilization Project as written.

VOTE 4-0

6. REQUEST TO AMEND ORDER – Coyote Realty

Jay Lefebvre of Coyote Realty and Tim Coon of JR Russo & Associates were in attendance this evening to go over the new proposal for a Wendy's at the 1340 Springfield Street site. Mr. Lefebvre has an existing Order of Conditions for a retail and bank building for this site. Mr. Coon explained that the new proposal is a small footprint building and pavement and that the drainage will still sheet flow with a swale and 4' vegetated strip to a bio- filtration area and then to the wetland. He explained this new plan shows a 27% reduction in pervious area and proposed improvement include increase the size by 33% to 560 SF for the bio-filtration area. He went on to say that the original plan shows a connection to the adjacent parking lot. They are now proposing a grassed swale between the two sites. Ms. Becker pointed out that the silt fences need to be repaired before construction begins. Mr. Lefebvre agreed to that and stated that he will be installing addition silt fences as well to protect the additional plantings he is proposing in the area of the bio-filtration area.

Motion was made by Mr. Sotichack and seconded by Ms. Becker to allow for an Amendment to the Order of Conditions for the new proposal at 1340 Springfield Street rather than requiring a new Notice of Intent, as the wetland impacts are less than originally approved.

VOTE 4-0

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.