

AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION
January 12, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Keven Brown (6:01pm)
Jill Ward (6:03pm)
Page Fallon
Sheryl Becker
Henry Kozloski
Frank Meagher

MEMBERS ABSENT

Magda Galiatsos

ALSO PRESENT:

Taryn Egerton
Stefanie Kesecker

Mr. Kozloski called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

1. 6:00PM PUBLIC HEARING-NOTICE OF INTENT-721 Springfield Street-Beaver Realty, LLC

The Commission received a request to continue this agenda item to the January 26, 2023 meeting.

Motion was made by Mr. Meagher and seconded by Ms. Becker to continue the PUBLIC HEARING-NOTICE OF INTENT-721 Springfield Street-Beaver Realty, LLC to the January 26, 2023 meeting.

VOTE 4-0-0

Mr. Brown entered the meeting at 6:01pm.

Ms. Ward entered the meeting at 6:03pm.

Motion was made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mr. Fallon to take the agenda items 4, 5, 8, 9, and 10 out of order.

VOTE 6-0-0

4. Request for Certificate of Compliance-Nicole Terrace Subdivision-Lot 7

The Commission received a request to continue this agenda item until the January 26, 2023 meeting.

Motion was made by Ms. Becker and seconded by Mr. Meagher to continue the Request for Certificate of Compliance-Nicole Terrace Subdivision-Lot 7, to the January 26, 2023 meeting.

VOTE 6-0-0

5. Request for Certificate of Compliance-57 H.P. Almgren Drive-OMG, Inc.

Mr. Kozloski mention that work was completed and they had previously been on site to inspect.

Motion was made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mr. Meagher to issue the Certificate of Compliance-57 H.P. Almgren Drive-OMG, Inc.

VOTE 6-0-0

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES-December 29, 2022

Motion was made by Ms. Ward and seconded by Mr. Brown to approve the December 29, 2022 minutes.

VOTE 4-0-2 (Kozloski,Meagher)

9. PUBLIC HEARING CONT.-NOTICE OF INTENT-1014 North St Ext5-VIP Homes & Associates LLC (Continued to March 9, 2023)

This agenda item was previously continued.

10. PUBLIC HEARING CONT.-NOTICE OF INTENT-Main Street-Westfield River Interceptor Sewer Relocation Project-Agawam (Continued to March 23, 2023)

This agenda item was previously continued.

2. 6:10PM PUBLIC HEARING-NOTICE OF INTENT-57 H.P. Almgren Drive-OMG, Inc.

Ben Hildebrand and Brian Balicki with Sage Engineering and Contracting Inc. were present for this agenda item. He said they are proposing to construct a 78,000 sq. ft. addition used for manufacturing and warehousing. The subject parcel is approximately 13-1/2 acres and zoned Industrial-A. Construction will be slab on grade and will match the existing building. Site improvements include a paved area for additional parking on the east side of the building, a paved area for loading and unloading on the west side of the building, and an expansion of the detention basin and storm water management system. The Bordering Vegetated Wetlands are to

the south of the property. Mr. Hildebrand stated the water and storm management system will be constructed according to Mass DEP regulations and all storm water will be managed onsite through catch basins and a detention basin at the south end of the property. He stated they have attended round table meeting October 11, 2022 and January 10, 2022 and a site visit with Conservation on November 2, 2022. He informed the Commission that the wetlands were delineated by GZA Geoenvironmental, Inc. He also advised that they have received comments back from Mass Dep and from the Engineering Department, and all the comments are addressable and they are compiling a response. Mr. Kozloski asked Mr. Hildebrand if he wanted to go over the Engineering comments, to which he replied he would like time to form a response first. Mr. Balicki stated most of the comments were storm water technical calculations and could be addressed with no real physical changes to the plan. Mr. Kozloski asked where the current detention basin drains. Mr. Balicki said it drains into the municipal industrial park detention basin and then goes across Shoemaker Lane and the new basin will drain to the same location, so no change to the flow pattern, while reducing run-off. Mr. Balicki stated the Mass DEP comments are also addressable and they will submit a written response. Mr. Balicki said the Commission has authority over the buffer zone and he said there is a clear limit of work in their plan and erosion controls between the limit of work and the resource area. He stated they are reserving a mature swath of the trees that are there and most of the work in the buffer zone is the detention basin and is a natural environment and will be mowed biannually to maintain it as required. Mr. Kozloski asked about the Mass DEP comment for soil testing and Mr. Balicki said they have done that and it will be part of their revised submission which will show infiltration capacity of the detention basin. Mr. Brown asked if there would be a change to the capacity of the detention basin. Mr. Balicki said no and that it was just the location moving and can keep up to the 100 year storm. Ms. Egerton informed the Commission that Mass DEP had suggested a peer review. Mr. Balicki requested a two week continuance.

Mr. Kozloski opened the meeting to the public.

There were no comments.

Motion was made by Ms. Ward and seconded by Mr. Meagher to continue the PUBLIC HEARING-NOTICE OF INTENT-57 H.P. Almgren Drive-OMG, Inc to the January 26, 2023 meeting.

VOTE 6-0-0

3. DISCUSSION-Silver Lake

Kevin McKiernan of 35 Silver Lake Drive was present for this agenda item. He asked the Commission to extend the Order of Conditions another 3 years. He stated a number of things have happened with the lake in the last few years and they would like to be able to address them. He stated there was a beaver dam across from the Fish and Game Pond and it was removed. The removal was all at once and the Fish and Game Pond relieved their dam, which caused the stream that came down to widen bringing a lot of silt and made the deposit into Silver Lake. He stated residents were concerned as no one had called them and they tried to relieve it themselves.

Mr. McKiernan said this caused a significant build-up of silt and they would like to extend the area they are cleaning to be able to address this. He stated the DPW used to clean the detention basins, but had not been there in a few years. He went on to say the drain that is in the cul-de-sac does not have a catch basin and is a direct shoot in and there is a large build up more than past years. He said they have a crane that digs up the catch basin and they would like to go beyond that and get the area that is dumping from the street and collect that as well. Ms. Ward asked where the collection would be put. Mr. McKiernan said trucks would haul it away. Mr. Fallon asked if there is a discharge of sand from the catch basin into the lake and you want to remove that sand. Mr. McKiernan said the sand in the catch basin they normally clean as allowed in the Order of Conditions, but they would like to be able to go beyond to where the build-up is and clean. Mr. Brown asked to see the photos. The Commission was able to see the rock wall. Mr. Kozloski asked if this area was west of the cul-de-sac, to which Mr. McKiernan responded yes. Mr. Brown asked how deep the water was normally and Mr. McKiernan said a couple of feet. Mr. Brown asked if it would be multiple trucks to remove the pollution coming into the lake and Mr. McKiernan said yes. Mr. Kozloski recommended the Commission do an onsite with DPW present. Mr. Kozloski asked where the catch basin is for the cul-de-sac and Mr. McKiernan said no only a pipe. Mr. Brown asked about the power line easement that would contribute to the situation and Mr. McKiernan said no. Mr. Meagher asked if this was the opposite end of the dam and was informed yes. Mr. Falloon further asked when the influx of sediment occurred and was informed by the resident on June 29, 2022.

Mr. Kozloski said the Commission would perform an onsite with DPW and get a copy of the drainage plans to see where the catch basins on the street go.

6. Correspondence and Complaints

Ms. Egerton informed the Commission correspondence from the Engineering Department was received about the culvert on Shoemaker Lane near the corner of Suffield Street. The culvert is overgrown and contributed to flooding on January 8, 2023. The DPW would like permission to clean the culvert.

Ms. Ward said to have Engineering inform the Commission when the work will be performed and details on how it will be cleaned. Mr. Kozloski recommended on site visit.

Ms. Egerton informed the Commission a complaint was received for 33 North West Street. They are building an indoor horse arena, but it is more than 100 ft. away from the wetlands.

Ms. Ward suggested the Commission send a letter to inform the owner to be aware of the wetlands on their property.

7. Enforcement Order Updates

69 Franklin Street-the Commission performed an onsite. Mr. Kozloski stated the debris had been removed from the stream bank, and if the Enforcement Order is lifted a letter should be sent

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advising them any dredging or altering of the area will require a Determination or Notice of Intent.

Motion was made by Ms. Ward and seconded by Mr. Meagher to remove the Enforcement Order-69 Franklin Street, with a letter to the owner.

VOTE 6-0-0

1710 Main Street-Commission has required a fence be put up. Mr. Kozloski stated a temporary fence had been put up, until they can install a permanent wooden one in the spring, and to leave the Enforcement Order in place.

721 Springfield Street-Beaver Realty, LLC-Mr. Kozloski stated they will be coming in with a plan on January 26, 2023 to show the restoration.

Motion was made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Ms. Ward to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50pm.