

AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION
March 25, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Henry Kozloski
Sheryl Becker
S. Page Fallon
Keven Brown
Jill Ward
Frank Meagher

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Magda Galiatsos

ALSO PRESENT:

Pamela Kerr

VIA Zoom Webinar

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

1. 6:00 PM – REQUEST FOR DETERMINATION OF APPLICABILITY – 128 Southwick Street – Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless

Dean Gustafson, Senior Wetland Scientist with All Points Technology, presented the Site Plan for 128 Southwick Street - Request for Determination of Applicability – on behalf of Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless for a proposed wireless communications facility at the Agawam Golf Course. The facility will consist of a 155' monopole and associated ground equipment within a 48' 6" x 48" 6" gravel based compound and surrounded by an 8' security fence. The compound is in the northern part of the Golf Course between the 12th & 18th holes. There are bordering vegetated wetlands to the west about 100' away. The facility will be beyond the 100' buffer zone but there are erosion controls that will encroach on the buffer zone. Areas of tree removal shown on the map are outside of the buffer zone. Mr. Gustafson feels that the project will have no negative affect on the BVW or the buffer zone. He is therefore requesting a negative Determination of Applicability. Mr. Kozloski, Ms. Galiatsos and Mr. Meagher were on-site the day before. Mr. Kozloski noted that the silt fence will be within the 100' buffer zone in 2 places but will be removed at the completion of the project. Mr. Gustafson confirmed.

Motion was made by Ms. Becker and seconded by Mr. Meagher to issue a Negative Determination of Applicability for 128 Southwick Street - Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless. Mr. Meagher feels the erosion controls should be checked. Mr. Gustafson said he will notify the office when they are ready for inspection.

ROLL CALL VOTE 6 – 0

Motion was made by Ms. Ward and seconded by Mr. Meagher to take the Agenda out of order.

ROLL CALL VOTE 6 – 0

5. PUBLIC HEARING CONTINUED – Notice of Intent – Aspenwood Associates LLC –
0 Silver Street & 0 Doane Avenue

The Commission received a request to continue the Public Hearing for Aspenwood Associates LLC to the April 8, 2021 Conservation Commission meeting.

Motion was made by Mr. Meagher and seconded by Ms. Becker to continue the Public Hearing for Aspenwood Associates LLC – 0 Silver Street & 0 Doane Avenue to April 8, 2021.

ROLL CALL VOTE 6 – 0

7. ENFORCEMENT ORDER UPDATES:

North Street Extension/Tanglewood Lane (extended to March 25th) - The Commission received a request to continue the Enforcement Order for North Street Extension to the April 8, 2021 Conservation Commission meeting and also requested scheduling a site visit.

Motion was made by Ms. Ward and seconded by Ms. Becker to continue the Enforcement Order – North Street Ext. / Tanglewood Lane to the April 8, 2021 Conservation Commission meeting.

ROLL CALL VOTE 5 – 0 – 1 (Meagher)

9. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 11, 2021

Motion was made by Ms. Ward and seconded by Ms. Becker to approve the minutes of March 11, 2021 as written.

ROLL CALL VOTE 5 – 0 – 1 (Meagher)

10. REQUEST FOR EXTENSION – Ace Precision Way

A request was received for a 3 year extension for the Order which was written in 2018 as they have 2 more buildings to be built and plantings to do.

Motion was made by Ms. Ward and seconded by Mr. Meagher to grant a 3 year extension for Ace Precision Way.

ROLL CALL VOTE 6 – 0

2. 6:15 PM – REQUEST FOR DETERMINATION OF APPLICABILITY – 144
Hendom Drive – Bortolussi

Andrew Bortolussi, property owner, explained that he is proposing to install a vinyl picket fence in his back yard running parallel with the stream and will be about 25' to 30' from the stream. A site visit was planned for Monday, March 29, 2021 at 12:00 pm.

Motion was made by Ms. Ward and seconded by Mr. Meagher to table the Request for Determination of Applicability – 144 Hendom Drive – Bortolussi to April 8, 2021.

ROLL CALL VOTE 6 – 0

3. CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE – Shoemaker Lane – Route 57 Solar LLC

Mr. Kozloski was on-site yesterday, March 24, 2021. He observed no evidence of erosion coming off of the panels. He did say that clean up needs to be done around the outlet structure of the stream. He feels they have met the requirements, the trees that are planted are growing.

Motion was made by Ms. Ward and seconded by Mr. Meagher to issue a Certificate of Compliance for Shoemaker Lane – Route 57 Solar LLC.

ROLL CALL VOTE 6 – 0

4. CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE – 369 Main Street – Agawam Solar LLC

Mr. Kozloski conducted a site visit yesterday, March 24, 2021. He noted that the grass is well established. He said that a buffer planting plan was submitted to the Commission but at this time Mr. Kozloski doesn't feel it is necessary.

Motion was made by Mr. Meagher and seconded by Mr. Fallon to issue the Certificate of Compliance for 369 Main Street – Agawam Solar LLC.

ROLL CALL VOTE 6 – 0

6. PUBLIC HEARING CONT. – Abbreviated Notice of Recourse Area Delineation (ANRAD) – 0 Franklin Street, 10 & 14 Tennis Road and 132 Rear Mill Street

Chase Bernier of SWCA spoke saying that he had submitted a revised application of materials on March 18, 2021 and he received a letter from Emily Stockman of Stockman Associates on March 19, 2021. He said that most issues have been resolved but there is more to address. He would like to schedule a site visit during the growing season as soon as possible. Mr. Kozloski agrees. Ms. Stockman said that the majority of her comments as well as those of the DEP have been adequately responded to. The outstanding area is a newly delineated wetland 10 which SWCA has classified as an isolated area. Wetland 10 does connect to the area by a culvert. Her recommendation is for the Commission to do a site visit during the growing season and look at the area up gradient of wetland 10 to see if a wetland has developed. If there is no wetland, she

would agree with SWCA that wetland 10 is isolated. A site visit was scheduled for Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 9:00am at Tennis Road. Ms. Stockman will be in attendance.

Motion was made by Ms. Ward and seconded by Mr. Meagher to continue the Public Hearing – Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation (ANRAD) – 0 Franklin Street, 10 & 14 Tennis Road and 132 Rear Mill Street to the April 22, 2021 Conservation Commission meeting.

ROLL CALL VOTE 6 - 0

8. Correspondence and Complaints

South Street - Mr. Kozloski said that Ms. Kerr was in touch with Mr. Markowski, the farmer there, who said that the area was cleaned up and the trash removed. Mr. Kozloski said they will verify with a site visit.

Ms. Kerr received a complaint today from a resident of Kosciuski Avenue, off of North Street Ext., who said that young teens are entering the wetlands behind his house and throwing items into the water flow and damaging the area. Mr. Kozloski will go on site next week.

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

ROLL CALL VOTE 6 - 0

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

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