

AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
May 27, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Henry Kozloski  
Sheryl Becker  
S. Page Fallon  
Keven Brown

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Jill Ward  
Frank Meagher  
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 – 1810 Main Street – Nutbrown

Mr. Fallon had been on site and he said that the proposed construction is 118' from the stream on previously developed land. He feels that a Negative Determination of Applicability should be issued.

Motion was made by Mr. Fallon and seconded by Ms. Becker to issue a Negative Determination of Applicability for 1810 Main Street – Nutbrown.

ROLL CALL VOTE 4 - 0

2. 6:10 – REQUEST FOR DETERMINATION OF APPLICABILITY – 59 Glendale Road – Lukasik

Mr. Lukasik explained that he is proposing to install an above ground pool in the back yard. Mr. Kozloski said that he did an on-site visit and explained that it appears the property is in a 100 year flood plain but 5' south of the pool area is a high area 3 – 4" higher than where the pool is. It appeared to him that the area does not flood therefore he feels a negative determination should be issued.

Motion was made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Ms. Becker to issue a Negative Determination of Applicability for 59 Glendale Road – Lukasik.

ROLL CALL VOTE 4 – 0

Motion was made by Mr. Fallon and seconded by Mr. Brown to amend the order of the Agenda to allow for the Approval of Minutes and a continuance.

ROLL CALL VOTE 4 - 0

6. P.H. CONT. – Notice of Intent – Aspenwood Associates LLC – 0 Silver Street & 0 Doane Avenue

Mr. MacNaughton requested to continue the Public Hearing for Aspenwood Associates LLC to the June 10, 2021 Conservation Commission meeting.

Motion was made by Mr. Fallon and seconded by Ms. Becker to continue the Public Hearing for Notice of Intent – Aspenwood Associates LLC – 0 Silver Street and 0 Doane Avenue to June 10, 2021.

ROLL CALL VOTE 4 – 0

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 13, 2021

Motion was made by Ms. Becker and seconded by Mr. Brown to approve the minutes of May 13, 2021 as written.

ROLL CALL VOTE 4 - 0

3. 6:20 PM – PUBLIC HEARING – Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation (ANRAD) – New York Avenue - Draghetti

Mark Reed, Heritage Land Surveying, spoke saying that they have filed an ANRAD for New York Avenue on behalf of Steve Draghetti along with plans and documents that he will share with the Commission. He said he also received Emily Stockman’s peer review proposal. Mr. Reed shared the proposed plan on the screen. He explained that the property is owned by the Draghettis and is on the westerly side of North Westfield Street, to the north of Roosevelt Avenue and to the south of Clover Hill Drive. The wetlands were delineated by GZA and he has provided their wetland assessment and reports relative to the stream on the south side of the property. The resource areas on the property are located at the rear of what is proposed on the front portion of the property which is a residential development. The wetland boundaries consist of BVW associated with a perennial stream at the rear of the property. They are outside of the 200’ riverfront area so they are only looking at the wetland boundary line and buffer zones to the

wetland boundary and to an intermittent stream that crosses under Roosevelt Avenue. There are no other resource areas on the property in the area where the work is being proposed. The work is all being proposed to the east of the BVW. Mr. Reed went on to explain that this is a long, narrow piece of property known as New York Avenue because it was a private, undeveloped paper street. The first portion is developed but the rest was never developed. The original plans show that New York Avenue would extend to the rear of the property but it didn't happen. Mr. Reed said they are before the Commission because the Planning Board requested an updated resource area delineation and to file an ANRAD with the Conservation Commission. Mr. Kozloski suggested a peer review be done.

Motion was made by Mr. Fallon and seconded by Ms. Becker to have a peer review done for New York Avenue – Draghetti.

ROLL CALL VOTE 4 – 0

Motion was made by Mr. Fallon and seconded by Ms. Becker to accept Stockman Associates peer review proposal of May 25, 2021.

ROLL CALL VOTE 4 – 0

Mr. Kozloski opened the hearing to the public.

Joe Balzano, 74 Roosevelt Avenue noted that of crucial importance going forward is the scope of the utility work that will be done in the wetlands. Mr. Kozloski explained that what the Commission is doing right now is mapping the wetlands. Once the wetlands are established, the Commission will address any comments on that. The ANRAD determines the wetland boundaries then a proposal will be submitted when the houses are to be built.

Mr. Reed requested that the Public Hearing – ANRAD – New York Avenue – Draghetti be continued to June 10, 2021.

Motion was made by Ms. Becker and seconded by Mr. Brown to continue the Public Hearing – Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation (ANRAD) – New York Avenue – Draghetti to June 10, 2021.

ROLL CALL VOTE 4 - 0

4. 6:30 PM – PUBLIC HEARING – Notice of Intent – 57 H.P. Almgren Drive – OMG, Inc.

Victoria Houle, Fuss & Oneill, spoke saying that the proposed work is at 57 Almgren Drive. She said that there are wetlands along the side where there is a town drainage easement and at the rear of the property. They are proposing to do a new parking expansion at the very front of the building which will include 31 new spaces. The work here is in the buffer zone only. BVW is the

only resource area identified on site. They may do more work in the future, so the whole site was delineated. There is a detention basin in the back and the owner asked if anything should be done with that. Mr. Kozloski said there is a stream on Shoemaker Lane that shows on this property. He added that the plot plan doesn't show the whole property. He asked if future work would be on the west side. Michael Soares, wetland scientist with Fuss & O'Neill, said he delineated the site 2 weeks ago. He then shared his sketch of the delineation. He identified 2 BVW on the property, one extends to the west and he did not delineate the far side of that where it goes off the subject property. The one to the south of the building is part of an old storm water detention system that has not been maintained in several years. The wetland has expanded into part of that area north of the detention basin and south of the building. There is a drainage swale along Shoemaker Lane which he does not believe is on the subject property. Mr. Kozloski said the Commission will do an on-site before the next meeting to include Mr. Kovalski, the owner, Mr. Soares and Engineering.

Mr. Kozloski opened the hearing to the public. There were no comments.

Motion was made by Mr. Fallon and seconded by Mr. Brown to continue the Public Hearing – Notice of Intent – 57 H.P. Almgren Drive – OMG, Inc. to June 10, 2021.

#### ROLL CALL VOTE 4 - 0

5. 6:45 PM – PUBLIC HEARING CONTINUED– Notice of Intent – 0 South Westfield Street – Noble Real Estate Holdings, LLC

Filipe Cravo of R. Levesque Associates spoke on behalf of Noble Real Estate Holdings, LLC. He explained that the NOI is for a proposed commercial development, a carwash, at the corner of South Westfield Street and Shoemaker Lane. He said the plans have been revised to address Engineering's comments. A response letter has been written concerning both Engineering and DEP comments. Some of the proposed changes made include keeping everything outside of the 50' buffer to the BVW and revising the storm water system by changing from an infiltration basin to an extended dry detention basin and adding a water quality unit. He went on to say that they have maintained the existing drainage characteristics of the property. Mr. Cravo asked that the Public Hearing be continued and to have a site visit before the next meeting.

Mr. Kozloski opened the hearing to the public. There were no comments.

Motion was made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mr. Fallon to continue the Public Hearing – Notice of Intent – 0 South Westfield Street – Noble Real Estate Holdings, LLC to June 10, 2021.

#### ROLL CALL VOTE 4 – 0

7. Correspondence and Complaints

Mr. Kozloski said there was a complaint on Colemore Street. Ms. Becker and Mr. Fallon did an on-site visit. Mr. Fallon said that they have visited the site before. There is dumping of grass clippings in the wetland buffer zone. He said it did not appear to be a thick covering of clippings. He feels that the best solution would be to let the clippings decay and no more be added. Mr. Kozloski said no enforcement order is necessary.

Mr. Kozloski said the Commission received a complaint for the work taking place on Independence Road at 1 IFBY. He said that if he is putting in a lawn, even in the buffer zone, that is an exempt activity as per the letter from DEP. He said he's not sure what the Commission can do. The Conservation Commission members will go out and take a look at it.

Ms. Kerr received a call from the Mawaga Club. They are silted in and are looking for any assistance as to why this is happening. Mr. Kozloski said they have a siltation basin that has not been maintained to the north of the pond. He suggested that they get a biologist or environmentalist to help them. A site visit will be scheduled.

Motion was made by Ms. Becker and seconded by Mr. Fallon to adjourn the meeting.

ROLL CALL VOTE 4 – 0

Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM.