

AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION
August 26, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Henry Kozloski
S. Page Fallon
Magda Galiatsos
Jill Ward
Frank Meagher
Keven Brown

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Sheryl Becker

ALSO PRESENT:

Taryn Egerton

VIA Zoom Webinar

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

1. 6:00 PM – REQUEST FOR DETERMINATION OF APPLICABILITY – 0 (737) South Westfield Street – Mario Mazza – Agawam DPW

Chairperson Kozloski began by saying that he feels a peer review should be done. Claire Hildebone, LEC Environmental, and Rich Niles of Woodard & Curran were present on behalf of the Town. Mr. Niles gave a brief overview of the project. He said the DPW would be using the property for a storage and staging area since they can no longer use Tuckahoe. Mr. Niles went on to say that they had consulted the Commission to see what needed to be done and they advised them to delineate the resource areas and file an RDA. Ms. Hildebone did a site evaluation on August 4, 2021. She evaluated the project site and the surrounding areas of the project site to determine all resource area boundaries. She said there are 2 wetlands to the west, a resource area to the north and BVW at the top of the slope. She went on to describe the property and noted that it was difficult to flag as there was flooding. She said that the project will be well out of the 200' riverfront area buffer zone. She added that they are giving additional buffers above those required. Mr. Kozloski asked what will be stored on the site. Mr. Niles replied stumps, fill, excess material, boulders, storm debris, branches, curbing, excess fill, gravel and stone. John Decker, Deputy Superintendent of the DPW, said that was a good description of the use of the site and added that storage is key when doing projects. Ms. Ward asked if debris from road projects such as asphalt would be stored there. Mr. Decker said yes. Mr. Niles added that this is not meant to be a dump site. Much of the materials can be re-used. Ms. Galiatsos asked if the biodegradable materials would be stored separately from re-usable materials. Mr. Niles said that there is no detailed layout at this time but it will not be visible from the street. Mr. Meagher asked if there was a road. Mr. Decker said there is an existing gravel road which is just outside of

the buffer zone. Mr. Niles added they would use the existing roadway and paths and he noted that there would not be several trucks per day entering the site. Mr. Kozloski recommends a peer review to delineate the boundaries. Ms. Hildebone said that LEC did a delineation and allowed extra buffers. She said they are 50' away from the 100' buffer. The run-off descends easterly from the high points at the middle of the site. Ms. Ward said the project seems straight forward and does not feel that a peer review is necessary. Mr. Kozloski said that the town must be put at the same level as any other. Ms. Ward suggested having the site monumented. Ms. Hildebone said that is in the plan.

Motion was made by Mr. Meagher and seconded by Mr. Fallon to do a peer review for RDA – 0 (737) South Westfield Street – Mario Mazza – Agawam DPW.

Ms. Galiatsos asked when the work would begin and would a peer review cause a time issue. Mr. Decker said yes. They have no staging area. Mr. Niles added that the DPW has no site now and that they don't need to use the whole 8 acres. Ms. Galiatsos asked if the members could do a site visit but it was decided that would not be possible. She feels that without a site visit a peer review is necessary. Mr. Fallon asked if an emergency came up, would a portion of the area be used. Mr. Decker said yes as there is nowhere to put storm debris at this time. He said they intend to design the site properly. He went on to say that the site is challenging and needs work before it can be used properly. Mr. Kozloski feels that the wetland boundaries will be secure with a peer review.

ROLL CALL VOTE 6 – 0

Motion was made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mr. Fallon to continue the Request for Determination of Applicability – 0 (737) South Westfield Street – Mario Mazza – Agawam DPW to the next Conservation Commission meeting.

ROLL CALL VOTE 6 – 0

Motion was made by Mr. Meagher and seconded by Mr. Fallon to accept the proposal of Stockman Associates dated August 24, 2021 in the amount of \$2000 for a peer review – 0 (737) South Westfield Street – Mario Mazza – Agawam DPW.

ROLL CALL VOTE 6 – 0

2. 6:10 – REQUEST FOR DETERMINATION OF APPLICABILITY – 32 Shoemaker Lane – Beach Mountain, LLC

Alexandra Cichetti of R. Levesque Associates, representing Steve Riley, Beach Mountain LLC, presented the RDA. She explained that there are 2 parcels with approximately 17.68 acres. The site contains BVW and endangered species. She said no work is proposed at this time just wetland delineation. R. Levesque Associates delineated the site in August. Flagging is done at the southwest corner.

Motion was made by Mr. Meagher and seconded by Ms. Ward to do a peer review for RDA – 32 Shoemaker Lane – Beach Mountain, LLC.

ROLL CALL VOTE – 5 – 0 – 1 (Fallon)

Mr. Kozloski noted that there is a lot of water in this area saying this is very critical. Mr. Fallon said that the access is easy but the drainage could require a peer review.

Motion was made by Mr. Meagher and seconded by Mr. Fallon to accept the proposal of Stockman Associates dated August 24, 2021 in the amount of \$2000 for a peer review – RDA – 32 Shoemaker Lane – Beach Mountain, LLC.

ROLL CALL VOTE 6 – 0

Motion was made by Mr. Meagher and seconded by Ms. Galiatsos to continue RDA – 32 Shoemaker Lane – Beach Mountain, LLC – to the next Conservation Commission meeting.

ROLL CALL VOTE 6 – 0

3. CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE – 30 Moore Street – Yusenko

Attorney Vitaly Yusenko said the property is scheduled to sell tomorrow but the issue of the C of C came up in the title search. Mr. Meagher said a site visit was done by the Commission this morning and he recommends issuing the C of C.

Motion was made by Mr. Meagher and seconded by Ms. Galiatsos to issue a Certificate of Compliance for 30 Moore Street – Yusenko.

ROLL CALL VOTE 6 – 0

4. ORDER OF CONDITIONS – 67 Chestnut Lane – Capua

Mr. Kozloski said that the members have received a draft of the Order of Conditions and asked if they would like to add or subtract anything. He noted that they will be adding fill to get the house out of the flood plain.

Motion was made by Ms. Ward and seconded by Ms. Galiatsos to issue the Order of Conditions as written for 67 Chestnut Lane – Capua.

ROLL CALL VOTE 6 - 0

5. PUBLIC HEARING CONT. – Abbreviated Notice of resource Area Delineation
(ANRAD) – 311 Shoemaker Lane – Zelinski, Halladay Farms

A request was received from Jeff Smith on behalf of Mr. Zelinski, Halladay Farms to continue the Public Hearing to the September 9, 2021 Conservation Commission meeting.

Motion was made by Ms. Ward and seconded by Ms. Galiatsos to continue the Public Hearing – (ANRAD) – 311 Shoemaker Lane – Zielinski, Halladay Farms to the September 9, 2021 Conservation Commission meeting.

ROLL CALL VOTE 6 - 0

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

A request was received from Mr. MacNaughton to continue the Public Hearing to the next Conservation Commission meeting.

Motion was made by Ms. Ward and seconded by Mr. Meagher to continue the Public Hearing – Notice of Intent – Aspenwood Associates LLC – 0 Silver Street & 0 Doane Avenue to September 9, 2021.

ROLL CALL VOTE 6 – 0

7. Correspondence and Complaints

Emergency Certification – 0 School Street

Ms. Egerton explained that she had received a call from 75 Simpson Circle reporting that there is a tree on 0 School Street, Town property, leaning toward her house. The DPW went on site and agreed that the tree needs to be removed.

Motion was made by Ms. Ward and seconded by Mr. Meagher to ratify the Emergency Certification for 0 School Street – tree removal.

ROLL CALL VOTE 6 - 0

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 12, 2021

Motion was made by Ms. Galiatsos and seconded by Mr. Meagher to approve the minutes of August 12, 2021 as written.

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ROLL CALL VOTE 5 – 0 – 1 (Ward)

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

ROLL CALL VOTE 6 – 0

Meeting was adjourned at 7:05 PM.

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