



Conservation Commission AGENDA

Thursday, March 13, 2025 - 6:00 PM

Regular Meeting
Agawam Senior Center
954 Main Street
Agawam, MA 01001

A. Conservation Commission

- 1) REQUEST FOR DETERMINATION CONT.-409,411,421,427 Southwick Street-Cascio & Metz
- 2) PUBLIC HEARING CONT.-NOTICE OF INTENT-1014 North St Ext-VIP Homes & Associates, LLC (previously continued to April 24, 2025)
- 3) ENFORCEMENT ORDER UPDATES
- 4) APPROVAL OF MINUTES-February 27, 2025
- 5) Correspondence and Complaints

AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION
February 27, 2025

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Henry Kozloski, Chair
Magda Galiatsos
Keven Brown
S Page Fallon
Sheryl Becker
Frank Meagher
Jill Ward

MEMBERS ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT:

Taryn Egerton
Stefanie Kesecker

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

1. 6:00PM REQUEST FOR DETERMINATION-1163 Suffield Street-Muller Realty, LLC

Natalya Kirby, 1163 Suffield Street was present for this agenda item as well as Konstantine Kosta with Advanced Basement Waterproofing, LLC. Ms. Kirby stated the proposal is to level under the current location of the dumpsters and to construct a three-sided cinder block wall around the dumpsters.

Mr. Kozloski asked if they would be encroaching any closer to the stream/resource area. Ms. Kirby stated no. Mr. Kozloski asked what would be done with the fill and material. Ms. Kirby stated the concrete and debris will be taken off-site. Mr. Kozloski stated a silt sock would need to be installed prior to construction.

Mr. Brown asked the height of the proposed cinder block wall. Ms. Kirby stated 6ft, and it will encompass 3 of the 4 sides with a possible gate and stopper added.

Ms. Galiatsos asked when the construction would take place. Mr. Kosta stated in the Spring. Mr. Kosta stated they would not be increasing the 12x4 area of the dumpsters.

Motion was made by Mr. Meagher and seconded by Ms. Becker is issue a negative determination for 1163 Suffield Street-Muller Realty, LLC., conditional upon a silt sock being used for erosion controls, which the Commission will inspect once installed, all work shall be performed within the footprint of the existing concrete and shall not encroach any closer to the stream/resource area, and all concrete/debris to be taken offsite.

VOTE 7-0-0

2. REQUEST FOR DETERMINATION CONT.-409, 411, 421, 427 Southwick Street-Cascio & Metz

The Conservation Commission received a request to table this agenda item to the March 13, 2025 meeting.

Motion was made by Ms. Ward and seconded by Mr. Brown to table the REQUEST FOR DETERMINATION CONT.-409, 411, 421, 427 Southwick Street-Cascio & Metz to the March 13, 2025 meeting, as requested.

VOTE 7-0-0

3. PUBLIC HEARING CONT.-NOTICE OF INTENT-1014 North St Ext-VIP Homes & Associates, LLC (continued to April 24, 2025).

This agenda item was previously continued.

The Conservation Commission received a peer review proposal submitted by Stockman Associates, LLC in the amount of \$2,750.

Motion was made by Ms. Ward and seconded by Ms. Becker to accept the peer review proposal submitted by Stockman Associates, LLC in the amount of \$2,750, for the Notice of Intent on 1014 North Street Ext-VIP Homes & Associates, LLC.

VOTE 7-0-0

4. Phasing Plan-250 Suffield Street-Ekstrom & Hoyle

Kayla Ekstrom, 250 Suffield Street was present for this agenda item. The Conservation Commission requested a Phasing Plan in the Order of Conditions.

Ms. Egerton stated the Phasing Plan did not have erosion controls and reminded the applicant that silt socks must be installed prior to construction. Ms. Ekstrom stated she has Crestview Construction working on this project and they are aware of the necessary erosion controls.

Motion was made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Ms. Ward to accept the Phasing Plan for 250 Suffield Street, conditional upon erosion controls be installed prior to construction.

VOTE 7-0-0

5. ENFORCEMENT ORDER UPDATES

Nick Alvanos, 123 Nicole Terrace stated that he was concerned for the safety of his children with the concrete monuments that were in his yard. He asked the Commission if he could remove them or replace them with birdhouses. Mr. Brown stated the concrete markers are more permanent than other monuments and they need to remain in place so future owners know where

the restoration area starts. Mr. Kozloski and Ms. Galiatsos suggested planting small trees or bushes around the markers.

Mr. Kozloski asked the height of the markers. Mr. Alvanos stated between 1 ft. to 18”.

After discussion the Conservation Commission decided they will perform an onsite in the Spring to see if the markers can be put deeper into the ground.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES-February 13, 2025

Motion was made by Ms. Ward and seconded by Mr. Fallon to approve the February 13, 2025 minutes as written.

VOTE 7-0-0

7. Correspondence and Complaints

The Town has been notified by RDP Properties, LLC., that they are taking 683 South Westfield Street out of 61A. The Town has a right of first refusal to purchase the property, which is now for sale. The Mayor has requested the Commission’s recommendation. Mr. Kozloski stated the parcel isn’t on a bus line or close to shopping areas. Mr. Fallon stated the Commission reviewed the plan for this property which requires a large portion to be under a conservation restriction.

Motion was made by Mr. Fallon and seconded by Ms. Galiatsos to send a negative recommendation on the Town exercising its’ right of first refusal option to purchase 683 South Westfield Street.

VOTE 7-0-0

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

VOTE 7-0-0

Meeting adjourned at 6:50pm.