



MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WORCESTER

Monday January 29, 2024

Worcester City Hall – Levi Lincoln Chamber, with remote participation options available via WebEx online at https://cityofworcester.webex.com/meet/conservationcommissionwebex and call-in number 1-844-621-3956 (Access Code: 2631 737 2697).

Commissioners Present: Andrew Truman, Chair

Timothy Magliaro, Commissioner Lindsay Nystrom, Commissioner Joseph Charpentier, Commissioner Stuart Kirshner, Commissioner

Commissioners Absent: Devin Canton, Vice Chair

Staff Present: Eric Flint, Division of Planning & Regulatory Services (DPRS)

Amy Beth Laythe, Division of Planning & Regulatory Services (DPRS), Participated remotely

Call to Order

Chair Truman called the meeting to order at approximately 6:05 p.m.

Requests for Continuances, Postponements and Withdrawals

4) 50 Lafayette Street (aka 2A & 2B Lodi Street) – Notice of Intent (CC-2023-072 & DEP#349-13XX)

Request to Postpone to 2/26/2024
Request to Extend the Constructive Grant Deadline to 3/19/2024

5) 1256 West Boylston Street – Notice of Intent (CC-2023-076 & DEP#349-1379)

Request to Postpone to 2/26/2024 Request to Extend the Constructive Grant Deadline to 3/19/2024

6) 265 Lake Ave – Notice of Intent (CC-2023-055 & DEP#349-1373)

Request to Postpone to 2/26/2024
Request to Extend the Constructive Grant Deadline to 3/19/2024

8) 26 (Lots 2A & 2B) Apthorp Street – Notice of Intent (CC-2023-041 & DEP#349-1366)

Request to Postpone to 2/26/2024

Request to Extend the Constructive Grant Deadline to 3/19/2024

9) 0 Meadowbrook Road, 501 Salisbury Street, and the Meadowbrook Road Right-of-Way – Notice of Intent (CC-2023-043 & DEP#349-13XX)

Request to Postpone to 3/18/2024
Request to Extend the Constructive Grant Deadline to 04/09/2024

10) 116 Northeast Cutoff – Notice of Intent (CC-2023-068 & DEP#349-1378)

Request to Postpone to 2/26/2024

Request to Extend the Constructive Grant Deadline to 3/19/2024

Chair Truman read the requests for continuances, postponements, and withdrawals into the record.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Charpentier, the Commission voted 5-0 to postpone the public hearings and extend the constructive grant deadlines to the dates noted.

New Business – Requests for Determination of Applicability

1) 71 Wildwood Avenue (MBL 56-005-00001) (CC-2024-004)

Tamara and John Cullen, the applicants, would like to relocate an existing stockpile of rocks in their yard to another apart of their yard using an excavator. The stockpile will be moved outside of 100-foot wetland buffer and erosion controls will be put in place.

Mr. Flint received a call of an excavator working near a wetland at the property. He met with the homeowner on site and discussed the proposed work.

Commissioner Charpentier asked if everything would be moved outside of the buffer. Mrs. Cullen confirmed it would be moved outside the buffer.

No public Comment.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Charpentier, Seconded by Commissioner Magliaro the Commission voted 5-0 to issue Negative Determination of Applicability.

List of Exhibits:

Exhibit A: RDA Request; dated 12/27/2023; Submitted by Tamara Cullen Exhibit B: GIS Map; dated 12/08/2023; Submitted by Tamara Cullen

2) 283 Lake Avenue (aka Lake Park) (MBL 41-047-00004) (CC-2024-005)

Tracy Hudak, from Kyle Zick Landscape Architecture on behalf of The Massachusetts Department of Conservation & Recreation, the applicant, stated the work is to improve storm water collection and ADA upgrades. They would like to dig test pits in 3 locations with an alternate location in case they encounter excessive tree roots at test pit 2. All pits would be done by DCR to evaluate soil. Test pits will be filled in and would all happen in one day. Erosion controls will be left until spring and can be reseeded and revegetated. Test pit 3 is proposed to be outside of the 100' buffer, test pit 1 just outside 50ft, test pit 2 and the alternate are just within the 50ft buffer. Test pit 1 = 10 feet deep to make sure we don't hit ground water, and we don't expect to. It's to make sure the storm water treatment can accept the water. Test pit 2 and 3 = 8 feet to determine ground water separation. Will have shallow infiltration trench off of

path for storm water not extensive infrastructure. The goal is to restore vegetative buffer in that location. Aiming to be done with construction documents this year.

Mr. Flint stated test pits are exempt from buffer but require review.

No public Comment.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Charpentier, Seconded by Commissioner Magliaro the Commission voted 4-0 to issue Negative Determination of Applicability. Commissioner Nystrom is recused as she is an employee of MA DCR.

List of Exhibits:

Exhibit A: RDA Application; dated 11/29/2023; Prepared by Kyle Zick Landscaping Architecture Exhibit B: Lake Park Plans; dated 11/29/2023; Prepared by Kyle Zick Landscaping Architecture

3) 561 Plantation Street (MBL 46-045-0000B) (CC-2024-006)

Mark Borenstein, Bowditch & Dewey, Nicole Langley, Highpoint Engineering, on behalf of Manoj Ganghi, the applicant, looking to have project with storm water management and looking to dig test pits to determine ground water and adequate separation. There are 7 test pits shown on the plan. 3 test pits are within 100Ft buffer. Plans have changed and bioretention area has moved so test pits have been moved farther away from resource areas. Three test pits within the buffer will be 4x8 feet in dimension and 10 feet deep – standard test pits.

Mr. Flint stated test pits are exempt under the Wetlands Protection Act but needed to be reviewed under the ordinance. Property has conservation restriction. Applicant has been in contact with Greater Worcester Land Trust.

No public Comment.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Charpentier, Seconded by Commissioner Magliaro the Commission voted 5-0 to issue Negative Determination of Applicability specifically for test pits.

List of Exhibits:

Exhibit A: RDA Application; dated 01/10/2024; Prepared by Highpoint Engineering Inc.

Old Business - Notices of Intent

7) 204 Granite Street, 414R & 504R Massasoit Road, 1065 Millbury Street, and 253 Providence Street (aka the M165 Transmission Line) (MBL 44-013-00010, 45-032-02+03, 45-033-00006, 35-035-00002, 35-035-00001) (CC-2024-001 & DEP#349-13XX)

Gregory Russo, TRC, on behalf of New England Power Company, the applicant, discussed replacing and/or perform maintenance on existing transmission line structures, repair to access roads, installation of temporary timber matting, related site work, and to request a waiver of performance standard 4.2.4.

Mr. Flint noted that DEP stated that the applicant must obtain a 401 Water Quality Certification prior to any of the work proposed in the NOI.

Commissioner Charpentier questioned on the plans where it says right of way access will require road improvements and vegetation management and addition of stone. This looks like it goes through or across the wetland/stream.

Mr. Russo responded that the one section of the work would involve a stream crossing, noting that there is an existing path that would need tree trimming. Stone would be to fill in ruts on the path after crossing the stream. The road is outside of the right of way on new England power property. The portion that is not their property at the southernmost point, they already have permission. The matting would be on the other property.

No public Comment.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Charpentier, Seconded by Commissioner Magliaro the Commission voted 5-0 to close the public hearing.

Discussion of conditions: In addition to the standard conditions, #24 for wetland flagging, evidence of having acquired a 401 water quality cert prior to work, use of salt, sand, brining not be allowed within bordering vegetative wetlands or as a temporary stream crossing, at the conclusion of work all buffer zones should be returned to their previous conditions, insure 75% vegetative cover prior to the issuance of the certificate of compliance, as part of the COC process, a report should be prepared by a licensed wetland scientist or similarly qualified individual to provide documentation of the restoration of any disrupted and provide detail of what was used to retore these areas, and provide before/after photos as part of the final report.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Charpentier, Seconded by Commissioner Nystrom the Commission voted 5-0 to issue the order of conditions as discussed.

List of Exhibits:

Exhibit A: NOI Application; dated 12/20/2023; prepared TRC Environmental Corporation

Exhibit B: M165 Line Plan; dated 04/01/2022; prepared by TRC Environmental Corporation

Exhibit C: DEP Comments; dated 01/12/2024; prepared by Department of Environmental

Protection

New Business - Notices of Intent

11) 214 Hamilton Street (MBL 18-046-00001) – Notice of Intent (CC-2023-078)

Raphael Hernandez on behalf of REI Group, the applicant, reviewed the proposal to construct a 4 unit addition to an existing 4 unit building. They will be demolishing an existing garage and parking area. They are building retaining walls and new parking. Test pits were performed in august 2023 down to 10 feet and results are on the plans. Will be perimeter barrier fencing on the entire property. Inlet protection for catch basin all storm water will be flushed to street. Prevent erosion to adjacent road. Infiltration system is entirely in fill and there will be a retaining wall.

Mr. Flint reviewed staff comments on storm water management and tie ins for drainage. All have been addressed. DPW comments were also addressed.

No Public Comment

Upon a motion by Commissioner Magliaro, Seconded by Commissioner Nystrom the Commission voted 5-0 to close the public hearing.

Discussion of Conditions: In addition to the standard conditions, 1 full revised copy of signed/stamped storm water report and checklist reflecting the revised drainage calculations that were provided as response to staff comments and the modifications to the storm water management plan, #45 – engineer certification of the installation of the infiltration unit, #52 – Cement truck washing, deeded condition #40 for the ongoing maintenance of the storm water infrastructure. Grading and fill be appropriate materials to facilitate the infiltration.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Charpentier, Seconded by Commissioner Nystrom the Commission voted 5-0 to approve with conditions.

List of Exhibits:

Exhibit A: NOI Application; dated 10/23/2023; REI Group, LLC.

Exhibit B: Site Plans; dated 10/06/2023; revised 01/16/2024; prepared by Fodera Engineering

Exhibit C: DPW Comments; dated 12/04/2023; Department of Public Works

Exhibit D: Staff Comments; dated 11/27/2023; Eric Flint, Conservation Planner/ Agent Exhibit E: Response to Staff Comments; 01/16/2024; prepared by Fodera Engineering

Exhibit F: Stormwater Report, 09/20/2023; prepared by Fodera Engineering

12) 15 Endicott Street (MBL 05-040-00063) - Notice of Intent (CC-2023-079 & DEP#349-1382)

Lesley Wilson of HS&T Group, Inc. on behalf of Artan Ametaj, the applicant stated there is an existing 3 family home existing and parking lot is gravel. Used to be a garage but that has been demolished. Would like to expand the gravel area and pave the back area behind the building to have parking for existing units in the building. Will be erosion controls in place around perimeter. This site is within the flood zone. Grades will be smoother but pretty much exactly where existing grades are. No fill will be used on site.

Mr. Flint stated the entire site is in the flood zone and there should be no fill based on site.

No public Comment

Upon a motion by Commissioner Charpentier, Seconded by Commissioner Nystrom the Commission voted 5-0 to close the public hearing.

Discussion of Conditions: In addition to standard conditions, #25 for revised plans for flood site, no net fill will be brought on the site, #52 for cement truck washing, certificate of compliance requirement that an as built site plan be provided.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Charpentier, Seconded by Commissioner Nystrom the Commission voted 5-0 to approve with conditions.

List of Exhibits:

Exhibit A: NOI Application; dated 11/02/2023; HS&T Group, Inc.

Exhibit B: Site Plans; dated 11/02/2023; prepared by HS&T Group, Inc.

13) Salisbury Street Right-of-Way and 633, 646, & 655 Salisbury Street (MBL 50-018-00006, 55-005-00006, & 50-022-00001) – Notice of Intent (CC-2023-081 & DEP#349-1382)

Scott Bruso and Megan Kearns of Weston & Sampson, Engineers Inc. on behalf of City of Worcester Department of Public Works, the applicant, stated existing culvert in poor condition. The culvert carries and unnamed waterway. Water flows north to south and there is an existing private dam on the upstream side, north side, of the culvert. Project is to replace the existing culvert, reconstruct and pave a portion of the roadway. This project needs to tie into the existing outlet walls of the private dam and also provide and opening for an outlet of an existing 36 inch RCP storm drain located in the middle of the existing culvert as well as several utilities located below the existing culvert that the new culvert needs to span over. There is an existing 6-inch gas main that runs through the existing culvert that is to be relocated below the proposed culvert during construction. During construction, waterway will be diverted with stone at pipe end to prevent scouring and traffic will be maintained. The culvert will be constructed in 2 stages in order to maintain traffic. Proposed wetland impacts will be improved by new culvert. Staff comments were responded. DEP file number received, and similar comments were received.

Mr. Flint reviewed staff comments related to compliance with stream crossing standards and design of culvert. The amount of substrate at the downstream end was only two inches where the standard calls for two feet. DPW said ideally, they would want to meet standards but don't feel it is feasible or necessary in this case. There is a utility line, and the box culvert was necessary to protect the utilities.

Commissioner Charpentier asked considering slope and the design of the box culvert, would it be a possible transition to an open bottom culvert after the utility crossing has been made in the last third of the culvert to be closer to the standard?

Mr. Bruso responded that constructability options and difference in two structures, the box culvert would be in the best interest of the project. We could provide other options to keep some of the natural stream bed intact at the downstream end. A different structure type with an open bottom would add complications to construction.

Commissioner Charpentier asked if there are storm drain connections into the side of the culvert. Mr. Bruso responded in the affirmative.

Commissioner Magliaro asked about the condition of the private dam.

Mr. Flint answered that City Staff had no knowledge of the condition of the private dam.

Applicant does not have awareness of the condition of private dam.

In response to a question from Commissioner Magliaro, Mr. Bruso provided details regarding construction sequencing and erosion & sedimentation control.

No Public Comment

Upon a motion by Commissioner Charpentier, Seconded by Commissioner Magliaro the Commission voted 5-0 to close the public hearing.

Discussion of Conditions: In addition to standard conditions, #24 for wetland flagging, #52 for cement truck washing, For the culvert replacement process, adhere to the following conditions: Activities to install the culvert shall take place during a dry period with no precipitation is forecasted within 48 hours, that the

commission or its agent shall perform an inspection of the erosion controls and conditions onsite prior to the commencement of work on this phase, the applicant or contractor provide the office of the commission at least 48 hours' notice prior to the commencement of work, professional wetland scientist oversee activities related to crossing construction and be onsite during that time to insure no inadvertent impacts happen in the wetland resource area. This person shall document this work and submit a report within one week of completion of the installation to the office of the commission. Document photos of the site before/during/after, documenting whether impacts occurred to the resource area and how they were remedied and documenting how the area was stabilized, noting any deviations that exist between the final conditions and the plans. The applicant shall provide an appropriately signed/stamped as built crossing of all areas related to the project prepared by a licensed professional engineer within 30 days of completion of the crossing demonstrating compliance with this condition.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Charpentier, Seconded by Commissioner Nystrom the Commission voted 3-1 to issue Order of Conditions, with Commissioner Charpentier voting against.

List of Exhibits:

Exhibit A: NOI Application; dated 11/29/2023; prepared by Weston & Sampson, Engineers Inc.

Exhibit B: Site Plans; dated 11/29/2023; prepared by Weston & Sampson, Engineers Inc.

Exhibit C: DEP Comments; dated 01/25/2023; Department of Environmental Protection

Exhibit D: Staff Comments; dated 11/23/2023; Eric Flint, Conservation Planner/ Agent

Exhibit E: Response to Staff Comments; 11/23/2024; prepared by Weston & Sampson, Engineers Inc.

Exhibit F: Stormwater Checklist; dated 12/19/2023; prepared by Weston & Sampson, Engineers Inc.

Exhibit G: Wetland Delineation Report; dated 04/12/2022; prepared by Weston & Sampson, Engineers Inc.

14) 357 Granite Street (MBL 45-013-00012) - Notice of Intent (CC-2024-002 & DEP#349-1387)

Jason Dubois of DC Engineering & Survey, Inc. and David Matte, the applicant, proposed to construct a single-family house, there is a portion of the driveway that is within the 15 and 30ft buffers however, that is a pre-existing and in use by 355 Granite Street, but will no longer be used since the property was split. We are proposing to reuse that driveway entrance as shown on the plans. There is slight grading that is within the 30ft buffer but no other structures. Further up on the property is a house & septic system that is outside the 50ft buffer (and a portion is outside the 100ft buffer zone). We have erosion controls surrounding all work areas. Project did go through planning board and site plan was approved last week with conditions. Need to submit final plan to DPW and don't have DEP number yet so requesting a continuance.

Mr. Flint reviewed staff comments, noting a request to relocate the driveway outside of the 30' buffer.

Commissioner Charpentier opined that there was room to shift the driveway, noting that he wouldn't be inclined to grant a waiver of the buffer zone performance standards, Commissioner Magliaro concurred.

Chair Truman said that on the street view there is no curb line or curb cut there so seems like it can be moved.

Mr. Dubois clarified that the commissioners were looking to keep the driveway out of the 30ft zone and responded that it certainly can be done with additional grading.

The applicant confirmed they were amenable to a continuance to the 2/26/24 meeting.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Charpentier, Seconded by Commissioner Magliaro the Commission voted 5-0 to continue to February 26th Meeting.

List of Exhibits:

Exhibit A: NOI Application; dated 12/05/2023; prepared by DC Engineering & Survey, Inc

Exhibit B: Site Plan; dated 10/27/2023/; revised 12/02/2023; revised 12/29/2023; prepared by DC Engineering & Survey, Inc

Exhibit C: Wetland Report; dated 10/26/2023; prepared by EcoTec, Inc.

Exhibit D: Staff Comments; dated 12/29/2023; Eric Flint, Conservation Planner/ Agent

Exhibit E: Request for Waiver of 4.2.4; dated 01/17/2024; prepared by DC Engineering & Survey,

Inc

15) 14 Shoreham Street (MBL 33-004-00007) - Notice of Intent (CC-2024-007 & DEP#349-1386)

Greg Roy of Dillis & Roy Civil Design Group, Inc. on behalf of Scott & Hanne Larson, the applicant, reviewed the resource areas at the site and the proposal to construct a single-family house, driveway, deck, retaining wall, and related site work. Mr. Roy noted that there was no work proposed within Bordering Land Subject to Flooding and that the project was limited to the buffer zone.

Mr. Flint reviewed staff comments.

Commissioner Charpentier clarified that there is no additional pavement proposed and access to new structure is from the existing driveway.

In response to a question from Commissioner Charpentier, Mr. Roy confirmed that access would be provided from the existing driveway to the adjacent house.

Mr. Roy responded yes, that is correct.

Chair Truman noted that any walkways, steps, decks, etc. should be added to the plans.

Commissioner Magliaro asked if there was going to be a stockpile at the rear of the proposed house and where the roof drains were directed to. Mr. Roy provided additional details.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Matthew Corey, of 12 Shoreham Street, asked how far the new house would be set back from his house, which is adjacent to the subject site. Mr. Roy responded, noting that he believed the design to be compliant with Worcester's zoning setbacks. Mr. Corey discussed issues at his property related to basement flooding.

Chair Truman noted that the discussion was straying from the Commission's purview.

Mr. Roy provided a few additional details regarding the proposed design and thanked Mr. Corey for his comments.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Charpentier, Seconded by Commissioner Magliaro the Commission voted 5-0 to close the public hearing.

Discussion of Conditions: In addition to the standard conditions, #24 for wetland flagging, #25 for revised plans showing perimeter and sedimentation controls, preconstruction conditions are that the BFLS line be staked in the field prior to any work starting, portion to the southwest of the existing pavement will have no fill in floodplain, #52 for cement truck washing, #54 that no net fill will be placed in boarding land subject to flooding, #64 for pesticides, #65 for sand and salt, deeded condition 64 and 65. Stockpile have its own erosion controls. Provide an updated plan with walkway.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Charpentier, Seconded by Commissioner Magliaro the Commission voted 5-0 to issue order of conditions.

List of Exhibits:

Exhibit A: NOI Application; dated 01/05/2024; prepared by Dillis & Roy Civil Design Group, Inc.

Exhibit B: Site Plans; dated 01/05/2024; revised 01/19/2024; revised 01/23/2024; Dillis & Roy Civil Design Group, Inc.

Exhibit C: Existing Conditions Plan; dated 01/05/2024; prepared by Dillis & Roy Civil Design Group, Inc.

Exhibit D: DEP Comments; dated 01/25/2023; Department of Environmental Protection Exhibit E: Staff Comments; dated 01/19/2023; Eric Flint, Conservation Planner/ Agent

Exhibit F: Response to Staff Comments; 01/24/2024; prepared by Dillis & Roy Civil Design Group, Inc.

16) 0 Myrick Avenue and the Myrick Avenue Right-of-Way (MBL 33-019-154-5) - Notice of Intent (CC-2024-008 & DEP#349-13XX)

Glenn Krevosky, EBT Environmental, noted that he would be meeting with the applicant and project engineering team to discuss staff comments. Mr. Krevosky provided a history of the site and reviewed the wetland resource areas present, highlighting that the isolated wetland area was not considered Isolated Land Subject to Flooding (ILSF) based on the calculations from the project team.

Mr. Flint reviewed staff comments, providing a history of previous filings with the Conservation Commission, noting that a 2009 Notice of Intent had been denied by the Commission previously and subsequently denied by DEP upon appeal, and that DEP had determined the isolated area to be ILSF.

Mr. Krevosky provided additional details in response to questions from the Commission.

The Commission and Mr. Krevosky agreed to conduct a site visit prior to the next meeting.

No Public Comment.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Charpentier, Seconded by Commissioner Magliaro the Commission voted 5-0 to continue to the next meeting 2/26/2024.

List of Exhibits:

Exhibit A: NOI Application; dated 01/11/2024; prepared by EBT Environmental Consultants, Inc.

Exhibit B: Site Plans; dated 12/20/2023; revised 01/19/2024; revised 01/23/2024; prepared by Graves Engineering, Inc.

Exhibit C: Stormwater Report; dated 12/18/2023; prepared by Graves Engineering, Inc.

Exhibit D: Betterment Assessment; dated 02/26/0218; prepared by Stamski and McNary, Inc.

Exhibit E: Staff Comments; dated 01/25/2024; Eric Flint, Conservation Planner/ Agent

Exhibit F: ILSF Calculations; prepared by Graves Engineering, Inc.

Exhibit G: DPW Comments; dated 01/19/2024; Richard Saltrick, Assistant Commissioner of Engineering

Other Business

17) Requests for Certificates of Compliance

a. Hospital Drive (CC-2019-040)

Tabled

b. 462 Salisbury Street (CC-2020-009 & DEP#349-1269)

There were items (Fencing/Concrete Decking) that were outside of approved conditions and did not do plantings. Applicant will need to remediate or amend the order of conditions that was approved. Issues are fence within buffer and lack of plantings. Applicant should be held responsible, not the current homeowners who in good faith bought a property. Not sure if there were any conditions on the purchase of the property.

List of Exhibits:

Exhibit A: COC Request; dated 12/07/2023; prepared by Xenos Custom Homes LLC Exhibit B: Approved Plan; dated 04/14/2020; prepared by Xenos Custom Homes LLC Exhibit C: OOC; issued 05/27/2020; prepared by Worcester Conservation Commission Exhibit D: As Built Plan; dated 12/07/2024; prepared by Levesque Geomatics Inc.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Charpentier, Seconded by Commissioner Magliaro, the Commission voted 5-0 to deny the Certificate of Compliance.

c. 575 Park Avenue (CC-2022-053 & DEP#349-1332)

Upon a motion by Commissioner Charpentier, Seconded by Commissioner Magliaro, the Commission voted 5-0 to issue the Certificate of Compliance.

List of Exhibits:

Exhibit A: COC Request Letter; dated 01/05/2024; prepared by Metrowest Engineering, Inc.

Exhibit B: Request for COC; dated 01/05/2024; submitted by Danny Paisner

Exhibit C: As-Built Elevation Certification; dated 01/08/2024; prepared Metrowest Engineering,

Inc.

Exhibit D: As-Built Site Plan; issued 01/05/2024; prepared Metrowest Engineering, Inc.

d. 36 Foxmeadow Road (DEP#349-0365)

Upon a motion by Commissioner Charpentier, Seconded by Commissioner Nystrom, the Commission voted 5-0 to issue the Partial Certificate of Compliance.

List of Exhibits:

Exhibit A: Request for COC; dated 01/17/2024; submitted by Francis Harrington

e. 1C Ararat Street (DEP#349-0476)

Upon a motion by Commissioner Charpentier, Seconded by Commissioner Nystrom, the Commission voted 5-0 to issue the partial Certificate of Compliance.

List of Exhibits:

Exhibit A: Request for COC; dated 01/17/2024; submitted by Standard Title & Escrow, PLLC

18) Requests for Certificates of Compliance extension of time

a. 80 (aka 90) Barber Avenue (CC-2017-075 & DEP#349-1175)

Upon a motion by Commissioner Charpentier, Seconded by Commissioner Nystrom, the Commission voted 5-0 to issue the Certificate of Compliance extension of time of 1 year.

List of Exhibits:

Exhibit A: Extension Request for OOC; dated 01/08/2024; submitted by Wells Stanwick, PSCWorcester, LLC

b. 158 Dorchester Street (aka Mulcahy Field) (CC-2020-013)

Upon a motion by Commissioner Charpentier, Seconded by Commissioner Magliaro, the Commission voted 5-0 to issue the Certificate of Compliance extension of time of 1 year.

19) Enforcement Order and Violation Updates

- a. 99 Wildwood Avenue (CC-EO-2020-009)
- b. 166 Moreland Street (CC-EO-2020-011)
- c. 522 Grove Street (CC-EO-2020-014)
- d. 0 Myrick Avenue (CC-EO-2020-015)
- e. 75 Harrington Way (CC-EO-2021-003)
- f. 40 June Street Terrace (CC-EO-2021-004)
- g. 12 AKA 0 Balis Avenue (CC-EO-2021-005)
- h. 269 James Street (CC-EO-2021-007)
- i. 90 AKA 100 Camelot Street AKA Farber Field (CC-EO-2021-008)
- j. 70 North Parkway AKA Burncoat Park (CC-EO-2022-002)
- k. 3 Aster Place (CC-EO-2022-005)
- I. Hospital Drive ROW (CC-EO-2022-006)
- m. 215 Lake Avenue (CC-EO-2022-007)
- n. 4 Tiffany Avenue (CC-EO-2023-001)
- o. 0 Mcavey Way & 1393 Grafton Street (CC-EO-2023-003)
- p. 265 Lake Avenue (CC-EO-2023-006)

q. 133 Granite Street (CC-EO-2023-007)

Mr. Flint reviewed the remedial actions taken as required by the Commission in the Enforcement Order.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Charpentier, Seconded by Commissioner Nystrom, the Commission voted 5-0 to lift the enforcement order.

- r. 0 Harrington Way (CC-EO-2023-009)
- s. 570 Lincoln Street (CC-EO-2023-010)

There was no discussion of items 12 a-9 a-p, r & s.

20) Communications

NONE

21) Approval of Minutes – 12/18/2023, 1/8/2024

Tabled

22) Open Space Discussion

 a. Endorsement of the Conveyance of a Conservation Restriction on St. George Forest to Greater Worcester Land Trust

Mr. Flint provided an update on the LAND Grant process for the acquisition of St. George Forest and noted that the City and GWLT were in the process of finalizing a Conservation Restriction document with the EEA.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Charpentier, Seconded by Commissioner Nystrom, the Commission voted 5-0 to endorse the conveyance of a Conservation Restriction on St. George Forest to Greater Worcester Land Trust.

b. Sprague Trail Bridge Design Project – MassTrails Grant Application

Mr. Flint reviewed the current situation at Sprague Trail, which is on a City-owned parcel under the Commission's custodianship within the Broad Meadow Brook Wildlife Sanctuary. The trail has a crossing over Broad Meadow Brook, which is currently impassible due to flooding conditions. Mr. Flint reviewed a grant opportunity through the MassTrails Program to fund the design of an accessible bridge for the crossing.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Charpentier, Seconded by Commissioner Nystrom, the Commission voted 5-0 to express support for the grant application and bridge project.

23) Policies and Procedures

NONE

Adjournment

Upon a motion by Commissioner Magliaro, seconded by Commissioner Charpentier, the Commission unanimously voted to adjourn at approximately 8:24 PM.