

**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WORCESTER  
MARCH 13, 2017  
WORCESTER CITY HALL – LEVI LINCOLN CHAMBERS**

**Conservation Commission Members Present:**

Joseph Charpentier, Chair (arrived late)  
Peter McKone, Vice Chair  
Amanda Amory  
Jordan Berg Powers  
Christian Escobar  
Tunde Baker

**Member Absent:**

None

**Staff Present:**

Edmund Kochling, Department of Public Works & Parks  
Michelle M. Smith, Planning & Regulatory Services Division

**Call to Order:** 5:30 pm

**Other Business:**

- 1. Request for Determination of Significance and Subsequent Action** due to a Project Change relative to an Order of Conditions for Remediation Activities at 0 (aka 30), 20, & 42 (aka 40) Quinsigamond Avenue (CC-2016-013 & -029; MassDEP #: 349-1127)

David Petit, of Amec, Foster, Wheeler, appeared upon behalf of the applicant, EverSource. Mr. Petit reviewed the project plans that were approved. He reviewed complications during site work where they've been required to propose changes to now include an in-situ solidification at the base of relief holder #3, essentially rendering impervious, in order to prevent migration and to act as a barrier given the requirements of the Massachusetts Contingency Plan. Mr. Petit stated that they believe the changes proposed are insignificant. He reviewed that this Intermediate Response Action Plan modification has been sent to Massachusetts DEP in compliance with the Massachusetts Contingency Plan requirements.

Commissioner McKone asked if this would be the final change to the plan. Mr. Petit stated he was not sure as plan has not been approved by Mass DEP.

Commissioner Amory and Commissioner Escobar each requested information regarding whether or not the walls of the relief holder currently and with the proposed solidification would be water tight. Mr. Petit stated that walls may not be water tight based on the information they have and with the new treatment the base is anticipated to be impervious.

Commissioner McKone stated that he would prefer to continue this item until the next Conservation Commission meeting so that Mass DEP has reviewed the plans before they decide on the matter.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Amory and seconded by Commissioner Berg Powers the Commission voted 5-0 to continue the item until the March 20, 2017 Conservation Commission meeting.

**2. Overview of the Massachusetts Stormwater Management Policy, Handbook, and Standards and Related Jurisdiction of Massachusetts Conservation Commissions**

Judith Schmitz, Central Region Circuit Rider at the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection Wetlands and Waterways Bureau presented to the Commission, using a power point, a summary of the Massachusetts Stormwater Management Policy. Ms. Schmitz reviewed certain elements of the Policy in-depth as it applies to Conservation Commissions' reviews under the Massachusetts Wetland Protection Regulations.

Staff and the Commission asked questions regarding certain scenarios and procedures and Ms. Schmitz answered.

The Commission thanked Ms. Schmitz for her time and presentation.

**Adjournment**

Upon a motion by Commissioner McKone and seconded by Commissioner Amory, the Commission adjourned the meeting at 7:24 p.m.