

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

**October 7, 2019**

**WORCESTER CITY HALL – ESTHER HOWLAND CHAMBERS**

**Conservation Commission Members Present:** Joseph Charpentier, Chair  
Christian Escobar, Vice Chair  
Devin Canton

**Conservation Commission Members Absent:** Azal Khaled  
Amanda Amory

**Staff Present:** Stefanie Covino, Division of Planning & Regulatory Services

**Call to Order**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**Requests for Continuances, Postponements, Withdrawals**

Item 2. Salisbury Hill (AKA 727 Salisbury Street)  
Notice of Intent (CC-2019-035; DEP#349-1253)

Item 7. 757 Salisbury Street  
Notice of Intent (CC-2019-045)

Item 10. 59 Webster Street  
Notice of Intent (CC-2019-057; DEP#349-XXXX)

Item 12. 30 AKA 40 Quinsigamond Avenue  
Notice of Intent (CC-2019-059; DEP#349-XXXX)

Item 13a. 128 Alvarado Avenue  
& 14a. Request for Extension of Time & Project Change Request (CC-2008-045 / CC-2017-017 / DEP#349-963)

Item 15b. 13 White Birch Drive  
Request for Certificate of Compliance (CC-2018-069; DEP#349-1214)

Upon a motion by Commissioner Canton and seconded by Commissioner Escobar, the Commission voted 3-0 to continue item 2 until 11/25/19 and postpone items 7, 10, 13a, 14a, and 15b until 11/4/19. Upon a motion by Commissioner Escobar and seconded by Commissioner Canton, the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone item 12.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Upon a motion by Commissioner Escobar and seconded by Commissioner Canton, the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the minutes from the 8/26/19 and 9/16/19 meetings.

**Public Hearings**

**Old Business – Notices of Intent**

**Item 1. 0 Meadowbrook Road (MBL 25-042-0003A)**  
File #: CC-2019-013; DEP # 349-1242  
Applicant: Joe Goodman  
Project: To construct a single family house, construct a cul-de-sac, and conduct associated site work  
Jurisdiction: MA Wetlands Protection Act and the City of Worcester Wetlands Protection Ordinance  
Action: The applicant's representative requested that the project be continued to December 16, 2019 and if the filing was not received by November 25, 2019, then the applicant would request a Leave to Withdraw. Upon a motion by Commissioner Escobar and seconded by Commissioner Canton, the Commission voted 3-0 to continue the item until 12/16/19.

**Item 3. 0 Whisper Drive (MBL 50-022-04B-6 and 50-022-04B-7)**  
File #: CC-2019-039  
Applicant: Wingspan Development  
Project: To construct two single family homes with associated driveways, utilities, stormwater systems, and site work  
Jurisdiction: City of Worcester Wetlands Protection Ordinance  
Action: The applicant's representative from EcoTec presented updates to the project and stormwater management details. Upon a motion by Commission Escobar and seconded by Commission Canton, the Commission voted 3-0 to close the public hearing. Upon a motion by Commission Escobar and seconded by Commission Canton, the Commission voted 3-0 to issue an order of conditions.

#### **New Business – Requests for Determination of Applicability**

**Item 4. 32 Meena Drive (MBL 27-009-0009A)**  
File #: CC-2019-053  
Applicant: Pam Barnes  
Project: Perform tree work, including cutting down and trimming trees  
Jurisdiction: MA Wetlands Protection Act and the City of Worcester Wetlands Protection Ordinance  
Action: The applicant presented the project and, since there would be no impact to the resource area, upon a motion by Commission Escobar and seconded by Commission Canton, the Commission voted 3-0 to issue a negative determination of applicability.

**Item 5. 143 Wildwood Avenue (MBL 56-009-00002)**  
File #: CC-2019-055  
Applicant: Real Estate Alternatives  
Project: To construct a duplex and associated site work  
Jurisdiction: MA Wetlands Protection Act and the City of Worcester Wetlands Protection Ordinance  
Action: The applicant's representative from EcoTec presented the project and, since the limit of work was beyond the jurisdictional area of the Commission, upon a motion by Commission Canton and seconded by Commission Escobar, the Commission voted 3-0 to issue a negative determination of applicability.

**Item 6. 54 Rockdale Street (MBL 12-024-00007)**  
File #: CC-2019-060  
Applicant: New England Power Company DBA National Grid  
Project: To clear vegetation for utility access  
Jurisdiction: MA Wetlands Protection Act and the City of Worcester Wetlands Protection Ordinance

Action: The applicant's representative TRC presented the project and, since the project was necessary for public safety for utility access and would not negatively impact the resource area, upon a motion by Commission Canton and seconded by Commission Escobar, the Commission voted 3-0 to issue a negative determination of applicability.

## **New Business – Notices of Intent**

### **Item 8. 668 Burncoat Street (MBL 32-056-00001)**

File #: CC-2019-054; DEP#349-1255

Applicant: DeWolfe Contracting

Project: To construct two duplexes, driveways, utilities, stormwater infrastructure, and associated site work

Jurisdiction: MA Wetlands Protection Act and the City of Worcester Wetlands Protection Ordinance

Action: The applicant's representative from EcoTec presented the project and the Commission had questions clarifying grading changes. Upon a motion by Commission Escobar and seconded by Commission Canton, the Commission voted 3-0 to continue the item until 11/4/19.

### **Item 9. 1 College Street (AKA College of the Holy Cross) (MBL 10-040-00001)**

File #: CC-2019-056

Applicant: College of the Holy Cross

Project: To construct a new academic building, reconfigure a parking lot and utilities, and perform associated site work

Jurisdiction: City of Worcester Wetlands Protection Ordinance

Action: The applicant's representative from Waterfield Design Group presented the project and answered questions from the Commission. Upon a motion by Commission Escobar and seconded by Commission Canton, the Commission voted close the public hearing. Upon a motion by Commission Escobar and seconded by Commission Canton, the Commission voted 3-0 to issue an order of conditions.

### **Item 11. 265 May Street (MBL 48-015-00001)**

File #: CC-2019-058

Applicant: City of Worcester School Department

Project: To modify stormwater drainage by installing a series of drains and swales

Jurisdiction: City of Worcester Wetlands Protection Ordinance

Action: The applicant's representative from Quinn Engineering presented the project and answered questions from the Commission. Upon a motion by Commission Escobar and seconded by Commission Canton, the Commission voted close the public hearing. Upon a motion by Commission Escobar and seconded by Commission Canton, the Commission voted 3-0 to issue an order of conditions.

## **Other Business**

### **Item 13. Request for Extension of Time**

b. Arboretum Village (CC-EO-2016-002; CC-2009-042; DEP #349-979)

The applicant and their representative provided an update to the project and requested an extension. The Commission and staff asked questions regarding stormwater, timeline, original filing, and scope and allowed the applicant to provide a new Notice of Intent before the next meeting before approving or denying the current request. Upon a motion by Commission Escobar and seconded by Commission Canton, the Commission voted 3-0 to continue the item until November 4, 2019.

**Item 14. Project Change Request and Request for Amended Order of Conditions**

- b. Country Club Acres (CC-2019-010; DEP# 349-1239) –modify permanent marker locations  
The Commission reviewed comments compiled by staff and, upon a motion by Commission Escobar and seconded by Commission Canton, the Commission voted 3-0 to accept a modification of the originally required permanent markers that included all of those proposed by the applicant, plus additional requested by the Commission.
- c. 457 Granite Street (CC-2018-010; DEP# 349-1187) – add shed and driveway  
The applicant proposed modifications to add a shed and driveway to the project on the other side of the resource area from existing work and provided an update. The Commission had several questions about scope and phasing and continued the item until November 4, 2019.

**Item 15. Requests for Certificates of Compliance**

- a. 38 Toronita Avenue lots 1-3 (AKA 38, 40, 42 Toronita Avenue) (CC-2014-015;DEP# 349-1082)  
The Commission reviewed photos of the now stabilized site and, upon a motion by Commission Escobar and seconded by Commission Canton, the Commission voted 3-0 to issue a Certificate of Compliance.

**Item 16. Enforcement Order and Violation Updates**

- a. 100 Goldthwaite Road (AKA White Birch Commons (FKA Burncoat Gardens)) (CC-2013-057; DEP #349-1075; CC-EO-2017-001)  
The applicant was not in attendance and the project was not discussed.
- b. Arboretum Village (CC-2009-042; DEP #349-979; CC-EO-2016-002)  
This was discussed under item 13b.
- c. Country Club Acres (AKA Garrison Avenue & 190 Mountain Street East; Cobblestone Lane (FKA Paradise Point)) (CC-2007-025; DEP #349-931; CC-EO-2017-009; UAO-CE-18-6W001)  
No update
- d. 20 Quinsigamond Avenue (CC-2014-002; DEP#349-1077; CC-EO-2018-004)  
The applicant and their representative attended the meeting, reviewed revised plans to the Commission, and requested additional time to complete grading in the fall and planting in the spring. Upon a motion by Commission Escobar and seconded by Commission Canton, the Commission voted 3-0 to modify the enforcement order to allow this timeline, giving staff authority to determine exact dates.
- e. 128 Alvarado Ave (CC-2008-045 / CC-2017-017; DEP#349-963; CC-EO-2016-004)  
No update
- f. Burncoat Heights (CC-2017-043; CC-EO-2019-001)  
The applicant was not in attendance. Staff provided an update that plans had been submitted, but additional information was pending. Staff noted that a project change request should be filed to cover what the existing conditions are compared to the approved plans.
- g. 13 White Birch Drive (CC-2018-069; DEP#349-1214 EO-CC-2019-002)  
Staff provided a brief update and noted that a COC will be filed for the next meeting.
- h. 351 Bridle Path (CC-2018-089; DEP#349-1230 ; EO-CC-2019-003)  
The applicant and their representative attended. The representative provided an update to the project and noted that the floodplain elevation had been incorrect previously. The Commission had several questions and noted that staff would follow up with the representative to discuss the new plans.
- i. 21 Paradox Drive (CC-2018-002; DEP#349-1182; EO-CC-2019-004)  
Staff noted that the representative was not able to attend but provided an update and photos that the plantings were complete and that a COC would be filed for soon.

- j. 19 Heard Street (AKA Hadwen Park) (CC-2018-032; DEP#349-1196)  
Staff noted that no updated report had yet been submitted for the hydraulic fluid spill at Hadwen Park after the July report that required modifications and staff had provided feedback on.

**Item 17. Communication**

- a. MACC Fall Conference Flyer, from MACC, received 9/17/19
- b. Erosion Control Field Day Flyer, from Essex Conservation District, received 9/17/19
- c. Notification of RAM plan for 1023-1025 Southbridge Street, CC-2019-042, received 9/25/19
- d. Notification of Required Maintenance at 29A Wigwam Street, from National Grid, received 9/26/19

**Item 18. Discussion of Commission Regulations, Processes & Procedures**

- a. Discuss proposed budget for FY20

**Item 19. Discussion of Special Conditions and Issuance of Orders of Conditions**

**Item 20. Signing of Decisions**

**Adjournment**

Upon a motion by Commission Escobar and seconded by Commission Canton, the Commission voted 3-0 to adjourn at 8:48pm.