

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

October 22, 2012

WORCESTER CITY HALL – LEVI LINCOLN ROOM

Conservation Commission Members Present:

Joseph Wanat, Chair
Stefanie Wood – Vice-Chair
Jeremy Theerman
John Donahue

Staff Present:

Jonathan P. Gervais, Department of Public Works & Parks
Nancy Tran, Division of Planning & Regulatory Services
Abigail McCabe, Division of Planning & Regulatory Services

CALL TO ORDER: The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:37 pm.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Upon a motion by Commissioner Wood and seconded by Commissioner Theerman, the Commission voted 4-0 to approve the 09/10/2012 minutes.

NEW BUSINESS

Public Meeting

1. 100 Laureldale Road (CC-2012-048) – Request for Determination of Applicability:

Joseph Cosgrove, owner of and applicant for 100 Laureldale Road stated that he sought determination as to whether a proposed well as depicted on his submitted plan is subject to the jurisdiction of the Wetlands Protection Act on property located at 100 Laureldale Road. He also proposed abandoning an existing well and two shallow cesspools located within the 100 ft wetland buffer. Mr. Cosgrove said the new well will be located away from the leach field but within the 100' buffer and that haybales and silt fences will be in place for the project.

Chair Wanat said the new well looked clearly outside the 30' buffer and appeared to be at least 40' from the wetland.

Commissioner Wood asked if there were any concerns with respect to the new well location and its proximity to an abandoned cesspool.

Mr. Cosgrove stated the engineer did not raise any concerns but that more would not be known about the conditions until well drilling. He also said that the leach field would be located north of the new septic system.

Mr. Gervais stated the project met DPW&P standards.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Wood and seconded by Commissioner Theerman, the Commission voted 4-0 to issue a negative Determination of Applicability.

List of Exhibits:

Exhibit A: Request for Determination of Applicability application for 100 Laureldale Road; submitted by Joseph K. Cosgrove; received September 26, 2012.

Exhibit B: Sewage Disposal System Repair; prepared by Land Planning, Inc.; dated August 15, 2012.

Exhibit C: Memorandum from Department of Public Works to Conservation Commission; re: 100 Laureldale - RDA; dated October 22, 2012.

OTHER BUSINESS

2. Enforcement Order – 187 Greenwood Street (CC-2012-001):

Scott Goddard of Goddard Consulting updated the Commission with respect to restoration work on property located at 187 Greenwood Street. He stated he provided staff with plans dated October 2, 2012 removing proposed development work related to a Notice of Intent filing and received a letter from staff authorizing restoration work. Mr. Goddard described the work that had taken the previous 4-5 days and said he had inspected the outside fill to be used. He added that all work would be completed within one week.

Mr. Goddard stated he has had no communication with abutters and was amenable to providing another report at the Commission’s next meeting.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Theerman and seconded by Commissioner Wood, the Commission voted 4-0 to continue the item to November 5, 2012.

3. Enforcement Order – 14 Ada Street (CC-2012-001):

Ms. Tran told the Commission she was in contact with Mr. Aubin and expected his attendance at the present meeting to discuss mitigation measures to prevent further erosion. Mr. Aubin was absent from the meeting.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Theerman and seconded by Commissioner Donahue, the Commission voted 4-0 to continue the item to November 5, 2012.

4. Request for Certificate of Compliance– 24 Jasmine Drive (CC-199-054):

Mr. Gervais stated that the property had no stability issues and had been completed.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Wood and seconded by Commissioner Donahue, the Commission voted 4-0 to issue a Certificate of Compliance.

List of Exhibits:

Exhibit A: Request for Certificate of Compliance – 24 Jasmine Drive; submitted by Katie Potrzuski, SKM Title & Closing Services, Inc.; received October 9, 2012.

5. Received Communication – Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions (MACC) Annual Calendar, Fall 2012-Summer 2013:

The Commission did not take action on the received communication.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Commissioner Wood and seconded by Commissioner Donahue, the Commission voted 6-0 to adjourn the meeting at 5:50 PM.