



City of Worcester Conservation Commission Meeting Agenda

Monday, February 9, 2015

Worcester City Hall, 455 Main Street, Levi Lincoln Chamber, Room 309, 3rd floor
5:30 P.M.

Commission Members

Stefanie Wood – *Chair*
John Donahue – *Vice-Chair*
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Joseph Charpentier
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Division of Planning & Regulatory Services serves as the Commission's staff.

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Planning & Regulatory Services

To provide credible, timely, and accessible data and analysis for decision-making and problem solving for land and programmatic development

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Upcoming Meetings

March 2, 2015
March 23, 2015
April 13, 2015
May 4, 2015
May 18, 2015*
June 8, 2015
June 29, 2015

*To be held at Esther Howland

The 2/9/15 Conservation Commission meeting was cancelled. All items have been postponed to a meeting scheduled for 3/2/15 at 5:30PM in City Hall, Levi Lincoln Chamber, Room 309.

Call to Order – 5:30 pm

Approval of the Minutes – 4/28/14, 7/14/14, 8/25/14 & 12/15/14

Requests for Continuances, Extensions of Time, Postponements, Withdrawals

Unfinished Business – Notice of Intent

Public Hearings

1. 421 & 427 Grove Street (MBL 20-031-00018 & 20-031-00011) (CC-2014-062)

Application: Notice of Intent

Applicant: Constitution Drive, LLC

Project: Demolish the existing structure at 421 Grove Street and construct a ~2,400 SF commercial building for retail and bank uses with 12 accessory off-street parking spaces at 421 & 427 Grove Street. Other proposed work includes grading, drainage, stormwater management system, utilities, retaining wall, and landscaping and associated site work.

Jurisdiction: City of Worcester Wetlands Protection Ordinance – the proposal shall occur within the 100-ft buffer zone to a Stormwater Protection Zone

Public Hearing Opening Deadline: WPA – N/A; WWPO – ~~4/3/15~~, ~~2/9/15~~, 3/2/15

New Business – Request for Determination

2. CSX Railroad Right-of-Way (between Worcester/Auburn town line & Liscomb St) (CC-2014-065)

Application: Request for Determination of Applicability

Applicant: CSX Transportation, Inc.

Project: Confirm resource area boundaries along its railroad right-of-way (~4 miles, between Worcester/Auburn town line and Liscomb St) in order to conduct vegetation management for pesticide spraying

Jurisdiction: Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and City of Worcester Wetlands Protection Ordinance – the proposal shall occur within the 100-ft buffer zones to Bordering Vegetated Wetland and three perennial streams (Kettle Brook, Curtis Ponds and Beaver Brook)

Public Hearing Opening Deadline: WPA – N/A; WWPO – ~~4/17/15~~, ~~2/9/15~~, 3/2/15

3. 444 Mower Street (MBL 47-19E-00012) (CC-2015-003)

Application: Request for Determination of Applicability

Applicant: Gerard Aubin

Project: Seek determination as to whether the area and/or work related to the clearing of vegetation (retroactive) and for proposed connection of a pipe in the northwestern portion of the property to a culvert on the southwestern corner of the property on property located at 444 Mower Street is subject to the jurisdiction of the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and/or City of Worcester Wetlands Protection Ordinance

Jurisdiction: Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and City of Worcester Wetlands Protection Ordinance – the proposal shall occur within the 100-ft buffer zones to an intermittent stream or Stormwater Protection Zone

Public Hearing Opening Deadline: WPA – N/A; WWPO – ~~2/27/15~~, 3/2/15

New Business – Notices of Intent

Public Hearings

4. 0 Granite Street (MBL 31-009-00008) (CC-2014-058)

Application: Notice of Intent
Applicant: Constitution Drive, LLC
Project: Construct two single-family dwellings with a common driveway, septic system, associated grading, site work, wetlands filling and replication at 0 Granite Street (westerly side, just north of Aurora Street)
Jurisdiction: Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and City of Worcester Wetlands Protection Ordinance – the proposal shall occur within the 100-ft buffer zones to Bordering Vegetated Wetland and Inland Bank associated with an intermittent stream

Public Hearing Opening Deadline: WPA – ~~12/9/14~~, ~~1/5/15~~, ~~2/9/15~~, 3/2/15; WWPO – ~~1/2/15~~, ~~1/5/15~~, ~~2/9/15~~, 3/2/15

5. 23 & 25 Kenberma Rd (aka 160 Houghton St) & Kenberma Rd Right-of-Way (MBL 35-014-00058) (CC-2014-064)

Application: Notice of Intent
Applicant: Boguslaw Bialek
Project: Construct a single-family semi-detached structure (total of two dwelling units) with associated grading, utilities and site work at 23 & 25 Kenberma Road. Roadway work is also proposed to extend the Kenberma Road Right-of-Way ~46' easterly toward Houghton Street
Jurisdiction: City of Worcester Wetlands Protection Ordinance – the proposal shall occur within the 100-ft buffer zone to a Stormwater Protection Zone

Public Hearing Opening Deadline: WPA – N/A; WWPO – ~~1/5/15~~, ~~2/9/15~~, 3/2/15

6. 0 El Caney Road (MBL 28-037-4+10C) (CC-2014-066)

Application: Notice of Intent
Applicant: Tallage Adams, LLC
Project: Construct a single-family dwelling with associated grading and site work at 0 El Caney Road
Jurisdiction: Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and City of Worcester Wetlands Protection Ordinance – the proposal shall occur within the 100-ft buffer zones to Bordering Vegetated Wetland and Inland Bank associated with a culverted intermittent stream

Public Hearing Opening Deadline: WPA – ~~1/7/15~~, 3/2/15; WWPO – ~~1/31/15~~, 3/2/15

7. East Side of Lake Avenue North Right-of-Way, between Nana Trail and Sonoma Drive (CC-2015-001)

Application: Notice of Intent
Applicant: City of Worcester Department of Public Works
Project: Construct two 500 ft. long retaining walls (temporary & permanent) with a chain-link fence, create a viewing perch, relocate utility poles, and cut vegetation, along with associated grading, site work, and paving, on property located along the East side of Lake Avenue North Right-of-Way.
Jurisdiction: Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and City of Worcester Wetlands Protection Ordinance – the proposal shall occur within the 100 ft. buffer zones to a Bank and Land Under Water and Waterways, associated with Lake Quinsigamond

Public Hearing Opening Deadline: WPA – ~~1/27/15~~, 3/2/15; WWPO – ~~2/20/15~~, 3/2/15

8. 2 Coppage Drive (MBL 56-INX-00M-2) (CC-2015-002)

Application: Notice of Intent
Applicant: City of Worcester Department of Public Works
Project: Construct a ~12,000 SF single-story municipal building with a ~49 space parking area, along with associated grading, site work, and landscaping on property located at 2 Coppage Drive
Jurisdiction: Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and City of Worcester Wetlands Protection Ordinance – the proposal shall occur within the 50-ft wetland buffer zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetland

Public Hearing Opening Deadline: WPA – ~~1/29/15~~, 3/2/15; WWPO – ~~2/22/15~~, 3/2/15

Other Business

- 9. Enforcement Order Update** – Arboretum Village Estates (CC-EO-2013-003)
- 10. Requests for Certificate of Compliance** – 27 & 29 Buckley Road (CC-2003-072)
- 11. Requests for Certificate of Compliance** – 5 Eastview Drive (CC-2001-076 & CC-2001-077)
- 12. Cook's Brook Project** (41R Moreland Green Drive, MBL 25-055-0000G) – Communication from Greater Worcester Land Trust (GWLT) regarding Partnership Grant closeout for Cook's Connector and Cook's Brook - property purchase, and filing of the Conservation Restriction held by Conservation Commission; dated January 8, 2015; received January 13, 2015.
- 13. Crow Hill North** (145 Harrington Way)
 - a. Recorded Conservation Restriction (GWLT as a Holder) (Book 52476, Page 346)
 - b. GWLT Communication re: ATV trespassing and land degradation; dated January 8, 2015
- 14. Communication:**
 - a. From EcoTec, Inc. re: Arboretum Village Estates (Turbidity Sampling for November); dated December 12, 2014; received December 15, 2014.
 - b. From Department of the Army re: Elm Park dredging; dated December 2, 2014; received December 10, 2014.
 - c. From National Grid re: 0 (aka 30) Tory Fort Lane project modification; dated December 8, 2014; received December 19, 2014.
 - d. From MassDEP re: Wetlands and Waterways Program (WWP) revisions; dated December 2014; received December 19, 2014.
 - e. From Joppa Road neighbors to City of Worcester re: 79 Joppa Road; various dates.
 - f. From Department of Conservation & Recreation re: Downstream Newsletter Number 32, Fall 2014; received December 31, 2014.
 - g. From MACC re: Annual Environmental Conference 2015; dated January 6, 2015 and received January 8, 2015.
 - h. From Asian Longhorned Beetle Cooperation Eradication Program re: DEP Plan for Proposed Work at 301 Green Hill Parkway in Worcester; dated January 7, 2015; received January 13, 2015.
 - i. From Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. re: Worcester Regional Airport Vegetation Management Plan, 2014 Herbicide Application; dated January 14, 2015; received January 23, 2015.
 - j. From EcoTec, Inc. re: Arboretum Village Estates (Turbidity Sampling for November); dated December 12, 2014; received December 15, 2014.

15. Signing of Decisions

Adjournment