



City of Worcester Conservation Commission Meeting Agenda

Monday, August 31, 2015

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

Commission Members

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Upcoming Meetings

September 21, 2015 *
October 5, 2015*
October 19, 2015
November 16, 2015
December 7, 2015

*To be held at Esther Howland

Call to Order – 5:30 pm

Approval of the Minutes

Requests for Continuances, Extensions of Time, Postponements, Withdrawals

New Business – Requests for Determination of Applicability

1. Quinsigamond Avenue Right-of-Way (from Southbridge St. to Ashmont Ave.) & 0 (aka 40 & 42) Quinsigamond Avenue (MBL 05-022-0102B) (CC-2015-048)

Application: Request for Determination of Applicability

Applicant: Mass. Electric Co., d/b/a National Grid

Project: To seek determination as to whether or not the proposed work to install ~2,019 linear feet of buried conduit, along with associated site-work, on property located within the Quinsigamond Avenue Right-of-Way (from Southbridge Street to Ashmont Avenue) and at 0 (aka 40 & 42) Quinsigamond Avenue is subject to the Commission's jurisdiction. The project is in association with the construction of the new WRTA facility

Jurisdiction: Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and the City of Worcester Wetlands Protection Ordinance - The proposal shall occur within Bordering Land Subject to Flooding and within the Stormwater Protection Zone

Public Hearing Opening Deadline: 9/25/2015

2. 98 Shore Drive (MBL 31-022-00003) (CC-2015-049)

Application: Request for Determination of Applicability

Applicant: National Grid

Project: To seek determination as to whether or not the work/area associated with the cutting of approximately six mature trees and associated site-work, on property located at 98 Shore Drive, is subject to the Commission's jurisdiction

Jurisdiction: Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and City of Worcester Wetlands Protection Ordinance – The proposal shall occur within the 100 ft. buffer zone to the Bank of an unnamed perennial stream and/or the Bordering Vegetated Wetlands associated therewith

Public Hearing Opening Deadline: 9/26/2015

3. 524 Grove Street (20-027-00002) (CC-2015-050)

Application: Request for Determination of Applicability

Applicant: Nishith Patel

Project: To seek determination as to whether or not the proposed work to construct a second story addition to the rear of the single-family home on property located at 524 Grove Street is subject to the Commission's jurisdiction.

Jurisdiction: Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and the City of Worcester Wetlands Protection Ordinance - The proposal shall occur within the 100-ft buffer zone to the bank of Indian Lake

Public Hearing Opening Deadline: WPA – n/a; WWPO – 9/28/2015

New Business – Requests for Determination of Applicability

4. 150 Blackstone River Road (MBL 31-022-00003) (CC-2015-051)

Application: Request for Determination of Applicability
Applicant: 150 Blackstone River Road, LLC,
Project: To seek determination as to whether or not the proposed work to demolish the existing structures on the premises along with associated site-work on property located at 150 Blackstone River Road is subject to the Commission's jurisdiction
Jurisdiction: Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and the City of Worcester Wetlands Protection Ordinance - the proposal shall occur within the 100 ft. buffer zone to the Bank of the Blackstone River and/or Bordering Vegetated Wetlands associated therewith along with the associated Riverfront Area and Bordering Land Subject to Flooding and within the Stormwater Protection Zone

Public Hearing Opening Deadline: 10/5/2015

New Business – Notices of Intent

5. 441 (aka 412, 424 & 428) Massasoit Road (MBL 45-031-00002) (CC-2015-044)

Application: Notice of Intent
Applicant: Massachusetts Audubon Society, Inc.
Project: For the renovation of the existing structure, including the addition of a covered porch, and the expansion, re-configuration, and re-construction, including installation of stormwater management infrastructure, of portions of the existing parking area along with related grading, utilities, and site work on property located at 414 (aka 412, 424 & 428) Massasoit Road
Jurisdiction: The City of Worcester Wetlands Protection Ordinance – The proposal shall occur within the Stormwater Protection Zone

Public Hearing Opening Deadline: WPA – n/a; WWPO – 9/6/2015

6. 80 William Street (aka 1 Roxbury Street) (MBL 02-047-00052) (CC-2015-046)

Application: Notice of Intent
Applicant: Becker College
Project: For the construction of an addition to connect both existing structure on-site and the re-configuration of vehicular access and pedestrian amenities along with related grading, utilities, and site work on property located at 80 William Street (aka 1 Roxbury Street)
Jurisdiction: The City of Worcester Wetlands Protection Ordinance – The proposal shall occur within the Stormwater Protection Zone

Public Hearing Opening Deadline: WPA – n/a; WWPO – 9/25/2015

7. 1117 Grafton Street (MBL 38-034-00016) (CC-2015-047)

Application: Notice of Intent
Applicant: Anthony Bianco
Project: For site work to fill in and level out the rear-yard of the property and construct a retaining wall to hold the fill, along with related grading, utilities, and site work on property located at 1117 Grafton Street
Jurisdiction: Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and the City of Worcester Wetlands Protection Ordinance – The proposal shall occur within the 100 ft. buffer to a Bordering Vegetated Wetland associated with an unnamed intermittent stream and within the Stormwater Protection Zone

Public Hearing Opening Deadline: WPA – 8/31/2015; WWPO – 9/24/2015

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Other Business:

8. Enforcement Order Updates:

- a. 1117 Grafton Street (CC-EO-2015-004)
- b. Arboretum Village Estates (CC-EO-2015-005)
- c. 181 Lake Avenue (CC-EO-2015-006)
- d. Goldthwaite Road (Burncoat Gardens Phase I & V)
- e. Pierce Avenue (Burncoat Gardens Phase IV)

9. Requests for Certificate of Compliance:

- a. 501-505 Mill Street (CC-2001-027)

10. Order of Conditions Modification Requests:

- a. Order of Conditions for City of Worcester Greenwood Street Landfill Project (CC-2012-046)

11. Communication:

- a. Notice of Treatment for Crystal Park Pond (University Park) by Aquatic Control Technology; received 7/20/2015.
- b. Notice of Project Change – supplemental information - regarding Greenwood Street Landfill Solar Project; received 8/5/2015.
- c. Notice of Treatment for Little Indian Lake by Aquatic Control Technology; received 8/10/2015.
- d. MACC Membership Update; 8/14/2015
- e. Turbidity sampling results for July 2015, by EcoTec, Inc.; received 8/ 17/ 2015.
- f. Worcester Regional Airport – Vegetation Management Plan work status; received 8/20/2015.

12. Greater Worcester Land Trust – Proposal to Preserve the Hicgo Lands (0 Tory Fort Lane, to the north of Canton Road) via a Conservation Partnership Grant application

13. Conservation Commission’s Policy on Compensatory Flood Storage ‘Banking’ – Proposed Draft

14. Conservation Commission’s Land Management Budget and Expenditures Information

15. Issuance of Orders of Conditions

16. Signing of Decisions

Adjournment