



City of Worcester Conservation Commission Meeting Agenda Monday, January 25, 2016

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

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Division of Planning & Regulatory Services

Our Mission:

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

February 22, 2016
March 14, 2016
April 4, 2016
April 25, 2016
May 16, 2016
June 6, 2016
June 27, 2016
July 25, 2016
August 15, 2016
September 12, 2016
September 26, 2016
October 24, 2016
November 14, 2016

Call to Order: 5:30 pm

Approval of Minutes: 12/7/2015, 11/16/2015, 11/2/2015, & 10/19/2015

Requests for Continuances, Postponements, Withdrawals:

Unfinished Business – Notices of Intent:

1. 500 Salisbury Street (MBL 55-004-00001) (CC-2015-078)

Application: Notice of Intent

Applicant: Assumption College

Project: Construction of a ~59,594 SF academic center and associated pedestrian and vehicular access, along with grading, paving, utilities, and site work on property located at 500 Salisbury Street.

Jurisdiction: The City of Worcester Wetlands Protection Ordinance – The proposal shall occur within the stormwater protection zone.

Public Hearing Opened: 1/4/2016

New Business – Requests for Determination of Applicability:

2. Portions of the following Right of Ways: Goddard Memorial Drive, Parsons Hill Drive, Nutmeg Drive, Ledgecrest Drive, Coppage Drive, & Airport Drive (CC-2015-084)

Application: Request for Determination of Applicability

Applicant: Massachusetts Electric Company

Project: To seek determination as to whether or not the work/area associated with the replacement and installation of ~10,000 linear feet of underground cable line and associated site work, within the following Right-of-Ways: Goddard Memorial Drive, from Apricot Street to Airport Drive; Parsons Hill Drive, from Goddard Memorial Drive to Nutmeg Drive; Nutmeg Drive, from Parsons Hill Drive northerly ~1,000 ft.; Ledgecrest Drive, from Beatrice Drive to Nutmeg Drive; Coppage Drive, from Goddard Memorial Drive northwesterly ~750 ft.; & Airport Drive, from Goddard Memorial Drive northwesterly ~3,500 ft., is subject to the Commission's jurisdiction.

Jurisdiction: The City of Worcester Wetlands Protection Ordinance – The proposal shall occur within the 100 ft. buffer zone to various bordering vegetated wetlands, associated with various unnamed perennial streams, and to the Bank of a perennial stream, and within the stormwater protection zone

Public Hearing Opening Deadline: WPA – n/a; WPO – 2/4/2016

New Business – Notices of Intent:

3. 0 & 9 Hemans Street and part of 40 Milton Street (MBL 09-030-007-2, 09-030-00009 & 09-030-00004) (CC-2015-055)

Application: Notice of Intent

Applicant: John Boggia of JNBB, LLC

Project: The demolition of the existing structure on-site and the construction of three multi-family high-rise dwellings (a total of 93 dwelling units) and associated off-street parking along with related grading, utilities, and site work

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 – 1/25/2016

New Business – Notices of Intent:

4. Properties located to the east of the Leicester/Worcester town-line, south of Stafford Street, west of Nixon Avenue, and north of Clover Street associated with a utility maintenance project (CC-2015-074)

Application: Notice of Intent
Applicant: New England Power Company
Project: To confirm resource area delineation and work associated with the replacement of utility related infrastructure (e.g. poles, wires, anchors, etc.) along with associated grading and site-work, on property located to the east of the Leicester/Worcester town-line, south of Stafford Street, west of Nixon Avenue and north of Clover Street.
Jurisdiction: The City of Worcester Wetlands Protection Ordinance – The proposal shall occur within the 100 ft. buffer zone to the bank of various bordering vegetated wetlands, perennial and intermittent streams and associated riverfront area, bordering land subject to flooding, and within the stormwater protection zone
Public Hearing Opening Deadline: WPA – n/a; WWPO – 1/25/2016

5. 635 & 645 Grove Street (MBL 21-031-00002 & -00001) & within the Grove Street Right-of-Way (CC-2015-076)

Application: Notice of Intent
Applicant: Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church
Project: Retroactive approval of the installation of a water level control device (also known as a beaver deceiver), in the outflow structure for Kiver Pond along with associated site work on property located at 635 & 645 Grove Street (MBL 21-031-00002 & 21-031-00001) and within the Grove Street Right-of-Way.
Jurisdiction: Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and the City of Worcester Wetlands Protection Ordinance - The proposal occurred within Kiver Pond, and associated land under water, and within the 100 ft. buffer zone to the bank of Kiver Pond and its associated unnamed stream
Public Hearing Opening Deadline: WPA – 12/28/2015; WWPO - 1/21/2016

6. 500 Salisbury Street (MBL 55-004-00001) & Nelson Place Right-of-Way (CC-2016-001)

Application: Notice of Intent
Applicant: Massachusetts Electric Company
Project: The removal and relocation of two utility poles from a Bordering Vegetated Wetland, as well as the replacement and installation of various other utility poles, along with associated site work, including vegetation removal, on property located at 500 Salisbury Street and within the Nelson Place Right-of-Way
Jurisdiction: Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and the City of Worcester Wetlands Protection Ordinance - The proposal shall occur within a bordering vegetated wetland and within the 100' buffer zone to a bordering vegetated wetland and/or inland bank associated with an unnamed stream and within the Stormwater Protection Zone
Public Hearing Opening Deadline: WPA – 1/28/2016; WWPO - 2/21/2016

7. 50 Winneconnett Road, 6 Mohican Road, & within the Mohican Road Right-of-Way (MBL 46-001-005-7 & 46-001-001-4) (CC-2016-002)

Application: Notice of Intent
Applicant: William Dowell, of Mohican Solitude, LLC
Project: The construction of a ~9,300 SF footprint, 21 unit multi-family dwelling, associated surface parking area for 10 cars, along with related grading, utilities, and site work on property located at 50 Winneconnett Road, 6 Mohican Road, & within the Mohican Road Right-of-Way.
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 - 2/22/2016

Other Business:

8. Enforcement Order Updates:

- a. Arboretum Village Estates (CC-EO-2015-005)
- b. 181 Lake Avenue (CC-EO-2015-006)
- c. Goldthwaite Road (Burncoat Gardens Phase I & V) (CC-EO-2015-007)
- d. Pierce Avenue (Burncoat Gardens Phase IV) (CC-EO-2015-008)
- e. 27 New Street Extension (CC-EO-2015-009)
- f. 149-151 Lake Avenue (CC-EO-2015-010)
- g. 604 Burncoat Street (aka Burncoat Heights) (CC-EO-2015-011)
- h. 21 Quaboag Street (CC-EO-2016-001)

9. Requests for Certificate of Compliance:

- a. 501-505 Mill Street (CC-2001-027)
- b. Whippoorwill Drive (CC-2004-059)
- c. Whippoorwill Drive (CC-2014-020)
- d. 50 Winneconnett Road & Mohican Road Right-of-Way (CC-2015-026)

10. Arboretum, Phase IV (CC-2009-042) - Violation Letter & Request for Determination of Action Required due to a Project Change

11. Communication:

- a. Salisbury Hill 2015 Stormwater System Monitoring; from Peoples Engineering; received 12/23/2015; per Order for CC-2001-071.
- b. MACC Annual Environmental Conference 2016; from Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions; received 1/5/2016.
- c. City of Worcester Parks Department Shore Park Improvements, 85 Shore Drive, Project Comments; from Massachusetts Historical Commission; received 1/8/2016.
- d. "Downstream", Fall 2015; from Department of Conservation and Recreation Division of Water Supply Protection; received 1/13/2016.
- e. Photos from Jamie Vander Salm re: Sediment Laden Discharge from Salisbury Street Lots & Salisbury Street Right-of-Way; dated 1/10/2016; received 1/11/2016.
- f. Violation letter re: 0 (aka lot 8 or 699) Salisbury Street discharge; from the Office of the Conservation Commission; dated 1/13/2016.
- g. Notice of Integrated Vegetation Management Program for 0 Lake Avenue; from National Grid; received 1/14/2016.
- h. Notice of Integrated Vegetation Management Program for 0 Grafton Street; from National Grid; received 1/14/2016.
- i. Notice of Integrated Vegetation Management Program for 0 Jolma Road; from National Grid; received 1/14/2016.
- j. Notice of Integrated Vegetation Management Program for 88 Anna Street; from National Grid; received 1/14/2016.
- k. Notice of Integrated Vegetation Management Program for 0 Empire Street; from National Grid; received 1/14/2016.
- l. Notice Regarding the Emerald Ash Borer & the Asian Long-Horned Beetle; from National Grid; received 1/14/2016.

12. Discussion of Special Conditions and Issuance of Orders of Conditions

13. Signing of Decisions

Adjournment