



City of Worcester Conservation Commission Meeting Agenda Monday, August 15, 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

September 12, 2016
September 26, 2016
October 24, 2016
November 14, 2016
December 12, 2016

Call to Order: 5:30 pm

Approval of Minutes: 3/14/2016

Requests for Continuances, Postponements, Withdrawals:

Public Hearings:

Unfinished Business – Requests for Determination of Applicability:

1. 457 Granite Street (MBL 45-003-00032) (CC-2016-016)

Application: Request for Determination of Applicability
Applicant: Haimnotha Mandaen Community Organization
Project: To seek determination as to whether or not the proposed work to remove vegetation, woody debris, and trash and to move rocks to the north & south of the existing stream and to install a perimeter fence on property located at 457 Granite Street is subject to the Commission's jurisdiction.
Jurisdiction: The Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and the City of Worcester Wetlands Protection Ordinance – The proposal may occur within: the 25' riverfront area; along the bank of the stream; the 100' buffer zone associated with the bank of an unnamed perennial stream and/or any associated bordering vegetated wetlands; and within the stormwater protection zone

Constructive Grant Deadline: WPA –9/13/2016; WPO – n/a

New Business – Requests for Determination of Applicability:

2. 347A Greenwood Trail (MBL 29-047-0007A) (CC-2016-041)

Application: Request for Determination of Applicability
Applicant: Massachusetts Electric Company
Project: To seek determination as to whether or not the proposed work associated with the installation of a utility pole and associated infrastructure, along with related site work, on property located at 347A Greenwood Trail is subject to the Commission's jurisdiction
Jurisdiction: The City of Worcester Wetlands Protection Ordinance – proposal shall occur within the 100' buffer zone to a bordering vegetated wetland

Public Hearing Opening Deadline: WPA – n/a; WPO – 9/12/2016

New Business – Notices of Intent:

3. 0 (aka 42), 0 (aka 30), & 20 Quinsigamond Avenue (MBL 05-022-01+02, 05-022-0102A, & 05-022-0102B) (CC-2016-029)

Application: Amendment to an Order of Conditions
Applicant: NSTAR Gas Company d/b/a Eversource Energy
Project: An Amendment to an Order of Conditions with the Worcester Conservation Commission for the clean-up/remediation (e.g. excavation, processing, and disposal) of hazardous materials (e.g. contaminated soil, water, and debris), in compliance with the requirements of the Massachusetts Contingency Plan, along with site work associated therewith, on property located at 0 (aka 42), 0 (aka 30), & 20 Quinsigamond Avenue. The applicant seeks to amend the current Order to include an additional property - located at 0 (aka 42) Quinsigamond Avenue – to the scope of work along with ancillary changes to the proposed work.
Jurisdiction: The Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and the City of Worcester Wetlands Protection Ordinance – The proposal shall occur within bordering land subject to flooding and the Stormwater Protection Zone
Public Hearing Opening Deadline: WPA – 8/15/2016; WWPO - 8/15/2016

4. 31 Glendale Street (MBL 48-022-00009) (CC-2016-040)

Application: Notice of Intent
Applicant: City of Worcester Department of Public Works & Parks
Project: To conduct investigative borings (e.g. install monitoring wells, sample sediment and soil, etc.) and conduct related vegetation clearing, re-grading, and site work, associated with the development of an improvement plan for the Patch Pond Dam, on the southern portion of the Patch Pond & Tatnuck Brook located at 31 Glendale Street.
Jurisdiction: The Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and the City of Worcester Wetlands Protection Ordinance – The proposal shall occur within bank, the 100' buffer thereto, land under water, and bordering land subject to flooding each associated with the Tatnuck Brook or Patch Pond.
Public Hearing Opening Deadline: WPA – 8/17/2016; WWPO – 9/10/2016

5. 85 (aka 115 or City of Worcester Shore Park) & 75 Shore Drive (MBL 37-025-00002 & 37-032-03+4A) (CC-2016-042)

Application: Notice of Intent
Applicant: City of Worcester Department of Public Works & Parks
Project: For the construction of a one-way driveway connecting the two properties, re-configuration of a portion of the existing parking area at 85 Shore Drive, and associated grading, drainage, utilities, and site work on properties located at 85 (aka 115 or City of Worcester Shore Park) & 75 Shore Drive.
Jurisdiction: The Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and the City of Worcester Wetlands Protection Ordinance – The proposal shall occur within the 100' buffer zone, associated with the bank of Indian Lake and/or associated bordering vegetated wetlands, bordering land subject to flooding, and the Stormwater Protection Zone.
Public Hearing Opening Deadline: WPA – 8/19/2016; WWPO – 9/12/2016

Other Business:

6. Extension of Time Request for Order of Conditions for Treatment of Indian Lake & Little Indian Lake (349-678)

7. Request for Determination of Significance and Subsequent Action due to a Project Change for 125 Olean Street (CC-2004-034 & DEP #349-800)

8. Enforcement Order Updates:

- a. Arboretum Village Estates (CC-EO-2016-002)
- b. Goldthwaite Road (Burncoat Gardens Phase I & V) (CC-EO-2015-007)
- c. 604 Burncoat Street (aka Burncoat Heights) (CC-EO-2015-011)
- d. 0 Granite Street – Broadmeadow Brook (CC-EO-2016-003)
- e. 128 Alvarado Avenue & 100 Nonquit Street (CC-EO-2016-004)
- f. 21 (aka 29) Quaboag Street (CC-EO-2016-005)

Other Business:

9. Requests for Certificate of Compliance:

- a. 501-505 Mill Street (CC-2001-027)
- b. 125 Olean Street (CC-2004-034 & DEP #349-800)
- c. 29 Webster Street (aka Webster Street Substation) (CC-2015-020 & DEP #349-1160)
- d. 95-101 Highland Street (CC-2000-094)

10. Request for Performance Bond Release for 501-505 Mill Street “Center Hill” Project (CC-2001-027)

11. Communication:

- a. Comments relative to Shore Park Improvements at 85 Shore Drive; from the Massachusetts Historical Commission; received 7/21/2016.
- b. Notice of commencement of work for CC-2016-027 (Greenwood Street Landfill Solar Interconnection Project); from City of Worcester DPW&P; received 7/28/2016.
- c. Notice of Treatment for Crystal Park Pond; from Solitude Lake Management; received 7/28/2016.
- d. Construction Report & Turbidity Monitoring data for Lots 1-5 Quissett & Iroquois Streets (per Order of Conditions for CC-2015-039); from EcoTec, Inc.; received 8/1/2016.

12. Conservation Commission Land Management – Management of the Crow Hill Black Oak Savannah with the Assistance of Volunteers from the Greater Worcester Land Trust and College of the Holy Cross

13. Review and Discussion of the “Report on Local Land Use Standards in Relation to Low Impact Development” (a technical assistance project by CMRPC and Mass Audubon)

14. City owned land held in the Care, Custody, and Control of the Conservation Commission – List with acreage and Update on Information Gathering with regard to Open Space Protection

15. Clarification relative to Consideration of Potential Property Acquisitions (via Tax Title Foreclosure) - 64 & 66 Rockrimmon Road (MBL 47-007-10-12 & 47-007-00013)

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

17. Signing of Decisions

Adjournment