



City of Worcester Conservation Commission Meeting Agenda Monday, April 4, 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

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
December 12, 2016

Call to Order: 5:30 pm

Approval of Minutes:

Requests for Continuances, Postponements, Withdrawals:

Public Hearings:

Unfinished Business – Notices of Intent:

1. 275 Harrington Way (MBL 17-032-00023) (CC-2016-007)

Application: Notice of Intent

Applicant: Good Shephard Ghana Methodist Church

Project: For the construction of a ~6,113 SF structure, to be used as a place of worship, and associated 87 space parking area, along with associated grading, drainage, and site work, on property located at 275 Harrington 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 - 4/10/2016

New Business – Requests for Determination of Applicability:

2. 69 Delawanda Drive (MBL 42-006-00224) (CC-2016-011)

Application: Request for Determination of Applicability

Applicant: Justin Savage

Project: To seek determination as to whether or not the work/area associated with the removal of ~20 mature trees along with associated site work, located at 69 Delawanda Drive, 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 100' buffer to a bordering vegetated wetland

Public Hearing Opening Deadline: WPA – n/a; WPO – 4/21/2016

Constructive Grant Deadline: WPA –3/28/2016; WPO – n/a

3. Keolis Commuter Services Rail Road Right-of-Ways (RR-ROW-0CSXT & part of 04-001-00014) from Envelope Terrace northeasterly to the Millbury town-line (CC-2016-010)

Application: Request for Determination of Applicability

Applicant: Keolis Commuter Services

Project: To seek determination as to whether or not the boundaries of the resource areas depicted on the plans are accurately delineated from Envelope Terrace northeasterly to the Millbury town-line.

Jurisdiction: The Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act

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

Constructive Grant Deadline: WPA –3/28/2016; WPO – n/a

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 – 4/4/2016

5. 72 Coes Street, 200 & 240 Mill Street, 10 Circuit Avenue West (MBL 08-051-00001, 51-016-00003, 14-020-00007) (CC-2016-012)

Application: Notice of Intent
Applicant: City of Worcester Department of Public Works & Parks
Project: To implement the following work around Coes Reservoir (aka Coes Pond):

- Place the relocated Stearns Tavern and construct an addition thereto, expand the existing parking area, construct a playground, and extend and improve the existing pathways at 72 Coes Street;
- Conduct beach improvements and vegetation clearing, rehabilitate the bath house, and construct a parking area and boat launch at 200 & 240 Mill Street; &
- Extend and improve the existing pathways and replicate and restore resource areas at 10 Circuit Avenue West & 34 Lakeside Avenue.

Jurisdiction: The 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 and bank, associated with Coes Reservoir (aka Coes Pond), within related bordering land subject to flooding and land under water, and within the Stormwater Protection Zone
Public Hearing Opening Deadline: WPA – 4/5/2016; WWPO - 4/29/2016

6. 20 & 0 (aka 30) Quinsigamond Avenue (MBL 05-022-01+02 & 05-022-0102A) (CC-2016-013)

Application: Notice of Intent
Applicant: NSTAR Gas Company d/b/a Eversource Energy
Project: 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 20 & 0 (aka 30) Quinsigamond Avenue.
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 within the Stormwater Protection Zone
Public Hearing Opening Deadline: WPA – 4/5/2016; WWPO – 4/29/2016

7. 150 Blackstone River Road (MBL 31-022-00003) (CC-2016-014)

Application: Notice of Intent
Applicant: 150 Blackstone River Road, LLC
Project: Construction of a new steel framed building, including installation of pier foundations, foundation walls, and building structure (e.g. utility stub connections, and the roof drainage system within 15' of the foundation walls) and site work related thereto (within 15' of the foundation) on property located at 150 Blackstone River Road.
Jurisdiction: The Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and the City of Worcester Wetlands Protection Ordinance - The proposal shall occur within the 100 ft. buffer to the bank of the Blackstone River, within Bordering Land Subject to Flooding, and the Stormwater Protection Zone
Public Hearing Opening Deadline: WPA – 4/14/2016; WWPO - 5/8/2016

Other Business:

- 8. Request for Determination of Significance and Subsequent Action due to a Project Change:**
 - a. 0 (aka Lot 3) Salisbury Street & Salisbury Street Right-of-Way (CC-2015-063)
 - b. Avery Estates Subdivision (Avery Path, Brookline Street, & Wyola Drive) (CC-2008-019)
- 9. Request to discuss Enforcement Orders previously issued for and the Special Conditions pertaining to the valid Order of Conditions for Salisbury Hill (CC-2001-071)**
- 10. Enforcement Order Updates:**
 - a. Arboretum Village Estates (CC-EO-2015-005)
 - b. Goldthwaite Road (Burncoat Gardens Phase I & V) (CC-EO-2015-007)
 - c. Pierce Avenue (Burncoat Gardens Phase IV) (CC-EO-2015-008)
 - d. 604 Burncoat Street (aka Burncoat Heights) (CC-EO-2015-011)
 - e. 21 Quaboag Street (CC-EO-2016-001)
- 11. Requests for Certificate of Compliance for Avery Estates Subdivision (Avery Path, Brookline Street, & Wyola Drive) (CC-2008-019)**
- 12. Request for Emergency Certification for 633 Salisbury Street**
- 13. Communication:**
 - a. Salisbury Hill 2015 Stormwater System Monitoring; from Peoples Engineering; received 12/23/2015 & updated 3/11/2016; per Order for CC-2001-071 & SWPPP.
 - b. Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan for Salisbury Hill; prepared by Capital Group Properties, Inc.; dated 8/10/2012.
 - c. Update regarding possible Parks Department project at 85 Shore Drive and applicable permitting requirements; from United States Army Corps of Engineers; received 3/18/2016.
 - d. Request for Submission of Revised Plans related to Arboretum – Phase IV (DEP #349-979 & ACOP-CE-14-6W010); from the Mass. Department of Environmental Protection Central Regional Office; received 3/23/2016.
 - e. Turbidity Sampling/Monitoring Data from 3/15/2016, 3/25/2016, & 3/28/2016 for Arboretum – Phase IV; from EcoTec, Inc.; received 3/15/2016.
 - f. Notice of Foreclosure at 24 Amber Street; from City of Worcester Office of Administration & Finance – Treasurer & Collector’s Division; received 3/15/2016.
 - g. Notice of Project Commencement with Lower Impact Alternative, 500 Salisbury Street (CC-2016-001); from BSC Group; received March 10, 2016.
 - h. Keolis Commuter Services 2016 Yearly Operational Plan (per 333 CMR 11.00) & notice of application dates; from Fair Dermody Consulting Engineers; received 3/25/2016.
 - i. Invitation to Volunteer Recognition Ceremony; from City Manager Edward M. Augustus, Jr.; received 3/25/16.
 - j. Invitation to Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission’s (CMRPC) 2016 Annual Environmental Consultation Session to be held on 4/13/2016; from CMRPC; received 3/23/2016.
 - k. Updates Regarding Pending Legislation; from the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions; received 3/29/2016.
- 14. Update from Staff regarding the status of the Low Impact Development Technical Assistance Grant (from CMRPC and Mass Audubon)**
- 15. Review & Adoption of the 2017 Commission Meeting Schedule**
- 16. Appointment of a Commission Representative to the Lake Quinsigamond Commission**
- 17. Discussion of Special Conditions and Issuance of Orders of Conditions**
- 18. Signing of Decisions**
 - a. **Minor error for Order of Conditions issued for 1099, 1117, & 1121, Grafton Street (CC-2015-048 & DEP File #349-1116)**

Adjournment