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Division of Planning & Regulatory Services

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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

May 3, 2021 May 24, 2021 June 14, 2021 July 12, 2021 August 2, 2021 August 23, 2021

City of Worcester Conservation Commission Meeting Agenda

Monday, April 12, 2021 at 5:30PM*

To participate, please call 415-655-0001 (Access Code: 160 973 4358) or join at https://cow.webex.com/meet/conservationcommissionwebex

*Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, and the Governor's March 23, 2020 Order, as amended, imposing strict limitation on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the Worcester Conservation Commission will be conducted via **remote participation**.

The meeting will be livestreamed from the City Website at <u>www.worcesterma.gov/video-on-demand</u> and may be broadcast on the local government cable channel (Spectrum Channel 192). While no in-person attendance will be permitted, every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings. In addition, a video recording and meeting minutes will be posted at <u>www.worcesterma.gov</u> after the meeting.

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- Use the following link to join the meeting via computer <u>https://cow.webex.com/meet/conservationcommissionwebex</u>
- Call 415-655-0001 (Access Code: 160 973 4358) for the Conservation Commission.

If you have difficulty accessing the call, please e-mail <u>planning@worcesterma.gov</u>. Application materials may be viewed on the City Website at <u>http://www.worcesterma.gov/planning-regulatory/boards/conservation-commission</u>.

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CALL TO ORDER: 5:30PM REQUESTS FOR CONTINUANCES, POSTPONEMENTS, WITHDRAWALS APPROVAL OF MINUTES

PUBLIC HEARINGS

OLD BUSINESS – NOTICES OF INTENT

1. 249, 261, & 265 Lake Avenue (MBL 17-029-00010, 17-030-00002, -0002A)

File #: CC-2020-069; DEP#349-1292

- Applicant: Amjad Bahnassi
- Project: To construct a single family house, garage, driveway, patio, gazebo, walkways, landscaping, utilities, and relevant site work, and for a waiver of Worcester Wetlands performance standard 4.2.4.
- Jurisdiction: Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and the City of Worcester Wetlands Protection Ordinance

New Business – Requests for Determination of Applicability

2. Various Rights-of-Way within the City of Worcester

- File #: CC-2021-014
- Applicant: Pan American Railways
- Project: To determine whether the boundaries are accurate along the Pan Am Railway rights-of-way for the purposes of applying herbicides for the maintenance of the rights-of-way as part of their Yearly Operating Plan.

Jurisdiction: Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and the City of Worcester Wetlands Protection Ordinance

3. 616 Plantation Street AKA Coal Mine Brook (MBL 46-044-00001)

File #: CC-2021-017

Applicant: City of Worcester Department of Public Works and Parks

Project: To determine whether the work to perform exploratory borings and related site work is subject to the Commission's jurisdiction.

Jurisdiction: Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and the City of Worcester Wetlands Protection Ordinance

4. Right-of-Way Associated with Cobblestone Lane (CO-NDO-00290)

File #: CC-2021-018

Applicant: National Grid

Project: To determine whether the work to replace approximately 300 linear feet of conduit and duct bank, replace the connections to the transformer, and perform associated site work is subject to the Commission's jurisdiction.

Jurisdiction: Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and the City of Worcester Wetlands Protection Ordinance

5. 42 Stoneleigh Road MBL (40-040-0008A)

- File #: CC-2021-020
- Applicant: Tara Dexter

Project: To determine whether the work to install fencing is subject to the Commission's jurisdiction.

Jurisdiction: Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and the City of Worcester Wetlands Protection Ordinance

NEW BUSINESS – NOTICES OF INTENT

6. 1 Topsfield Road (MBL 20-031-13+14)

 File #:
 CC-2021-002

 Applicant:
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 Project:
 To construct a duplex, associated grading, utilities, driveway, infiltration system, and to perform related site work.

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 City of Worcester Wetlands Protection Ordinance

Jurisdiction: City of Worcester Wetlands Protection Ordinance

7. 220A Webster Street (MBL 27-009-0000A))

- File #: CC-2021-013; DEP#349-1295
- Applicant: Eversource
- Project: To construct two new conduits, a new electrical cabinet, and new utility pole as well as a waiver of Worcester Wetlands Protection Regulations performance standard 4.2.4.
- Jurisdiction: Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and the City of Worcester Wetlands Protection Ordinance

8. 26 Apthorp Street and 7 Darrow Street (MBL 32-024-00287; -00279)

- File #: CC-2021-016; DEP#349-XXXX
- Applicant: Alex Smith
- Project: To construct two duplex residential units with associated driveways, utilities, and related site work. Jurisdiction: Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and the City of Worcester Wetlands Protection Ordinance

9. 16 Yukon Avenue (MBL 46-030-00024)

File #: CC-2021-019

- Applicant: The Lux Development Group, LLC
- Project: To construct a single family home and garage and associated grading, utilities, driveway, and perform relevant site work.
- Jurisdiction: City of Worcester Wetlands Protection Ordinance

OTHER BUSINESS

10. Requests for Extension of Time

a. Regatta Point (CC-2018-001; DEP#349-1181)

11. Requests for Certificates of Compliance

- a. Burncoat Heights (CC-2016-070; CC-EO-2019-001)
- b. 97 Wildwood Avenue (CC-2004-015)
- c. 249-265 Lake Avenue (CC-2019-026; DEP#349-1245)
- d. 655 Grove Street (CC-2017-037; DEP#349-1163)

12. Enforcement Order and Violation Updates

- a. White Birch Commons FKA Burncoat Gardens FKA Goldthwaite Road (CC-EO-2017-001)
- b. 84 Holden Street (AKA Intersection of Holden Street/Drummond Avenue/Shore Drive) (CC-EO-2020-003)
- c. 217 Lake Avenue (CC-EO-2020-004)
- d. 219 Lake Avenue (CC-EO-2020-005)
- e. 449 Massasoit Road (CC-EO-2020-006)
- f. Across from 133 North Lake Avenue East side of Lake Avenue North Right-of-Way (between Dominion Road & Belcourt Road) and Lake Quinsigamond (CC-EO-2020-007)
- g. Across from 175 North Lake Avenue East side of Lake Avenue North Right-of-Way (between Belcourt Road & Sonoma Drive) and Lake Quinsigamond (CC-EO-2020-008)
- h. 99 Wildwood Avenue (CC-EO-2020-009)
- i. 166 Moreland Street (CC-EO-2020-011)
- j. 305 Belmont (WuXi) (CC-EO-2020-012)
- k. 305 Belmont (WBDC Stockpile) (CC-EO-2020-013)
- I. 522 Grove Street (CC-EO-2020-014)
- m. 0 Myrick Avenue (CC-EO-2020-015)
- n. 265 Lake Avenue (CC-EO-2020-016)
- o. Modoc Street (CC-EO-2021-001)
- p. 305 Belmont Street (Galaxy Reactory) CC-EO-2021-002)
- q. 75 Harrington (CC-EO-2021-003)
- r. 40 June Street Terrace (CC-EO-2021-004)

13. Discussion of Commission Regulations and other Business

- a. Draft Meeting Schedule for 2022
- b. Discuss regulations regarding tree removal, fencing, and temporary stormwater calculation requirements

14. Land Management and Grants

a. Review and approve billing from for LAND Grant for Heron Pond acquisition

ADJOURNMENT