



City of Worcester Conservation Commission Meeting Agenda

Monday, December 8, 2014

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

Commission Members

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John Donahue – *Vice-Chair*
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Planning & Regulatory Services
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

January 5, 2015
January 26, 2015
February 9, 2015
March 2, 2015
March 23, 2015
April 13, 2015
May 4, 2015
May 18, 2015*

The 12/8/14 Conservation Commission meeting was cancelled. All items have been postponed to a meeting scheduled for 12/15/14 at 5:30PM in City Hall, Esther Howland Chamber, Room 302.

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

Public Hearings

1. **Wayside Road Right-of Way (between 55 White Ave, 90 & 105 Wayside Rd) (CC-2014-059)**

Application: Request for Determination of Applicability

Applicant: Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid

Project: Seek determination as to whether the area and/or work related to the replacement and reconductoring of six wooden electric distribution poles (P17-P22) with associated grading within the Wayside Road Right-of-Way (between 55 White Ave, 90 & 105 Wayside Rd) is subject to the jurisdiction of the City of Worcester Wetlands Protection Ordinance

Jurisdiction: City of Worcester Wetlands Protection Ordinance – the proposal shall occur within the 100-ft buffer zones to Bordering Vegetated Wetland and Inland Bank associated with an intermittent stream

Public Hearing Opening Deadline: WPA – Exempt; WWPO – 12/15/14

New Business – Notices of Intent

Public Hearings

2. **June Street (aka 232, 234, 236, 238 & 240 June St) (MBL 51-011-003-1, -2, -3, -4 & -5) (CC-2014-057)**

Application: Notice of Intent

Applicant: Botany Bay Construction Co. Inc.

Project: Construct five single-family dwellings with associated grading, utilities and site work at 0 June Street (between Botany Bay Road and Knowles Road)

Jurisdiction: City of Worcester Wetlands Protection Ordinance – the proposal shall occur within the 100-ft buffer zone a Stormwater Protection Zone

Public Hearing Opening Deadline: WPA – N/A; WWPO – 12/15/14

3. **0 Granite Street (MBL 31-009-00008) (CC-2014-058)**

Application: Notice of Intent

Applicant: Constitution Drive, LLC

Project: Construct two single-family dwellings with a common driveway, septic system, associated grading, site work, wetlands filling and replication at 0 Granite Street (westerly side, just north of Aurora Street)

Jurisdiction: Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and City of Worcester Wetlands Protection Ordinance – the proposal shall occur within the 100-ft buffer zones to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands and Inland Bank associated with an intermittent stream

Public Hearing Opening Deadline: WPA – 12/9/14; WWPO – 1/2/15

4. 421 & 427 Grove Street (MBL 20-031-00018 & 20-031-00011) (CC-2014-062)

Application: Notice of Intent
Applicant: Constitution Drive, LLC
Project: Demolish the existing structure at 421 Grove Street and construct a ~2,400 SF commercial building for retail and bank uses with 12 accessory off-street parking spaces at 421 & 427 Grove Street. Other proposed work includes grading, drainage, stormwater management system, utilities, retaining wall, landscaping and associated site work.
Jurisdiction: City of Worcester Wetlands Protection Ordinance – the proposal shall occur within the 100-ft buffer zone to a Stormwater Protection Zone

Public Hearing Opening Deadline: WPA – N/A; WWPO – 1/3/15

5. 0 & 75 McKeon Rd and Blackstone River Rd Right-of-Way (MBL 31-025-00003 & 31-025-00001) (CC-2014-063)

Application: Notice of Intent
Applicant: Constitution Drive, LLC
Project: Construct pedestrian walkways (consisting of ~1,095 linear feet of permeable paved trail and ~1,448 linear feet of elevated boardwalk), observation decks and three bridges on helical piers as well as perform vegetation management at 0 & 75 McKeon Road. Work is also proposed within the Blackstone River Road right-of-way (north of McKeon Road) to construct a plaza with pervious pavers and related park equipment. Other proposed work includes grading, landscaping and associated site work. The project is associated with the proposed ~29 acre Blackstone Gateway Park that will extend from McKeon Road (across Mill Pond dam), continue along east bank of and cross Middle River to its west bank to McKeon Road (across from Kimball Road)
Jurisdiction: Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and City of Worcester Wetlands Protection Ordinance – the proposal shall occur within Bordering Land Subject to Flooding (FEMA Flood Zone AE), 25-foot Riverfront Area associated with Middle River, 100-ft buffer zones to Inland Bank, Bordering Vegetated Wetlands and Stormwater Protection Zone

Public Hearing Opening Deadline: WPA – 12/11/14; WWPO – 1/5/15

Other Business

6. **Enforcement Order Update** – Arboretum Village Estates (CC-EO-2013-003)
7. **Request for Certificate of Compliance** – 55 Williamsberg Drive (DEP-349-1064, CC-2013-032)
8. **Requests for Certificate of Compliance** – 44 Cheyenne Road (CC-1998-036) & (CC-2000-077)
9. **Donker Farm Project (0, 48R & 50 Tory Fort Lane, ~22.7 acres)** - Review and Signing of the LAND Grant Project Agreement between the City and the EOEEA Division of Conservation Services
10. **Communication:**
 - a. From EcoTec, Inc. re: Arboretum Village Estates (Turbidity Sampling for October); dated November 10, 2014; received November 2, 2014.
 - b. From BSC Group re: Blackstone Gateway Park; dated November 17, 2014; received November 19, 2014.
 - c. From NationalGrid re: 21 day herbicide application notification; dated November 24, 2014; received November 28, 2014.
11. **Signing of Decisions**

Adjournment