

**DRAFT
CITY OF FITCHBURG
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2018**

COMMISSIONERS IN ATTENDANCE: John Koutonen, Vice-Chair, Bryan Breau, John Cordio, Mike Donnelly, Harry Karis, David Streb, Mary Helene (Assoc. member) [7]

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: Tim Smith. Mike O'Hara

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 6:01 at Fitchburg Municipal Airport, 567 Crawford St., Administration Building, Room 106.

Ms. Sarefield read an introduction stating the mission statement of the Commission, and the role & responsibilities of the Conservation Commission and the eight interests of the Wetlands Protection Act.

MINUTES

Minutes of September 25th meeting approved.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Notice of Intent - Fitchburg Municipal Airport - Shift & extend runway 14-32 in Riverfront Area

Applicant requests a further postponement. DEP has not issued file # yet. They have an issue with the flood storage calculations provided by Gale Assocs. Commission has rec'd a sketch of the revised grading plan at the end of the runway that was discussed at the Oct. 11 site walk.

Motion made & seconded to continue to November meeting. Vote unanimous in favor.

Request for Determination of Applicability - Horizon Christian Fellowship, clearing, sewer connection & driveway in buffer zone, 119 Alpine Rd.

Engineer on project (Alton Stone) was unable to attend. Jon Benoit, applicant & Bob Shenk, contractor on project explained the proposed work. Parcel owned by the church has been split into 2 lots, one lot will be a house for Jon & the other will be a parsonage for the church. Both will be served by a proposed sewer line located in the buffer zone of an intermittent stream and by a shared driveway - a portion of which is in the buffer zone. Closest point of disturbance is approx. 35 feet from BVW. Approx. five large trees will need to be removed for the installation of the sewer. Work on sewer line is estimated to take two days. Since the submitted plan had no topography shown, difficult to determine the grade of the proposed sewer line or of the driveway.

Agreed to have site visit Thurs., Nov 1st @ 5:00 p.m.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Update - Georgia-Pacific remediation, Princeton Rd.

Mike Scott, LSP and Chase Fortenberry, G-P present. They submitted a "Self-Implementing Procedure Plan" earlier this month to EPA for review. Test borings and soil sampling has occurred in the area of the recently discovered oil drums to determine the extent of contamination. They plan on submitting a separate NOI for November meeting to get an OOC for the removal of this additional contaminated area, which is in the buffer zone of the pond. Agreed: Premature to issue Cert. of Compliance on the remediation work permitted last year. Vegetation has not become permanently established.

They will be back next month to discuss.

Cumberland Farms, 550 Kimball St., fence on riverbank

For safety & liability purposes Cumberland's propose to construct a fence along two areas of the riverbank, at the embankment of the Daniels St. bridge and further downstream, around the rip-rap protecting the outfall to the river. Commission reviewed the plan. Q: What kind of fence? Commission would prefer a more decorative one.

The approved plan was designed to have a 96 cu. yd. increase in the flood storage capacity on the site. However, since the site was completed and an as-built survey done, it was determined that actually there is a decrease in flood storage of 253 cu. yds. from the previous McDonald's site. Commission requested someone be present at next month's meeting to discuss.

Violation, 1022 Main St. Performance Auto

Commission reviewed draft letter to property owner & holder of the Mortgage on the property. Numerous violations of the WPA and local wetlands ordinance exist, fill on riverbank & in 100-year floodplain. Letter requests parties to appear at next Commission meeting.

Stormwater Management ordinance

Mike Donnelly & Mike O'Hara attended a meeting that afternoon w/ DPW Engineering & Wastewater discussing possible changes to the Stormwater Management Ordinance & Sewer Ordinance. Due to EPA's MS4 permit, which became final last summer, the City needs a single person responsible for stormwater regulation, which will be the DPW Commissioner. The Commission is agreeable to having DPW be the enforcement agency for the Stormwater Management Ordinance. Several changes to the Stormwater Management Ordinance have been suggested by DPW to make it comply with the MS-4 permit. Will proposed as an Ordinance change.

Motion made & seconded to adjourn. Vote in favor.
Meeting adjourned: 7:18 p.m.

Next meeting: 11/1/18 (site walk @ 119 Alpine Rd.)
Next regular meeting: 11/27/18