



SHREWSBURY CONSERVATION COMMISSION
SHREWSBURY, MASSACHUSETTS

MINUTES

Regular Meeting: May 25, 2023 – 7:00 P.M.
Location: Selectman’s Room, Town Hall, 100 Maple Avenue, Shrewsbury, MA
Attending: John Ostrosky; Kenneth Polito; Martha Gach; Jason Port; Christopher DeLauder
Absent: None
Also Attending: Eleah Caseau, Conservation Agent; Andrew Truman, P.E., Town Engineer

Chairman Ostrosky called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

1. Review and Approve Minutes

- a. *Kenneth Polito M to approve the following minutes. Martha Gach S. V 5-0.*
- b. *June 18, 2019; July 16, 2019; November 19, 2019; August 18, 2020; September 22, 2020; October 20, 2020; November 17, 2020; August 17, 2021; September 21, 2021; October 19, 2021; May 4, 2023*

2. Sign bills

- a. *No bills to sign*

3. Meetings and Hearings – 7:05 P.M.

285-1959 ***Continued Public Hearing regarding the Notice of Intent filed by Plug Power, 968 Albany Shaker Road, Latham, NY, 12110, for the construction and installation of hydrogen storage and compression system pad and associated tree removal and site work at 42-44 Bowditch Drive.***

Application Withdrawn.

285-1953 ***Continued Public Hearing regarding the Notice of Intent filed by Nicholas Soutter, 36 Old Brook Road, Shrewsbury for the construction of a retaining wall to stabilize and level the backyard lawn at 36 Old Brook Road.***

Scott Jordan of EcoTec. is presenting.

S.Jordan gave an overview of the project and revisions made since last hearing in February. Revisions were made to address comments made by DEP and the Conservation Commission, the riverfront area replacement plan has been expanded, invasive species on the slope will be removed, and the retaining wall has been revised to be an interlocking segmental system. K.Polito noted that the plan still stated a boulder wall would be installed. J.Ostrosky stated that a revised set detailing the new wall type could be submitted before an Order of Conditions was issued.

K.Polito M to issue Order subject to receiving plan with retaining wall construction detail corrected from boulder to interlocking section system. C.DeLauder S. Vote 5-0.

RDA ***New Public Meeting regarding the Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Adam Mason, 27 Edgemere Boulevard, Shrewsbury, for the replacement of a roof and associated site work at 23 Bayview Drive.***

Adam Mason, the property owner, is presenting.

A.Mason gave an overview of the project. Home renovations and site work had not been permitted previously and an enforcement order had been issued. During initial site visits, a lack of erosion control was identified as the major concern on the property. Discussion was had about communication between A.Mason and E.Caseau about resolving the outstanding enforcement, a plan to plant the slope to halt erosion was proposed and accepted.

K.Polito M to issue a Negative Determination. M.Gach S. Vote 5-0.

RDA New Public Meeting regarding the Request for Determination of Applicability filed by John Cignetti, 16 Brooklawn Parkway, Shrewsbury, for the removal of 4 trees adjacent to 8, 16, and 20 Brooklawn Parkway.

John Cignetti, owner of 16 Brooklawn Parkway, is presenting.

J.Cignetti stated that a few trees have come down already, causing damage around the neighborhood and that they would like to have these ones taken down so they do not become a hazard. There will only be 3 trees coming down.

K.Polito M to issue a Negative Determination. M.Gach S. Vote 5-0.

285-1965 New Public Hearing regarding the Notice of Intent filed by Victor Deoliveira, 272 South Quinsigamond Avenue, for the removal and replacement of existing asphalt, the installation of vertical curbing and the elimination of stormwater ponding at Stoneland Road.

Mark Allen of Allen Engineering is presenting.

M.Allen gave an overview of the project. The road has fallen into disrepair and they are proposing to replace the pavement and add curbing and rip-rap areas to reduce velocity of stormwater at low points in the road. Asphalt curbing and vertical concrete curbing is proposed. Proposed stormwater flows will be channeled to land owned by the applicant. M.Allen addressed comments made by DEP about the absence of a stormwater report submittal. M.Gach asked how stormwater currently flows across the road. Discussion was had about the stormwater discharge, proposed flow rates and direction.

Hearing Continued to June 20, 2023.

285-1964 New Public Hearing regarding the Notice of Intent filed by Gary and Patricia Sweet, PO Box 4323, for the construction of a portion of a single family home and driveway at 230A Gulf Street.

Glenn Krevosky of EBT Environmental Consultants, is presenting. Gary Sweet, the property owner, is also present.

G.Krevosky gave an overview of the project. The status of the intermittent stream was overviewed with exhibits from the NOI application reviewed for the commission. A single family home, septic system and driveway are proposed. The closest distance from wetland (flag 5A) to structure is approximately 80 ft. Discussion was had about delineation of intermittent stream status and the history of the intermittent stream status at abutting properties.

Public Questions or Concerns.

Mack Rubley, 230 Gulf Street: Noted that ponding occurs on the property, and asked about history of stream status and wording of Notice of Intent filing.

G.Krevosky addressed questions.

Erin, Melhuish, 205 Gulf Street: Expressed concerns about change in water table after removal of trees.

G.Krevosky noted that groundwater discharge should not be a problem for this site, and that a stormwater application would be submitted to address changes in flow to abutting properties.

Hearing Continued to June 20, 2023.

4. New & Old Business

a. Discuss/Sign Orders of Conditions, Determinations of Applicability

285-1953 36 Old Brook Road- *Hearing Closed. OOC pending.*
 RDA 23 Bayview Drive- *Negative Determination Issued.*
 RDA Brooklawn Parkway- *Negative Determination Issued.*
 285-1965 Stoneland Road- *Hearing Continued.*
 285-1964 230A Gulf Street- *Hearing Continued.*

b. Discuss Enforcement

284 South Quinsigamond Ave

E.Caseau provided an update on the project. The applicants have secured a wetland scientist, Andrea Kendall of LEC Environmental, and are asking the Commission to advise on preferred application Materials. J.Ostrosky and A.Truman advised that a Notice of Intent be filed with the Commission.

29 Redland Street

Arun Matthew, the homeowner, gave an update and photos of the current conditions. The enforcement has been resolved.

Twin Island

Representative did not show up, discussion was had about jurisdiction of the Conservation Commission versus the Lake Quinsigamond Commission.

c. Discuss/Sign Certificates of Compliance

285-1900 12 Kemble Drive

d. Discuss Community Preservation Goals for FY 2023-2024

M.Gach provided an update on the previous fiscal years accomplishments, and asked for proposals for the coming fiscal year. J.Ostrosky proposed funding a consultant for the purchase and restoration of the Allen Farm, signage or habitat enhancement on Conservation owned parcels, trail repairs and development, or restoration of Oak Island.

K.Polito provided more information on Oak Island's current usage and access and possible improvements to be made.

e. Discuss Rules and Regulations for Article 29, Shrewsbury Wetland Protection Bylaw

Discussion was had about the history of the development of the regulations.

J.Ostrosky proposed revisions to definitions of *Alter*, parts B, C and H, *Impervious Surface*, and *Structure*. Revisions of fee schedule and other regulation sections were discussed.

A.Truman noted that bylaw would be under review by State Attorney General for several months from meeting date.

K.Polito **M** to adjourn the meeting. C.DeLauder **S. Vote 5-0.**

Chairman Ostrosky adjourned the meeting.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Eleah Caseau, Conservation Agent. June 2023.