

**CITY OF CHICOPEE
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**Minutes of Meeting
January 2, 2019**

Pursuant to Mass. General Law Ch. 131, Section 40 and the Chicopee Wetland Ordinance Ch. 272, the Chicopee Conservation Commission held a public hearing on **Wednesday, January 2, 2019** at 6:15 PM, City Council Chambers, 4th Floor, City Hall.

James Reidy opened the meeting at 6:15 PM and announced that the meeting was being recorded and asked if anyone was recording the meeting to please state their name and address for the meeting record.

Conservation Commission attendance:

Member	Present	Absent	Excused
James Reidy, Chair	X		
Jessica Dzwonkoski			X
Celeste Donovan	X		
Charles Payne	X		
Nicole Dewberry	X		
Sharon Balcom	X		

Planning/Conservation Staff attendance:

Member	Present	Absent	Excused
Lee Pouliot, Director			X
James Dawson, Development Manager	X		
Patrick McKenna, Assistant Planner			X

Item 1: Discussion on the proposed new development at 480-510 Burnett Rd. – The Applicant may propose some revisions to the Commission approved plan that may affect the Buffer Zone to an Isolated Wetland and Vernal Pool.

Notes: The Applicant requested continuing the discussion on this item to January 16, 2019. The Commission voted to accept the continuance request.

Motion to continue to January 16, 2019 was made by Celeste Donovan and seconded by Nicole Dewberry. Vote was 5-0 to continue to January 16, 2019.

Member	Approve	Deny	Continue	Abstain
James Reidy, Chair			X	
Celeste Donovan			X	
Charles Payne			X	
Nicole Dewberry			X	
Sharon Balcom			X	

Item 2: Re-issuance of the Determination of Applicability for Lot 11 of Sycamore Lane to correct the determination as per the City Ordinance as only the City Ordinance applies.

Notes: Staff explained to the Commissioners that it was suggested by Mass DEP that the Determination of Applicability for Lot 11 of Sycamore Lane be reissued to select the appropriate Determinations. (The original Determination was issued on November 7, 2018.) The Commission voted to re-issue the Determination with a Positive 6, a Negative 1 and a Negative 4 Determination.

Motion to re-issue the Determination with a Positive 6, Negative 1 and Negative 4 Determination was made by Charles Payne and seconded by Sharon Balcom. Vote was 5-0 to re-issue with the noted Determinations.

Member	Approve	Deny	Continue	Abstain
James Reidy, Chair	X			
Celeste Donovan	X			
Charles Payne	X			
Nicole Dewberry	X			
Sharon Balcom	X			

Item 3: Re-issuance of the Determination of Applicability for Lot 12 of Sycamore Lane to correct the determination as per the City Ordinance as only the City Ordinance applies.

Notes: Staff explained to the Commissioners that it was suggested by Mass DEP that the Determination of Applicability for Lot 12 of Sycamore Lane be reissued to select the appropriate Determinations. (The original Determination was issued on November 7, 2018.) The Commission voted to re-issue the Determination with a Positive 6, a Negative 1 and a Negative 4 Determination.

Motion to re-issue the Determination with a Positive 6, Negative 1 and Negative 4 Determination was made by Charles Payne and seconded by Sharon Balcom. Vote was 5-0 to re-issue with the noted Determinations.

Member	Approve	Deny	Continue	Abstain
James Reidy, Chair	X			
Celeste Donovan	X			
Charles Payne	X			
Nicole Dewberry	X			
Sharon Balcom				

Item 4: Minutes from December 5, 2018

Notes: Sharon Balcom and Nicole Dewberry abstained from the vote as they were not in attendance on December 5, 2018.

Motion to approve was made by Celeste Donovan and seconded by Charles Payne. Vote was 3 in favor to 0 opposed with 2 abstentions.

Member	Approve	Deny	Continue	Abstain
James Reidy, Chair	X			
Celeste Donovan	X			
Charles Payne	X			
Nicole Dewberry				X
Sharon Balcom				X

Item 5: SIGN BILLS!!

Notes: Staff presented one bill for signatures.

Item 6: Upcoming Project updates/Discussion

- The Commissioners discussed having Mark Stinson from Mass DEP come to an upcoming meeting to do a brief workshop on Wetland Regulations. January 16, 2019 was discussed however, Commissioner Balcom could not attend on that evening. The Commissioners then suggested February 6, 2019. Staff will inquire with Mark Stinson as to his availability on February 6, 2019.

Item 7: Adjournment – Next scheduled meeting is January 16, 2019

Motion to adjourn was made by Sharon Balcom and seconded by Nicole Dewberry. Vote was 5-0 to adjourn.

Member	Approve	Deny	Continue	Abstain
James Reidy, Chair	X			
Celeste Donovan	X			
Charles Payne	X			
Nicole Dewberry	X			
Sharon Balcom	X			

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 PM.