

**CITY OF CHICOPEE
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes of Meeting
March 1, 2023**

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, March 1, 2023** at 6:15 PM in the Chambers Conference Room, City Hall Annex, 4th Floor, 274 Front St., Chicopee, MA 01013

Celeste Donovan opened the meeting at 6:17 PM and announced that the meeting was being recorded.

Conservation Commission attendance:

Member	Present	Absent	Excused
Celeste Donovan	X		
Charles Payne	X		
Meghan Balakier	X		
Richard Valcourt			X
Bianca Thomas		X	
Barbara Chamberlain	X		
Sharon Balcom	X		

Planning/Conservation Staff attendance:

Member	Present	Absent	Excused
Lee Pouliot, Director			X
James Dawson, Development Manager	X		
Nick Kiser, Associate Planner			X
Patrick Collins, Assistant Planner			X

Item 1: Amended Order of Conditions (AOC) for the South Fairview Sewer Separation and Water Replacement Project. (Original File # NOI 22-005) Location: Near 184 James St. Work includes modifications to the alignment of approximately 250 linear feet of sanitary sewer that was not included in the original NOI. Applicant: Elizabette Batista, Chicopee DPW, 115 Baskin Dr. Chicopee, MA 01020

Notes: Emmett Lollis-Taylor of Tighe & Bond presented the request to amend the Order of Conditions (File NOI 22-005) that was issued by the Commission on January 9, 2023 for the South Fairview Sewer Separation and water Replacement Project. The amendment includes approximately 250 linear feet of additional sanitary sewer as well as 1,400 SF of additional alterations to Terrace Escarpment (TE) Soils Buffer Zone. The Commission Members discussed the amendment and was their opinion that the requested changes to the project would not be detrimental to the TE Soils in the area or any area downgradient of the area of disturbance as long as the area was sufficiently protected with erosion controls as noted in the Special Conditions of the Amended Order of Conditions (The Commission retained the Special Conditions from the Original Order of Conditions).

Motion to approve and issue the Amended Order of Conditions with original Special Conditions was made by Barbara Chamberlain and seconded by Charles Payne. Vote was 5-0 to approve and issue the Amended Order of Conditions with original Special Conditions._____.

Member	Approve	Deny	Continue	Abstain
Celeste Donovan	X			
Charles Payne	X			
Meghan Balakier	X			
Barbara Chamberlain	X			
Sharon Balcom	X			

Item 2: Minutes from February 1, 2023

Notes: Sharon Balcom abstained from the vote as she was not in attendance at the February 1, 2023 meeting.

Motion to approve was made by Charles Payne and seconded by Barbara Chamberlain. Vote was 4 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstention.

Member	Approve	Deny	Continue	Abstain
Celeste Donovan	X			
Charles Payne	X			
Meghan Balakier	X			
Barbara Chamberlain	X			
Sharon Balcom				X

Item 3: Sign Bills – Staff noted there were no bills to sign.

Item 4: Upcoming Projects/Discussion

Notes: Staff noted the Commission would see an RDA in the future for soil contamination work at Szot Park.

Item 5: Adjournment – Next scheduled meeting is March 15, 2023

Motion to adjourn was made by Barbara Chamberlain and seconded by Charles Payne. Vote was 5-0 to adjourn to adjourn.

Member	Approve	Deny	Continue	Abstain
Celeste Donovan	X			
Charles Payne	X			
Meghan Balakier	X			
Barbara Chamberlain	X			
Sharon Balcom	X			

Meeting adjourned at 6:32 PM.