

**CITY OF CHICOPEE
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**Minutes of Meeting
March 20, 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, March 20, 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: RDA for the construction of a single-family house and associated septic system within buffer zone to Terrace Escarpment Soils. Location: 832 Montgomery St. (To the rear of 836 Montgomery St.) (Originally assigned address of 840) Applicant: Gil Gilpatrick, 84 Stebbins St., Chicopee, MA 01020

Notes: A.J. Crane of A. Crane Construction explained the project to the Commission. Staff explained the issue with the frontage of the property noting the property has frontage on Bridle Path however it is not accessible due to the ravine and stream. Staff also suggested that the Applicant extend the erosion control and to use hay bales and silt fencing as the preferred method. Commissioner Dewberry asked about the possibility of relocating the house so it would be out of the Terrace Escarpment Soil Buffer Zone. Mr. Crane explained that it was the property owner's preference to locate the house as it was shown on the plan and relocating would be very costly since the septic system was designed for the proposed location. The Commission discussed the project and agreed to issue a Negative 4 and a Positive 6 Determination with conditions.

Motion to approve the request with a Negative 4 and Positive 6 Determination with conditions was made by Charles Payne and seconded by Sharon Balcom. Vote was 5-0 to issue a Negative 4 and Positive 6 Determination with conditions.

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

Item 2: Request to Amend Order of Conditions for the CT Riverwalk & Bikeway Project. City File # NOI 17-005 Location: Along CT River from Medina St. Boat Launch to Nash Field. Applicant: City of Chicopee, c/o Lee M. Pouliot, Chicopee Planning Dept., 274 Front St. Chicopee, MA 01013

Notes: Lee Pouliot of the Chicopee Planning Department explained the reason for the requested Amendment as it related to Massachusetts DOT concerns. The Amendment is to reduce compensatory flood storage in one area of the project and increase it in another location. The overall net impact creates additional compensatory flood storage from the original plan.

Motion to approve was made by Celeste Donovan and seconded by Nicole Dewberry. Vote was 5-0 to approve the Amended OOC as per the plan submitted as part of the Amendment request.

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

Item 3: Minutes from February 20, 2019

Motion to approve was made by Nicole Dewberry and seconded by Sharon Balcom. Vote was 5-0 to approve the minutes from February 20, 2019.

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

Item 4: Sign Bills

Notes: Staff noted there were no bills to sign.

Item 5: Upcoming Project updates/Discussion

- **Riverbend Medical site visit results.** – Staff completed a site visit and presented photographs to the Commission. Staff reported to the Applicant the issues that were to be addressed prior to the start-up of work for the season. Issues consisted mainly of repairs to the erosion control.
- **330 Montgomery St. Enforcement Order** – Staff stated that an Enforcement Order will be issued to have the Property Owner address erosion that appears to be caused by site drainage and snow plowing. The erosion is on a bank within the buffer zone to an intermittent stream.

Item 6: Adjournment – Next scheduled meeting is April 3, 2019

Motion to adjourn was made by Celeste Donovan and seconded by Sharon Balcom. 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 7:00 PM.