

**CITY OF CHICOPEE  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
Minutes of Meeting  
February 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, February 1, 2023 at 6:15 PM in the Chambers Conference Room, City Hall Annex, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, 274 Front St., Chicopee, MA 01013**

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**Celeste Donovan opened the meeting at 6:16 PM and announced that the meeting was being recorded.**

Conservation Commission attendance:

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

Planning/Conservation Staff attendance:

<b>Member</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Excused</b>
Lee Pouliot, Director			<b>X</b>
James Dawson, Development Manager	<b>X</b>		
Nick Kiser, Associate Planner			<b>X</b>

**Item 1:** RDA for the resurfacing of East Main Street from 350’ west of the Veteran’s Memorial Bridge to the Springfield city line. Work to include cold-planing from curb to curb, adjusting utility structures, and new pavement overlay. Driveway aprons, sidewalk ramps and traffic loops to be replaced as needed. Work will occur within Riverfront Area and Buffer Zone. Applicant: Elizabette Batista, Chicopee DPW, 115 Baskin Dr. Chicopee, MA 01020

**Notes:** Alex Surreira of the City’s Engineering Department presented the RDA to the Commission. He explained the project consisted strictly of resurfacing within the existing roadway footprint and adjusting drainage and sewer structures as necessary. Mr. Surreira noted that silt sacks would be placed in all of the nearby drainage structures. Cold-planed materials will not be stockpiled within the project site. Conservation Staff made a recommendation of a Positive 5 and a Negative 5 Determination based on the RDA.

Motion to issue a Positive 5 and a Negative 5 Determination was made by Charles Payne and seconded by Barbara Chamberlain. Vote was 5-0 to issue a Positive 5 and a Negative 5 Determination.

<b>Member</b>	<b>Approve</b>	<b>Deny</b>	<b>Continue</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
Celeste Donovan	<b>X</b>			
Charles Payne	<b>X</b>			
Meghan Balakier	<b>X</b>			
Richard Valcourt	<b>X</b>			
Barbara Chamberlain	<b>X</b>			

**Item 2:** Minutes from January 18, 2023

Motion to approve was made by Meghan Balakier and seconded by Richard Valcourt. Vote was 5-0 to approve.

<b>Member</b>	<b>Approve</b>	<b>Deny</b>	<b>Continue</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
Celeste Donovan	X			
Charles Payne	X			
Meghan Balakier	X			
Richard Valcourt	X			
Barbara Chamberlain	X			

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

**Item 4:** Upcoming Projects/Discussion

**Notes:** Staff informed the Commission that an Amended Order of Conditions may be submitted soon for placement on an upcoming meeting agenda.

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

Motion to adjourn was made by Barbara Chamberlain and seconded by Richard Valcourt. Vote was 5-0 to adjourn.

<b>Member</b>	<b>Approve</b>	<b>Deny</b>	<b>Continue</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
Celeste Donovan	X			
Charles Payne	X			
Meghan Balakier	X			
Richard Valcourt	X			
Barbara Chamberlain	X			

**Meeting adjourned at 6:41 PM.**