

# CITY OF CHICOPEE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

## Minutes of Meeting August 4, 2021

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, August 4, 2021** 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 6:20 PM and announced that the meeting was being recorded.

Conservation Commission attendance:

Member	Present	Absent	Excused
Celeste Donovan	X		
Charles Payne	X		
Sharon Balcom	X		
Meghan Balakier	X		
Richard Valcourt			X
Brian Nunes	X		

Planning/Conservation Staff attendance:

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

**Item 1: (Continued from April 7, 21, May 5, 19, June 2, 16, and July 7, 2021) NOI** for Chicopee Reservoir Annual Drawdown and Vegetation Management Project. Work will include removal of vegetation within 20' of the reservoir dam and for a five year authorization of the annual drawdown of the reservoir for maintenance purposes. Work will occur within Inland Bank, Bordering Vegetated Wetland, Land Under Waterways and Waterbodies, Riverfront Area and Buffer Zone. Location: Chicopee Memorial State Park – 570 Burnett Rd., Chicopee, MA 01020. Applicant: Sean Gaffney, Massachusetts DCR, 1048 North Rd., Westfield, MA 01085

**Notes:** Neither the Applicant nor their representative were in attendance.

Motion to continue to September 1, 2021 was made by Charles Payne and seconded by Brian Nunes. Vote was 5-0 to continue to September 1, 2021.

Member	Approve	Deny	Continue	Abstain
Celeste Donovan			X	
Charles Payne			X	
Sharon Balcom			X	
Meghan Balakier			X	
Brian Nunes			X	

**Item 2: (New) RDA** for an addition to a single-family house. Proposed work is within Terrace Escarpment (TE) Soils. Location: 50 Irwin St. Chicopee, MA 01013. Applicant: Rene Pellitier, same address.

**Notes:** Staff noted the Conservation Commission filing was determined upon review of the Applicant's submittal of a Building Permit Request. The Applicant presented their RDA to the Commission stating there would be no grade changes, all run-off would be directed away from the slopes and erosion control in the form of silt fencing was in place. All site work was to remain within the Terrace Escarpment (TE) Soils Buffer Zone. The Applicant requested the required erosion control site inspection. Staff noted the Applicant should contact the office to schedule the inspection. Staff provided its recommendation on Determination to the Commission.

Motion to issue a Positive 5, Positive 6 and a Negative 1 Determination was made by Charles Payne and seconded by Meghan Balakier. Vote was 5-0 to issue a Positive 5, Positive 6 and a Negative 1 Determination.

Member	Approve	Deny	Continue	Abstain
Celeste Donovan	X			
Charles Payne	X			
Sharon Balcom	X			
Meghan Balakier	X			
Brian Nunes	X			

**Item 3: Minutes** from July 21, 2021

**Notes:** Commissioner Balcom noted that the three discussed options for acceptable barriers with regard to the 535 East Main Street Enforcement Order were left out of the conditions in the minutes. Staff acknowledged this and noted the correction would be made.

Motion to approve the minutes with the noted correction was made by Meghan Balakier and seconded by Sharon Balcom. Vote was 5-0 to approve.

Member	Approve	Deny	Continue	Abstain
Celeste Donovan	X			
Charles Payne	X			
Sharon Balcom	X			
Meghan Balakier	X			
Brian Nunes	X			

**Item 4: Sign Bills** – Staff noted there was one bill to sign.

**Item 5: Upcoming Projects/Discussion**

- **Inspection for RDA at 89 Fedak Dr.** – Staff noted it had completed an inspection at 89 Fedak Drive and gave its approval.
- **Inspection for RDA at 87 Pendleton Ave.** – Staff noted it had completed an inspection at 87 Pendleton Avenue and gave its approval.

**Item 6: Adjournment** – Next scheduled meeting is August 18, 2021

**Notes:** Staff noted that there were no new applications and since the Commission voted to continue Item 1 to September 1, 2021, the next meeting would occur on September 1, 2021 and not August 18, 2021.

Motion to adjourn with the above note on the next meeting date was made by Meghan Balakier and seconded by Charles Payne. Vote was 5-0 to adjourn.

Member	Approve	Deny	Continue	Abstain
Celeste Donovan	X			
Charles Payne	X			
Sharon Balcom	X			
Meghan Balakier	X			
Brian Nunes	X			

**Meeting adjourned at 6:46 PM.**