

CITY OF CHICOPEE - CONSERVATION COMMISSION

274 Front Street, Chicopee, MA 01013
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PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA

April 21, 2021

Pursuant to Mass. General Law Ch. 131, Section 40 and the Chicopee Wetland Ordinance Ch. 272, the Chicopee Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on **Wednesday, April 21, 2021 at 6:15 PM** to discuss the following via video conference (Zoom).

Chairman please read meeting Opening Statement on page 2 of this agenda.

Item 1: (New) RDA for construction of retaining walls, concrete patio, wooden steps and installation of fencing. Work will occur within 100' Wetland Buffer Zone and 100' Buffer to Terrace Escarpment Soils. Location: 56 Fletcher Circle, Chicopee, MA 01020. Applicant: Kristen Pope, same address.

Item 2: (New) RDA for the reconstruction and expansion of municipal parking lot and conversion of a separate parking area to recreational green/open space. Location: Front St. Assessor Map 97, Parcels 34, 35, 36, 52 and 53. Applicant: Chicopee Department of Planning & Development and Conservation, c/o Lee Pouliot. 274 Front St. Chicopee, MA 01013

Item 3: (Continued from April 7, 2021) RDA for verification that wetland boundaries are accurately delineated. Location: Pan Am Railways Rights of Way. Applicant: Pan Am Railways, Inc., Bill Wallace, Chief Engineer of Track & Structures, 1700 Iron Horse Park, North Billerica, MA 01862

Item 4: (Continued from April 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

Item 5: Minutes from April 7, 2021

Item 6: Sign Bills

Item 7: Upcoming Projects/Discussion

- **Emergency Certification** – Eversource needs to do emergency repairs due to storm damage. Circuit had to be shut down and Cabotville placed on a back-up circuit. *(Date Pending)*

Item 8: Adjournment – Next scheduled meeting is May 5, 2021



Conservation Commission Public Meeting Opening Statement

In order to ensure and satisfy CDC social distancing guidelines during the Covid-19 Pandemic and pursuant to Governor Baker's March 23, 2020 Order as amended, the City of Chicopee is providing public notice that it will conduct a public hearing utilizing remote collaboration technology in accordance with Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, M.G.L. C. 30A, 18.

Copies of application materials may be requested by phone (413-594-1517) or by emailing Jim Dawson at jdawson@chicopeema.gov.

To view the recorded public hearings please tune to Spectrum Community Access Channel 191 or the ChicopeeTV website at [Facebook.com/ChicopeeTV](https://www.facebook.com/ChicopeeTV) and/or <https://vimeo.com/chicopeetv>

Public comments will be received during two timeframes. The first public comment period took place prior to the opening of public hearings on April 7, 2021 for the continued items. The second public comment period took place following the April 7, 2021 hearings and remained open until April 21, 2021. For the new agenda items the first public comment period took place prior to the April 21, 2021 hearing. The second public comment period will take place after the April 21, 2021 hearing and remain open until the May 5, 2021 hearing.

To provide public comments in writing please mail to the Chicopee Conservation Commission, 4th Floor, City Hall Annex, 274 Front St., Chicopee, MA 01013. By email to Jim Dawson at jdawson@chicopeema.gov. or by calling 413-594-1517. All public comments received will be provided to all Commission Members and discussed at either of the above listed meeting dates. All commenting individuals shall state their name, address and company/organizational affiliation in addition to the item(s) that the comments pertain.