

**CITY OF CHICOPEE
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes of Meeting
January 19, 2022**

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, January 19, 2022** at 6:15 PM via Zoom and in the Planning and Conservation Office, City Hall Annex, 4th Floor, 274 Front St., Chicopee, MA 01013

Celeste Donovan opened the meeting at 6:15 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		
Brian Nunes			X
Bianca Thomas	X		

Planning/Conservation Staff attendance:

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

Item 1: Request for Certificate of Compliance – Connecticut Valley Sanitary Waste Disposal, Inc. is requesting a Certificate of Compliance for the Chicopee Landfill located at 161 New Lombard Road. The Order of Conditions was issued on September 9, 1997.

Notes: Frank Sepiol of Connecticut Valley Sanitary Waste Disposal, (CVSWD) Inc. provided the Commission with a brief overview of the landfill closure and the process with Mass DEP. He explained the request for a Certificate of Compliance was submitted to close out the Order of Conditions granted to CVSWD for the landfill in September 1997. Mr. Sepiol explained that the Chicopee Sanitary landfill is no longer operated and is completely closed. Staff completed a site visit with Mr. Sepiol on January 19, 2022 and was satisfied with what was observed.

Motion to issue a Certificate of Compliance was made by Charles Payne and seconded by Richard Valcourt. Vote was 5-0 to issue the Certificate of Compliance.

Member	Approve	Deny	Continue	Abstain
Celeste Donovan	X			
Charles Payne	X			
Meghan Balakier	X			
Richard Valcourt	X			
Bianca Thomas	X			

Item 2: Minutes from December 15, 2021

Notes: Celeste Donovan abstained as she was not in attendance at the meeting for which the minutes pertain.

Motion to approve the minutes was made by Meghan Balakier and seconded by Charles Payne. Vote was 4 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstention*.

Member	Approve	Deny	Continue	Abstain
Celeste Donovan				X
Charles Payne	X			
Meghan Balakier	X			
Richard Valcourt	X			
Bianca Thomas	X			

Item 3: Sign Bills – Staff reported there was one bill to sign.

Item 4: Upcoming Projects/Discussion

- **RDA** for proposed Self - Storage development on Shawinigan Drive west of the Salter College building. A small portion of the property lies within Wetland Buffer Zone. *(Scheduled on agenda for February 2, 2022)*
- **Appeal Denial** - MassDEP denied Abutter’s appeal for the Food Bank of Western Mass.
- **Enforcement Order** – 1307 Memorial Drive (Kentucky Fried Chicken) – Jersey barriers were placed on site to prevent anyone from driving into the failed parking lot area. However no temporary stabilization was completed as required in the Emergency Certification issued on December 6, 2021. *(Staff will draft the Enforcement Order - Commission to ratify at their next meeting.)*

Notes: Staff provided an overview of the three discussion items to the Commission.

Item 5: Adjournment – Next scheduled meeting is February 2, 2022.

Motion to adjourn was made by Richard Valcourt and seconded by Charles Payne. Vote was 5-0 to adjourn.

Member	Approve	Deny	Continue	Abstain
Celeste Donovan	X			
Charles Payne	X			
Meghan Balakier	X			
Richard Valcourt	X			
Bianca Thomas	X			

Meeting adjourned at 6:29 PM.