

**CITY OF CHICOPEE  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
Minutes of Meeting  
May 1, 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, May 1, 2019 at 6:15 PM, RiverMills Senior Center, Classroom 30, 5 West Main St., Chicopee , MA 01020**

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**James Reidy opened the meeting at 6:20 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 24' semi in-ground swimming pool within buffer zone to Terrace Escarpment (TE) soils. Location: 70 Barre Circle, Chicopee, MA 01013. Applicant: Frank Santos, same address.

**Notes:** Michael Scavotto of Jelly Belly's Pools presented the RDA on behalf of his client (owner of 70 Barre Circle – location of the pool). Mr. Scovatto explained how the pool would be installed and that no work would occur in Terrace Escarpment Soils. The Commission Members asked questions about a semi-inground pool. The Commissioners noted as Condition 1, they did not want any stockpiling of fill material in the Terrace Escarpment Soils. Mr. Scovatto stated that any fill material would be trucked off the site. Condition 2, the Commissioners did not want any drained or backwashed pool water to be directed towards the slope or Terrace Escarpment Soils due to their high erodibility.

Motion to grant the request with a Negative 1 and a Positive 6 Determination with conditions was made by Charles Payne and seconded by Sharon Balcom. Vote was 4-0 to issue a Negative 1 and a Positive 6 Determination with conditions.

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

**Item 2: RDA** for the continuation of hand removal of invasive water chestnut from the Chicopee River and Wade Pond. Location: Oxford Marsh area of Chicopee River and Wade Pond. Applicant: Chicopee Conservation Commission, City Hall Annex, 274 Front St. Chicopee, MA 01013

**Notes:** The RDA was requested by the Chicopee Conservation Commission to extend the expiring Determination previously requested by Cynthia Boettner at the Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge to continue the annual volunteer hand pulling of invasive water chestnut from the Chicopee River and Wade Pond at Westover ARB. Cynthia Boettner retired at the end of April 2019 and asked if the Chicopee Conservation Commission would continue this important annual project.

Motion to approve the request with a Negative 2 and a Negative 6 Determination was made by Nicole Dewberry and seconded by Sharon Balcom. Vote was 4-0 to issue a Negative 2 and a Negative 6 Determination.

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

**Item 3: Minutes** from April 17, 2019

Motion to approve the minutes was made by Sharon Balcom and seconded by Nicole Dewberry. Vote was 4-0 to approve.

Member	Approve	Deny	Continue	Abstain
James Reidy, Chair	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**

**Notes:**

- Staff presented a request received by R. Levesque Associates to extend the response deadline for the 330 Montgomery Street Enforcement Order due to their current workload. The Commission granted an extension to June 5, 2019. (Original response deadline was May 17, 2019)
- The Commissioners scheduled a site visit to the 7<sup>th</sup> hole of the Municipal Golf Course to visualize the Golf Course upcoming RDA filing for tree pruning.
- The Commissioners discussed topics for future educational sessions to be held at regular scheduled meetings.

**Item 6: Adjournment** – Next scheduled meeting is May 15, 2019

Motion to adjourn was made by Sharon Balcom and seconded by Charles Payne. Vote was 4-0 to adjourn.

<b>Member</b>	<b>Approve</b>	<b>Deny</b>	<b>Continue</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
James Reidy, Chair	<b>X</b>			
Charles Payne	<b>X</b>			
Nicole Dewberry	<b>X</b>			
Sharon Balcom	<b>X</b>			

**Meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM.**