

**CITY OF CHICOPEE
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**Minutes of Meeting
August 7, 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, August 7, 2019 at 6:15 PM, RiverMills Senior Center, Classroom 30, 5 West Main St., Chicopee, MA 01020

James Reidy opened the meeting at 6:15 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
Nathan Moreau, Associate Planner			X

Item 1: (Continued from June 5 and 19 and July 17, 2019) NOI for site improvements including parking areas, access driveways, subsurface infiltration system, utilities and landscaping. Work will occur within Riverfront Area of the Chicopee River and Inland Resource Areas. Location: 63 ½ Main Street and 0 Main St. Applicant: Robert Libera, Chicopee Sports Center, Inc., 49 Fairfield Ave, Apt. 2, Chicopee, MA 01013

Notes: Steven Borgati from BETA, Inc. (Applicant’s Representative) gave a brief presentation of the project and the solid waste issue on site and updated the Commission on the project’s progression. BETA, Inc. provided additional comments resulting from their meeting with MassDEP. Commissioner Dewberry reviewed the BETA letter dated July 10, 2019. Commissioner Reidy expressed the need for more time to review and verify questions that arose at the Conservation Commission meeting. The Commission agreed and voted to continue the hearing to August 21, 2019.

Motion to continue to August 21, 2019 was made by Charles Payne and seconded by Nicole Dewberry. Vote was 4-0 to continue to August 21, 2019.

Member	Approve	Deny	Continue	Abstain
James Reidy, Chair			X	
Celeste Donovan			X	
Charles Payne			X	
Nicole Dewberry			X	

Item 2: RDA for the renovation of existing mill buildings into residential apartments and redesigning and reconstructing the existing parking areas with stormwater best management practices, landscaping and replacement of deteriorated pedestrian bridges. Location: 165 Front St. and Exchange St. Applicant: 4 Perkins, LLC, c/o Silverbrick Group, 307 West 38th St. Ste. 1414, New York, NY 10018

Notes: Since an intentioned Waiver was not officially requested to the Commission, the Applicant requested a continuance to August 21, 2019 in order for said Waiver to be properly advertised and posted. The Commission was in agreement and accepted the request to continue the hearing on the project.

Motion to continue to August 21, 2019 was made by Celeste Donovan and seconded by Charles Payne. Vote was 4-0 to continue to August 21, 2019.

Member	Approve	Deny	Continue	Abstain
James Reidy			X	
Celeste Donovan			X	
Charles Payne			X	
Nicole Dewberry			X	

Item 3: Minutes from July 17, 2019

Motion to approve as made by Nicole Dewberry and seconded by Celeste Donovan. Vote was 3 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstention. (James Reidy abstained since he was excused from the meeting for which the minutes represented.)

Member	Approve	Deny	Continue	Abstain
James Reidy				X
Celeste Donovan	X			
Charles Payne	X			
Nicole Dewberry	X			

Item 4: SIGN BILLS!!

Notes: Staff noted there was one bill to sign.

Item 5: Upcoming Project updates/Discussion

- Upcoming workshops – dates, presenters?

Notes: James Reidy did a brief overview on local Conservation Commission regulations

Item 6: Adjournment – Next scheduled meeting is August 21, 2019

Motion to adjourn was made by Celeste Donovan and seconded by Charles Payne. Vote was 4-0 to adjourn.

Member	Approve	Deny	Continue	Abstain
James Reidy	X			
Celeste Donovan	X			
Charles Payne	X			
Nicole Dewberry	X			

Meeting adjourned at 7:01 PM.