

*May 27 2022 2:28 pm***CITY OF FITCHBURG  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION****MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2022****Site Walk at site of proposed Drive-thru Only Dunkin Donuts, 105 John Fitch Hwy.****COMMISSIONERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Tracy Sarefield, Chair, Mike Donnelly, Mark Christian, Bryan Breau, Joyce Jacobs (Associate member)**STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:** Mike O'Hara

Meeting called to order at 6:10 p.m. at 105 John Fitch Hwy.

It was noted that although there was a quorum present, the 4 members present were not the same 4 present at the April 6<sup>th</sup> meeting when this hearing was opened (Tracey, Mike, Mark & Ralph), so there couldn't be a vote taken on this NOI.

**PUBLIC HEARING**Notice of Intent - KCMC Management, proposed demolition of existing building & construct new Drive-thru Only Dunkin' Donuts, 105 John Fitch Hwy. (cont'd from 4/6/22)

Present: Bill Hannigan, Hannigan Engineering. Bill showed Commission members the site of the proposed new building and the stormwater settling basin at the western end of the site underneath the powerlines and the nearby intermittent stream that flows between the 105 JFH parcel and St. Bernard's athletic fields. Wetland & streambank flagging had been done by Chuck Caron, Caron Environmental. There is extensive knotweed throughout most of the buffer zone between the edge of pavement and the intermittent stream. Also reviewed was a small isolated wetland area further to the west.

A portion of the settling basing is proposed in the 50 ft. "No Disturb" zone and will require a waiver from the Commission. Stormwater from this basin & other proposed catchbasins on site will discharge to a 36-inch drain line John Fitch Hwy. & ultimately to Baker Brook

Tracey: What is the justification for this Waiver? What is the public purpose served by it?

Bill: Planting the side slopes of the settling basin with grass and maintaining it would do a better job of controlling the invasives than if the basin were to be relocated outside of the No Disturb area.

Bill is working on a plan for additional parking for the building on the adjacent parcel to the north (121 John Fitch, currently Comfort Home Furniture) proposed to be converted into office space for MOC. Stormwater runoff from this proposed additional impervious area will be directed to this drainage system. Future NOI to be filed.

Motion made & seconded to continue the hearing to the May 4<sup>th</sup> meeting. Vote 4-0 in favor.

Motion made & seconded to adjourn. Vote 4-0 in favor.  
Meeting adjourned 6:37 p.m.

Next meeting: Wednesday, May 4, 2022.  
Minutes approved: May 4, 2022.